

**POWER OF ATTORNEY
ASHLAND INC.**

Ashland Inc., a Kentucky corporation, 50 E. RiverCenter, P.O. Box 391, Covington, Kentucky 41012, on its own behalf and, as the sole owner or shareholder, on behalf of the companies listed on Attachment 1, (the "Corporation"), acting by and through David L. Hausrath, its duly authorized Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary does hereby constitute and appoint Kimberly Humphrey Czirr its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to act in its name, place and stead, during the period hereinafter specified, subject to the limitations hereinafter set forth, for the following purposes:

- (1) Sale or Purchase Real Estate - - Kimberly Humphrey Czirr shall have the authority: (a) to sell or convey, or to contract to sell or convey, any present or future interest in real property by or for the Corporation (including without limitation, any fee, easement, right-of-way, license or other interest), on such terms and conditions as Kimberly Humphrey Czirr shall approve provided that the fair market value of the real property, or in the interest in real property, does not exceed ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000); and (b) to purchase and receive, or contract for the purchase and receipt of, any real property for the Corporation, or any present or future interest in real property for the Corporation (including, without limitation, any fee, easement, right-of-way, license or other interest), from any person on such terms and conditions as Kimberly Humphrey Czirr shall approve provided that the fair market value of the real property, or the interest in real property, does not exceed ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000).
- (2) Lease of Property - - Kimberly Humphrey Czirr shall have the authority to receive a lease of real property from any person on behalf of the Corporation, or grant a lease of real property belonging to the Corporation to any person, on such terms and conditions as Kimberly Humphrey Czirr shall approve provided that the lease payments to be made or received by the Corporation do not exceed ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) in any twelve (12) month period.
- (3) Documentation - - Kimberly Humphrey Czirr shall have the authority to make, execute and deliver on behalf of the Corporation any and all deeds, leases, easements, licenses, contracts or other instruments necessary or appropriate to effectuate the authority granted in Sections 1 and 2 of this Power of Attorney.

The authority granted to Kimberly Humphrey Czirr in this Power of Attorney is subject in each case and in all matters to the control of the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and to the right of the grantor of this Power of Attorney, or either of them, to revoke this Power of Attorney upon written notice to Kimberly Humphrey Czirr filed with the Secretary of Ashland Inc.

Attachment 1

APAC-Arkansas, Inc.

APAC-Atlantic, Inc.

APAC-Kansas, Inc.

APAC-Mississippi, Inc.

APAC-Missouri, Inc.

APAC-Oklahoma, Inc.

APAC-Southeast, Inc.

APAC-Tennessee, Inc.

APAC-Texas, Inc.

APAC, Inc.

Ashland Construction Communications Company

Ashland Paving And Construction, Inc.

Limpus Quarries, Inc.