Lease Agreement, and subject to the foregoing exceptions, Tenant hereby waives all claims in respect thereof against Landlord. Except for claims arising out of the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of Landlord, its employees, agents, or invitees, Landlord shall have no liability for, and Tenant hereby irrevocably waives, all claims for damage to personal property sustained by it or its employees, agents, servants, invitees and customers or any other person arising out of the use, occupancy, possession or control of the Premises or any part thereof, or resulting from any accident in or about the Premises.

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Tenant shall indemnify and hold harmless Landlord against and from any and all claims arising from or out of Tenant's use, occupancy, possession or control of the Premises (other than those arising from negligence of Landlord, its partners, representatives, agents or employees), or the conduct of its business, or from any activity, work, or thing done, permitted or suffered by the Tenant in or about the Premises, or arising from any act, neglect, fault or omission of the Tenant, or of its agents or employees; and from and against all costs, attorney's fees, expenses and liabilities incurred in or about such claim or any action or proceeding brought relative thereto and in case any action or proceeding be brought against Landlord by reason of any such claim, Tenant upon immediate written notice from Landlord shall defend the same at Tenant's expense by counsel, chosen by Tenant, who is reasonably acceptable to Landlord.

Landlord shall indemnify and hold harmless Tenant against and from any and all claims arising from or out of Landlord's fee interest in the Premises; Landlord's breach or failure to observe any term or condition of this Lease; or the conduct of its business, or from any activity, work, or thing done, permitted or suffered by the Landlord in or about the Premises prior to the commencement date of this Lease, or arising from any act, neglect, fault or omission of the Landlord, or of its agents or employees during the term of the Lease; and from and against all costs, attorney's fees, expenses and liabilities incurred in or about such claim or any action or proceeding brought relative thereto and in case any action or proceeding be brought against Tenant by reason of any such claim, Landlord upon immediate written notice from Tenant shall defend the same at Landlord's expense by counsel, chosen by Landlord, who is reasonably acceptable to Tenant.

The obligations of Landlord and Tenant under this Section arising by reason of any occurrence taking place during the term of this Lease shall survive the termination or expiration of this Lease for a period of one (1) year thereafter.

12. That if default be made in any of the covenants herein contained, then it shall be lawful for the said Landlord to re-enter the said premises, and the same to have again, re-possess and enjoy. The said Tenant hereby expressly waives the service of any notice in writing of intention to re-enter.

13. That this instrument shall not be a lien against said premises in respect to any mortgages that are now on or that hereafter may be placed against said premises, and that the recording of such mortgage or mortgages shall have a preference and

precedence and be superior and prior in lien of this lease, irrespective of the date of recording and the Tenant agrees to execute without cost, any such instrument which may be deemed necessary or desirable to further effect the subordination of this lease to any such mortgage or mortgages, and a refusal to execute such instrument shall entitle the Landlord, or the Landlord's assigns and legal representatives to the option of cancelling this lease without incurring any expense or damage and the term hereby granted is expressly limited accordingly.

14. The Tenant has this day deposited with the landlord the sum of \$4,000.00 as security for the full and faithful performance by the Tenant of all the terms, covenants and conditions of this lease upon the Tenant's part to be performed, which said sum shall be returned to the Tenant after the time fixed as the expiration of the term herein, provided the Tenant has fully and faithfully carried out all of said terms, covenants and conditions on Tenant's part to be performed. In the event of a bona fide sale, subject to this lease, the Landlord shall have the right to transfer the security to the vendee for the benefit of the Tenant and the Landlord shall be considered released by the Tenant from all liability for the return of such security; and the Tenant agrees to look to the new Landlord solely for the return of the said security, and it is agreed that this shall apply to every transfer or assignment made of the security to a new Landlord.

15. That the security deposited under this lease shall not be mortgaged, assigned or encumbered by the Tenant without the written consent of the Landlord.

(a) It is expressly understood and agreed that in case the demised premises 16. the Tenant shall sell, assign, or mortgage this lease or if default be made in the payment of any rental payable hereunder by Tenant and such default continues for five (5) days after written notice thereof shall have been received by Tenant from Landlord, or if default shall be made in the performance or observance of any of the other covenants or conditions herein contained on the part of Tenant to be performed, and such default shall continue for thirty (30) days after written notice thereof shall have been given to Tenant by Landlord (or, if such default is not a type that can be reasonably corrected within thirty (30) days, then if Tenant fails to commence promptly and in good faith to proceed with due diligence to correct such default), or if this Lease shall, by act of Tenant or by operation of law or otherwise devolve or pass to any party other than the Tenant (other than by permissive transfer), then Landlord may, subject to Paragraph 17(b) herein, re-enter the Premises or any part thereof, expel and remove Tenant or any person or persons occupying the same and again repossess and enjoy the Premises. The foregoing rights of Landlord shall be without prejudice to any remedies which might otherwise be used for arrears of or future accruing rent or other breach of covenants. No such termination, entry, expulsion or removal, whether by direct act of Landlord through legal proceedings or otherwise, shall affect the liability of Tenant for the past due rent and future rent due Landlord. Landlord may relet the Premises upon such terms and conditions as Landlord may deem best, and after paying the costs and expenses of reletting, apply the net proceeds from reletting toward the rent and other charges due hereunder from Tenant. Tenant shall pay any deficiency.

If at any time any proceedings in bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization shall be instituted against Tenant pursuant to any federal or state law, or any receiver or trustee shall be appointed for all or any portion of Tenant's business or property, or any execution or attachment shall issue against Tenant or Tenant's business or property or against the leasehold estate created under this Lease or Tenant shall be adjudged a bankrupt or insolvent, or Tenant shall make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or Tenant shall file a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or petitions for (or enters into) an arrangement for reorganization, composition or any other arrangement with Tenant's creditors under any federal or state law, or this Lease or the estate of Tenant herein shall pass or devolve upon, by operation of law or otherwise, to anyone other than Tenant (other than by permissive transfer), the occurrence of any one of such contingencies shall entitle Landlord, subject to Paragraph 17(b) herein, to terminate this Lease. Upon such termination, Landlord shall have the right to re-enter the Premises and to remove all persons and property therefrom. This Lease shall not be treated as an asset of the Tenant's estate and neither the Tenant nor anyone claiming by, through or under Tenant by virtue of any law or any order of any court shall be entitled to the possession of the Premises or to remain in the possession thereof. The remedies afforded Landlord under this Paragraph 17 shall not be deemed to be exclusive or alternative, but such remedies shall at all times be deemed to be cumulative; and in addition thereto, Landlord shall have each and every other remedy afforded it by this Lease, by custom and usage, and by law and equity.

(b) In the event of any claimed and/or actual default and/or breach of this agreement by Tenant, then before termination, Tenant must first receive written notice of breach and/or default, as the case may be and then, thereafter shall have thirty (30) days within which to cure, remedy and/or abate the breach and/or default.

17. Tenant shall pay to Landlord the rent or charge, which may, during the demised term, be assessed or imposed for the water used or consumed in or on the said premises, whether determined by meter or otherwise, as soon as and when the same may be assessed or imposed, and will also pay the expenses for the setting of a water meter in the said premises should the latter be required. Tenant shall pay Tenant's proportionate part of the sewer rent or charge imposed upon the building. All such rents or charges or expenses shall be paid as additional rent and shall be added to the next month's rent thereafter to become due.

18. That the Tenant will not nor will the Tenant permit undertenants or other persons to do anything in sald premises, or bring anything into said premises, or permit anything to be brought into said premises or to be kept therein, which will in any way cause or create an environmental hazard or harm, nor increase the rate of fire insurance on said demised premises, nor use the demised premises or any part thereof, nor suffer or permit their use for any business or purpose which would cause an increase in the rate of fire insurance on said building, and the Tenant agrees to pay on demand any such increase.

Tenant shall at all times during the lease term carry a policy of insurance whic insures the Premises, naming Landlord as an additional insured, against loss or damage to fire or other casualty (namely, the perils against which insurance is afforded by a standa fire insurance policy and extended coverage endorsement). Tenant shall from time time during the lease term furnish to Landlord certificates of said insurance (with proof payment) and; if requested by Landlord, copies of all policies, evidencing the foregoir insurance coverage, which will name Landlord as an additional insured.

Tenant may bear the cost of any insurance on all personal property belonging Tenant in or on the Demised Premises. In the event that Tenant permits any person property to be stored in or about the Demised Premises which gives rise to an increase the cost of insurance procured by Landlord herein, then such increased cost shall be pa by Tenant to Landlord within five (5) days of receipt by Tenant of notice of the same fro Landlord.

Nothing in this Lease shall be construed so as to authorize or permit any insurer (Landlord or Tenant to be subrogated to any right of the Landlord or Tenant against the other arising under this Lease. Each of the Landlord and Tenant hereby releases the other to the extent of its insurance coverage for any loss or damage caused by fire or other casualty, even if such fire or other casualty shall be brought about by the fault (negligence of the other party or persons for whose acts or negligence the other party responsible.

19. The failure of the Landlord to insist upon a strict performance of any of th terms, conditions and covenants herein, shall not be deemed a waiver of any rights cremedies that the Landlord may have, and shall not be deemed a waiver of ar subsequent breach or default in the terms, conditions and covenants herein contained. This instrument may not be changed, modified, discharged or terminated orally.

20. If the whole or any part of the demised premises shall be acquired (condemned by Eminent Domain for any public or quasi public use or purpose, then an in that event. Tenant shall have the option to terminate from the date of title vesting i such proceeding and Tenant shall have no claim against Landlord for the value of an unexpired term of said lease, or if partial the rent shall be prorated if Tenant chooses no to teminate. No part of any award shall belong to the Tenant.

21. If after default in payment of rent or violation of any other provision of th lease, or upon the expiration of this lease, the Tenant moves out or is dispossessed an fails to remove any trade fixtures or other property prior to such said default, removc expiration of lease, or prior to the issuance of the final order or execution of the warran then and in that event, the said fixtures and property shall be deemed abandoned b the said Tenant and shall become the property of the Landlord.

22. In the event that the relation of the Landlord and Tenant may cease c terminate by reason of the re-entry of the Landlord under the terms and covenan contained in this lease or by the ejectment of the Tenant by summary proceedings c

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 otherwise, or after the abandonment of the premises by the Tenant, it is hereby agreed that the Tenant shall remain liable and shall pay in monthly payments the rent which accrues subsequent to the re-entry by the Landlord, and the Tenant expressly agrees to pay as damages for the breach of the covenants herein contained, the difference between the rent reserved and the rent collected and received, if any, by the landlord during the remainder of the unexpired term, such difference or deficiency between the rent herein reserved and the rent collected if any, shall become due and payable in monthly payments during the remainder of the unexpired term, as the amounts of such difference or deficiency shall from time to time be ascertained; and it is mutually agreed between Landlord and Tenant that the respective parties hereto shall and hereby do waive trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim brought by either of the parties against the other on any matters whatsoever arising out of or in any way connected with this lease, the Tenant's use or occupancy of said premises, and/or any claim of injury or damage.

23. The Tenant waives all rights to redeem under any law of the State of New York.

24. This lease and the obligation of Tenant to pay rent hereunder and perform all of the other covenants and agreements hereunder on part of Tenant to be performed shall in no way be affected, impaired or excused because Landlord is unable to supply or is delayed in supplying any service expressly or impliedly to be supplied or is unable to make, or is delayed in making any repairs, additions, alterations or decorations or is unable to supply or is delayed in supplying any equipment or fixtures if Landlord is prevented or delayed from so doing by reason of governmental preemption in connection with a National Emergency or in connection with any rule, order or regulation of any department or subdivision thereof of any governmental agency or by reason of the condition of supply and demand which have been or are affected by war or other emergency.

25. No diminution or abatement of rent, or other compensation, shall be claimed or allowed for inconvenience or discomfort arising from the making of repairs or improvements to the building or to its appliances, nor for any space taken to comply with any law, ordinance or order of a governmental authority. In respect to the various "services", if any, herein expressly or impliedly agreed to be furnished by the Landlord to the Tenant, it is agreed that there shall be no diminution or abatement of the rent, or any other compensation, for interruption or curtailment of such "service" when such interruption or curtailment shall be due to accident, alterations or repairs desirable or necessary to be made or to inability or difficulty in securing supplies or labor for the maintenance of such "service" or to some other cause, not gross negligence on the part of the Landlord. No such interruption or curtailment of any such "service" shall be deemed a constructive eviction. The Landlord shall not be required to furnish, and the Tenant shall not be entitled to receive, any of such "services" during any period wherein the Tenant shall be in default in respect to the payment of rent. Neither shall there be any abatement or diminution of rent because of making repairs, improvements or decorations to the demised premises after the date above fixed for the commencement of the term,

it being understood that rent shall, in any event, commence to run at such date so above fixed.

26. Landlord shall not be liable for failure to give possession of the premises upon commencement date by reason of the fact that premises are not ready for occupancy or because a prior Tenant or any other person is wrongfully holding over or is in wrongful possession, or for any other reason. The rent shall not commence until possession is given or is available, but the term herein shall not be extended.

27. The Premises may be used and occupied only as a retail and wholesale building material distribution center, and for no other purpose or purposes without Landlord's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Tenant shall promptly comply at its sole expense with all laws, ordinances, orders, and regulations affecting the Premises and their cleanliness, safety, occupation and use. Tenant will not perform any act or carry on any practices that may injure the Building or be a nuisance or menace to Landlord or other tenants located at the Capital District Cooperative, Inc. property. Tenant shall not cause, maintain or permit any outside storage on or about the Premises, including but not to be limited to storage of pallets or other refuse. The truck loading areas of the Premises must be clean and unobstructed.

28. In the event that at any time during the term of this Lease, either Landlord or Tenant shall Institute any action or proceeding against the other relating to the provisions of this Lease, or any default hereunder, then, and in that event, the unsuccessful party in such action or proceeding shall reimburse the successful party for its reasonable expenses of attorney's fees and disbursements incurred therein by the successful party.

Without advance written approval, which shall not be unreasonably 29. withheld, Tenant shall have no right to construct or install on the Premises any alterations, improvements, equipment, signs or advertising devices, except that Tenant shall, at Tenant's sole cost and expense, take all action, including any required alterations, improvements, or installation of equipment necessary to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), 42 U.S.C. '12101 et seq., each as modified and supplemented from time to time, which shall, with respect to the Premises, impose any violation, order, or duty upon Landlord or Tenant arising from, or in connection with the Premises, Tenant's occupancy, use or manner of use of the Premises (including, without limitation, any occupancy, use or manner of use that constitutes a "place of public accommodation" under the ADA), or any installations in the Premises, whether or not any work required shall be ordinary or extraordinary, or foreseen or unforeseen, at the date of this Lease. Landlord's consent to Tenant's request to erect reasonable exterior or interior signage on the Building, subject to the requirements of the Lease, shall not be unreasonably withheld.

30. Tenant acknowledges that Landlord has made no representations or warranties of any kind or nature whatsoever relating to the physical condition of the Premises, which Tenant hereby accepts in their present condition. Tenant warrants and represents to Landlord that it is unaware of any breach or default by Landlord under any

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prior lease between the parties, or of any factual circumstances which, if not remedied and/or altered to conform to a prior lease, would give rise to a breach or default under a lease to which Landlord is a party with the mere passage of time.

31. This Lease shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors, personal representatives, heirs and assigns. Landlord shall have the right to transfer and assign, in whole or in part its rights and obligations that are the subject of this Lease Agreement. Tenant shall be permitted to assign this Lease Agreement and to sublet all or any part of the Premises only upon the prior written consent of the Landlord (which shall not be unreasonably withheld), and Tenant shall be allowed upon written notice to assign its rights hereunder to an entity controlled by, controlling, or under common control with Tenant, or to an entity acquiring substantially all of Tenant's assets without Landlord's consent. In the event of any assignment or subletting, Tenant shall nevertheless at all times, remain fully responsible and liable for the payment of the rent and for compliance with all of its other obligations under the terms, provisions and covenants of this Lease Agreement. Any collection directly by Landlord from the assignee or Tenant shall not be construed to constitute a novation or a release of Tenant from the further performance of its obligations under this Lease Agreement.

32. This Lease shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York. The parties consent to the jurisdiction and forum of the courts of the State of New York and agree to designate the venue to be Albany County, New York.

33. All of the terms, covenants and conditions of this Lease are set forth herein or in the exhibits attached hereto, if any, which shall be construed as a part hereof, and all direct and indirect inducements to the making thereof relied upon by any of the parties hereto have been expressed herein. This Lease shall supersede all prior agreements, if any, between the parties hereto with respect to the transactions provided for herein.

34. Any notices required or permitted to be given under this Lease shall be sent postage prepaid by certified mail to the party's address indicated below:

If to Lo	Indlord:	Capital District Cooperative, Inc. 381 Broadway Menands, New York 12204 ATTN: Anthony Goodyer, Manager
		Tel: (518) 465 - 1023 Fax: (518) 465 - 1035
With a	required copy to	: William J. Keniry, Esq. Tabner, Ryan and Keniry 18 Corporate Woods Boulevard Albany, NY 12211 Tel: (518) 465-9500

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Fax: (518) 465-9112

If to Tenant:

Wickes Inc. Jim Hopwood 706 Deerpath Drive Vernon Hills, IL 60061 Tel.: (847) 367-3400 Fax: (847) 367-3765

With a required copy to:

35. Tenant shall be entitled to park any vehicle including, but not limited to, automobiles, tractors and trailers, within the parking area contained within the Premises. Additional parking may be provided upon the consent of the Landlord. No vehicle may be repaired or serviced in the parking area except in the case of emergencies, and any vehicle deemed by Landlord abandoned by Tenant will be towed from the parking lots and all costs therein shall be borne by the Tenant.

36. Tenant and Landlord state they have not dealt with any broker in connection with this transaction. Tenant agrees to hold Landlord harmless from any claim which may be made by any broker in conjunction with this transaction who claims it has dealt with Tenant.

AND the said Landlord doth covenant that the said Tenant on paying the said yearly rent, and performing the covenants aforesaid, shall and may peacefully and quietly have, hold and enjoy the said demised premises for the term aforesaid, provided however, that this covenant shall be conditions upon the retention of title to the premises by the Landlord.

AND IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that the covenants and agreements contained in this within lease shall be binding upon the parties hereto and upon their respective successors, heirs, executors and administrators.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereto set their hands and seals the day, month and year first above written.

Capital District Cooperative, Inc. By Leolle'an & Bezzally

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On the <u>363</u> day of <u>Jec.</u>, in the year 2003, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared <u>JAMES A. HOPWOR</u>, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the Instrument.

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JUSTYN P. BATES NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York No. 01BA6023917 Qualified in Rensselaer County Commission Expires 05/03/20

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

In ro:

WICKES INC., a Delaware Corporation, and GLC DIVISION, INC., a Delaware Corporation,

Debtors.

Chapter 11 Case No. 04 B 02221 (Jointly Administered)

Hearing: Thursday,

Honorable Bruce W. Black

July 22, 2004 at 1:15 p.m.

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ORDER: (I) APPROVING ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT; (II) AUTHORIZING SALE OF CERTAIN OF DEBTORS' ASSETS FREE AND CLEAR OF LIENS, CLAIMS, ENCUMBRANCES, AND INTERESTS TO BRADCO SUPPLY CORPORATION; AND (III) AUTHORIZING ASSUMPTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF <u>CERTAIN EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES</u>

This matter having come before the Court on the motion (the "Sale Motion") of Wickes Inc. and GLC Division, Inc. (collectively, the "Debtor"), for entry of an Order: (A) Authorizing Debtor to Conduct a Sale of Substantially all of its Assets; (B) Authorizing Assumption and Assignment of Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases; (C) Setting Dates for Sale and Hearing on Sale; (D) Approving Form of Notice; and (E) Authorizing Debtor to Enter into "Stalking Horse" Agreements for the Sale of Certain Assets; it appearing that on June 24, 2004, the Debtor filed the Sale Motion; it further appearing that on June 28, 2004, this Court entered an Order (i) granting the Sale Motion, (ii) authorizing the Debtor to conduct a sale (the "Sale") of substantially all of its assets free and clear of Liens,¹ and (iii) setting the Sale for July 20, 2004 at

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Except as otherwise noted, capitalized terms used in this Order shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Asset Purchase Agreement dated as of June 24, 2004 (the "<u>Purchase Agreement</u>"). The Purchase Agreement is annexed to this Order as <u>Exhibit A</u>. As used herein, "<u>Liens</u>" shall mean all encumbrances, obligations, liabilities, contractual commitments, claims, including, without limitation, any theory of successor liability, <u>de facto</u> merger, or substantial continuity, whether based in law or equity, employee benefit obligations (including, without limitation, under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, the Comprehensive Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, CERCLA and all other environmental laws (the "Environmental Laws")), any security interest, mortgage, licn,

10:00 a.m.; it appearing that on June 30, 2004; the approved Sale Notice was mailed to all creditors and parties in interest; it appearing that on July 9, 2004, the approved Sale Notice was published in the national edition of the Wall Street Journal; it appearing that at 10:00 a.m. on July 20, 2004 the Sale was conducted at the offices of Piper Rudnick LLP at Chicago, Illinois and Bradco Supply Corporation (the "Purchaser") having been determined by the Debtor, after consultation with the Committee, the Postpetition Agent and the Ad Hoc Committee, to have submitted the highest and best bid at the Sale for the assets identified to be acquired by the Purchaser in the Purchase Agreement (the "Assets"), and those executory contracts and unexpired leases identified to be assumed by the Debtor and assigned to the Purchaser pursuant to the Purchase Agreement (the "Designated Executory Contracts"), and a hearing on the Sale Motion having been held on July 22, 2004 (the "Sale Hearing"); and all interested parties having been afforded an opportunity to be heard with respect to the Sale Motion and the Sale; and the Court having reviewed and considered (i) the results of the Sale, (ii) the Sale Motion; (iii) any objections thereto; and (iv) the arguments of counsel made, and the evidence proffered or adduced, at the Sale Hearing; and it appearing that the relief requested in the Sale Motion and approval of the Sale of the Assets and assumption and assignment of the Designated Executory Contracts is in the best interests of the Debtor, its estates, its creditors, and other parties in

charge against or interest in property, adverse claim, claim of possession, right of way, license, easement or restriction of any kind, including, but not limited to, any restriction on the use, voting, transfer, receipt of income or other exercise of any attributes of ownership or any option to purchase, option, charge, retention agreement which is intended as security or other matters (but such term to be deemed to exclude any and all Lieus permitted by the terms of the Purchase Agreement) of any person or entity that encumber or rolate to or purport to encumber or relate to the Purchased Assets: Notwithstanding anything contained in this Order to the contrary, real estate tax liens shall be excepted from the foregoing definition of "Liens" with respect to any parcel of real estate for which the Purchaser has been given a proration credit at Closing. Accordingly, the Purchaser shall take title to the Assets subject to any and all such real estate tax liens.

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interest, and upon the record of the Sale Hearing; and after due deliberation thereon; and good cause appearing therefor, it is hereby

FOUND AND DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS:²

A. This Court has jurisdiction over the Sale Motion and the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This matter is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(M) and (N). Venue of these cases and the Sale Motion is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

B. The statutory predicates for the relief sought in the Sale Motion are sections 105,
363, 365 and 1146(c) of 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq. (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rules 2002,
6004, 6006, and 9014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

C. As evidenced by the affidavit of service previously filed with the Court, and based on the representations of counsel at the Sale Hearing, (i) proper, timely, adequate and sufficient notice of the Sale Motion, the Sale, the Sale Hearing and the assumption and assignment to the Purchaser of the Designated Executory Contracts through the Notices of Assumption and Assignment of Certain Contracts and Unexpired Leases has been provided in accordance with sections 102(1), 363, and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and Rules 2002, 6004, 6006; and 9014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure; (ii) notice of the Sale having been published in the national edition of the Wall Street Journal on Friday, July 9, 2004; (iii) such notice was reasonable, sufficient; and appropriate under the circumstances; and (iv) no other or further

Findings of fact shall be construed as conclusions of law and conclusions of law shall be construed as findings of fact when appropriate. See Fed. R. Bankr, P. 7052.

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