

GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, PAUL BRITTAIN and JOHNNIE BRITTAIN, of Fresno, California, hereby make, constitute and appoint VANCIE JD THOMAS our true and lawful attorney in fact for us and in our name, place and stead, giving unto said attorney in fact full power to do and perform all and every act that we may legally do through an attorney in fact, and every proper power necessary to carry out the purposes for which this power is granted, hereby ratify and affirming that which VANCIE JD THOMAS shall lawfully do or cause to be done by himself virtue of the power herein conferred upon him.

In addition to, and not in limitation of, the general powers above provided in this Power of Attorney, we further give our said attorney the power and authority, in our names, places and stead, to grant, bargain, sell, convey, or contract for the sale and conveyance any property owned by us:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Said attorney in fact is authorized to grant, bargain, convey, to sell or to contract for the sale and conveyance of any or all of the above-described property to any person for such price or prices and upon such terms and conditions, as said attorney in fact may deem proper, and in our names to make, execute, acknowledge and deliver a good or sufficient deed or deeds of conveyance, or other instrument or instruments, necessary to effect such sale, conveyance or agreement. We further authorize said attorney in fact to request, demand, sue for, collect, recover and receive all moneys which may become due or owing to us by reason of said conveyance, whether by deed, contract note or other instrument and receive all money payable on the purchase price, to make and pay all prorations involved in this sale, to order and pay for Preliminary Title Reports, title policies, transfer taxes, recording fees, escrow fees attorney fees, and all other costs, expenses and fees incidental to or arising out of such sale. We further grant to said attorney in fact full power and authority to perform all acts to be done, executed and deliver all deeds, instruments and all documents and to do all things in and about the premises as we could do if personally present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have signed this Power of Attorney this 7 day of

July, 1997.

*Paul Brittain*  
PAUL BRITTAIN

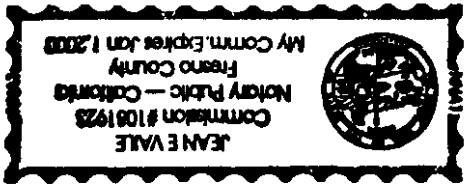
*Johnnie Brittain*  
JOHNNIE BRITTAIN

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
( ss. )  
COUNTY OF FRESNO )

This instrument was acknowledged before me on July 7, 1997 by PAUL BRITTAIN and JOHNNIE BRITTAIN.

*Jan E. Vale*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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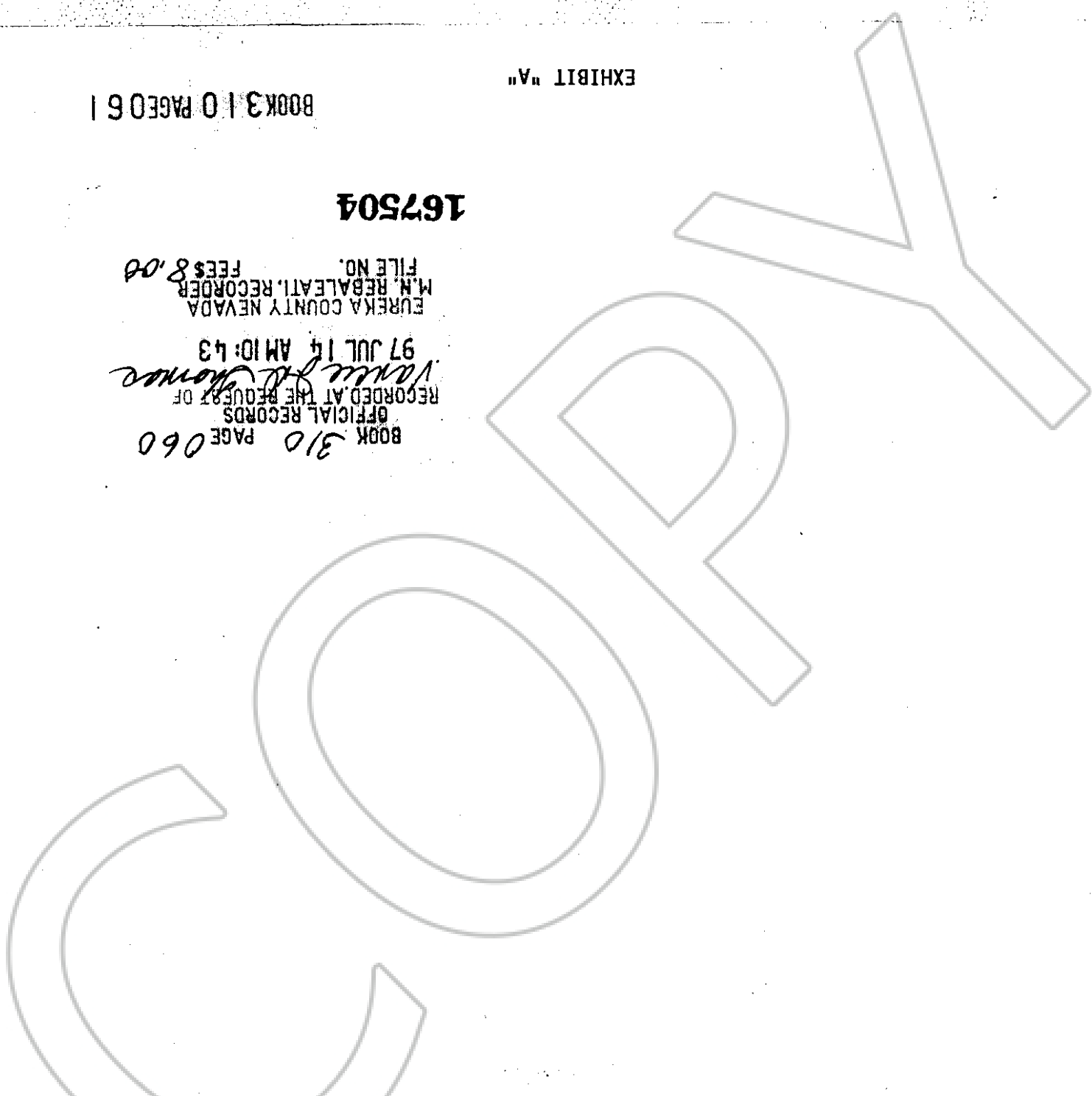
DESCRIPTION

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate in the county of Eureka, State of Nevada, described as follows:

TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 48 EAST, MDB&M

Section 33: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; S $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; N $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

EXCEPTING THEREFROM all petroleum, oil, natural gas and products derived therefrom, within or underlying said land or that may be produced therefrom, all rights thereto, together with the exclusive right at all times to enter upon or in said land to prospect for and to drill, bore, recover and remove the same, as reserved by SOUTHERN PACIFIC LAND COMPANY in deed recorded September 24, 1951, in Book 24, Page 168, Deed Records, Eureka County, Nevada.



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OFFICIAL RECORDS

RECORDED AT THE REQUEST OF  
*Walter D. Thomas*

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EUREKA COUNTY NEVADA  
M.N. REBAL/REATI. RECORDER  
FILE NO. FEES \$8.00

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EXHIBIT "A"