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(Print or Type	Responses)												
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> BUTTS LAMPKIN		Person *	2. issuer raune und riener er rraung				ng	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
			[SAFM					(Check all applicable)					
(Mo				f Earliest T Day/Year)	ransaction			X_ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)					
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LAUREL, 1	MS 39443							Person		-F 0			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficia	lly Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deen Execution any (Month/D	n Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	l of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Common				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(IIIsu: 5 and 4)					
Stock	10/31/2016			М	17,000	А	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	124,984	D				
Common Stock	10/31/2016			F	7,925	D	\$ 89.98	117,059	D				
Common Stock								7,303.6174	I	Allocated to Reporting Person's Account in Issuer ESOP.			

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Shares	<u>(1)</u>	10/31/2016		М	17,000	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	17,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	ss Relationships			
I B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BUTTS LAMPKIN 127 FLYNT ROAD LAUREL, MS 39443	Х		President and COO	
Signatures				
/s/ D. Michael Cockrell, Attorney-in-Fact		11/02	/2016	
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person		Dat	te	

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

The reported transaction was the vesting of performance shares that were awarded on November 1, 2013. The award entitled the Reporting Person to a number of shares of common stock based on the Issuer's level of achievement of performance measures over a two-year period ending October 31, 2015. The performance measures were return on equity and return on sales. On December 30, 2015,

(1) the Issuer's Compensation Committee determined that based on the Issuer's actual performance, the Reporting Person was entitled to the number of shares reported in Table II. However, the Reporting Person's performance share agreement provided that the earned shares would not be issued unless the Reporting Person was employed by the Issuer (with some exceptions) for an additional one-year vesting period ending on October 31, 2016. That condition has now been met.

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