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May 18, 2018

#### By U.S. Mail

Mr. Bew White, III Gabriella White, LLC 3140 Pelham Parkway Pelham, AL 35124

Re:

U.S. Trademark - WHITE LABEL

Registration No. – 5,456,744 Registration Date – May 1, 2018

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE & Notice of Future Requirements

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