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**1. Name of conveying party(ies)/Execution Date(s):**

US Salt, LLC

- Individual(s)
- General Partnership
- Corporation-State
- Other limited liability company
- Association
- Limited Partnership

Citizenship (see guidelines) \_\_\_\_\_

Execution Date(s) July 7, 2004

Additional names of conveying parties attached?  Yes  No

**2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)**

Additional names, addresses, or citizenship attached?  Yes  No

Name: Merrill Lynch Business

Internal Financial Services Inc.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: 222 North LaSalle Street

City: Chicago

State: Illinois

Country: USA Zip: 60601

Association Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

General Partnership Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Limited Partnership Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Corporation Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative designation is attached:  Yes  No  
(Designations must be a separate document from assignment)

**3. Nature of conveyance:**

- Assignment
- Security Agreement
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Merger
- Change of Name

**4. Application number(s) or registration number(s) and identification or description of the Trademark.**

A. Trademark Application No.(s)

See attached schedule

B. Trademark Registration No.(s)

See attached schedule

Additional sheet(s) attached?  Yes  No

C. Identification or Description of Trademark(s) (and Filing Date if Application or Registration Number is unknown):

**5. Name & address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:**

Name: Robert Wood, Esq.

Internal Address: Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP

Street Address: 120 Albany Street Plaza

City: New Brunswick

State: New Jersey Zip: 08901

Phone Number: 732-448-2586

Fax Number: 732-846-8877

Email Address: rwood@windelsmarx.com

**6. Total number of applications and registrations involved:**

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**7. Total fee (37 CFR 2.6(b)(6) & 3.41) \$140.00**

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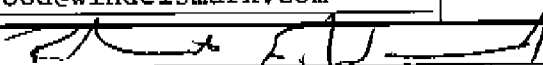
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**9. Signature:**



Signature

2/11/2005

Date

Robert E. Wood

Name of Person Signing

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**Schedule to Trademark Recordation Form Cover Sheet in connection with Conveyance of Security Interest in certain Trademarks by US Salt, LLC (Conveying Party) in favor of Merrill Lynch Business Financial Services Inc. (Receiving Party)**

<b>Mark</b>	<b>Registration/Application No.</b>	<b>Registration/Application Date</b>
RESINGARD	Reg. No. 1,375,352	December 17, 1985
TNA.5	Reg. No. 872,830	July 15, 1969
TX-10	Reg. No. 901,665	November 3, 1970
SUPERIOR BLUE RIBBON	Application Serial No. 75/584,099	Filed November 5, 1998
REPAUNO	Reg. No. 2,409,312	November 8, 2000

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Name: Kathleen Thomas  
 Internal Merrill Lynch Business  
 Address: Financial Services Inc.  
 Street Address: 222 North LaSalle Street  
 City: Chicago  
 State: Illinois  
 Country: USA Zip: 60601

- Association Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_
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## TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT

SECURITY AGREEMENT, dated as of July 7, 2004, between US SALT, LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Debtor"), and MERRILL LYNCH BUSINESS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC. (the "Secured Party").

Debtor and Secured Party hereby agree as follows:

### SECTION 1. Definitions; Interpretation.

(a) **Terms Defined in Loan Agreements.** All capitalized terms used in this Agreement and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Loan Agreements.

(b) **Certain Defined Terms.** As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Collateral" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.

"Loan Agreement" means that certain WCMA Loan and Security Agreement Nos. 504-07J46 / 504-07J47, dated as of the date hereof, between Debtor, Secured Party and Demetree Salt, LLC.

"PTO" means the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

"UCC" means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of Illinois.

(c) **Terms Defined in UCC.** Where applicable in the context of this Agreement and except as otherwise defined herein, terms used in this Agreement shall have the meanings assigned to them in the UCC.

(d) **Construction.** In this Agreement, the following rules of construction and interpretation shall be applicable: (i) no reference to "proceeds" in this Agreement authorizes any sale, transfer, or other disposition of any Collateral by Debtor; (ii) "includes" and "including" are not limiting; (iii) "or" is not exclusive; and (iv) "all" includes "any" and "any" includes "all." To the extent not inconsistent with the foregoing, the rules of construction and interpretation applicable to the Loan Agreement shall also be applicable to this Agreement and are incorporated herein by this reference.

## SECTION 2. Security Interest.

- (a) **Grant of Security Interest.** As security for the payment and performance of the Obligations, Debtor hereby grants to Secured Party a security interest in, and a mortgage upon, all of Debtor's right, title and interest in, to and under the following property, in each case whether now or hereafter existing or arising or in which Debtor now has or hereafter owns, acquires or develops an interest and wherever located (collectively, the "Collateral"):
- (i) all state (including common law) and federal trademarks, service marks, and trade names, and applications for registration of such trademarks, service marks and trade names (but excluding any application to register any trademark, service mark, trade name, or other mark prior to the filing under applicable law of a verified statement of use (or the equivalent) for such trademark, service mark, trade name, or other mark, only to the extent the creation of a security interest therein or the grant of a mortgage thereon would void or invalidate such trademark, service mark, trade name, or other mark) (each, a "Mark" and collectively the "Marks"), including but not limited to those Marks listed on Schedule A attached hereto;
  - (ii) all licenses relating to any of the Marks, and all income and royalties with respect to any licenses (including such Marks, names and applications as described in Schedule A), whether registered or unregistered and wherever registered, all rights to sue for past, present or future infringement or unconsented use thereof, all rights arising therefrom and pertaining thereto and all reissues, extensions and renewals thereof;
  - (iii) the entire goodwill of or associated with the businesses now or hereafter conducted by Debtor connected with and symbolized by any of the aforementioned properties and assets;
  - (iv) all general intangibles and all intangible intellectual or other similar property of Debtor of any kind or nature, associated with or arising out of any of the aforementioned properties and assets and not otherwise described above; and
  - (v) all proceeds of any and all of the foregoing Collateral (including license royalties, rights to payment, accounts receivable and proceeds of infringement suits) and, to the extent not otherwise included, all payments under insurance (whether or not Secured Party is the loss payee thereof) or any indemnity, warranty or guaranty payable by reason of loss or damage to or otherwise with respect to the foregoing Collateral.
- (b) **Continuing Security Interest.** Debtor agrees that this Agreement shall create a continuing security interest in the Collateral, which shall remain in effect until terminated in accordance with Section 11.

(c) **Conditional Assignment.** In addition to, and not by way of limitation of, the grant of a security interest in the Collateral, Debtor hereby grants, assigns, transfers, and conveys to Secured Party the Collateral; provided, however, that such grant, assignment, transfer, and conveyance shall be and become of force and effect only upon the occurrence of an Event of Default by Debtor under the Loan Agreement and either (i) upon the written demand of Secured Party at any time during a continuance of any default in connection with the Secured Party's enforcement of its rights, or (ii) immediately and automatically (without notice or action of any kind by Secured Party) upon an Event of Default by Debtor under the Loan Agreement or upon the sale or other disposition of or foreclosure upon the Collateral pursuant to the Uniform Commercial Code (including, without limitation, the transfer or other disposition of the Collateral by Debtor to Secured Party in lieu of foreclosure). Upon the effectiveness of such grant, assignment, transfer, and conveyance, Secured Party may (but shall not be obligated to) grant to Debtor, its successors, and permitted assigns, a worldwide, royalty-free, transferable and sublicenseable, fully-paid up right, terminable at any time, to: (y) make, use, offer for sale, design, reproduce, make derivative works from, publicly display, and publicly distribute the Collateral, and (z) use the Collateral in conjunction with its regular business operations. Upon the effectiveness of the grant, assignment, transfer, and conveyance provided herein, Secured Party shall own the entire right, title, and interest in and to the Collateral, free and clear of any lien, charge, encumbrance, or claim of Debtor or any other party.

**SECTION 3. Supplement to Loan Agreement.** This Agreement has been entered into in conjunction with the security interests granted to Secured Party under the Loan Agreement or other security documents referred to therein. The rights and remedies of Secured Party with respect to the security interests granted herein are without prejudice to, and are in addition to those set forth in the Loan Agreement or any other security documents referred to therein, all terms and provisions of which are incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 4. Representations and Warranties.** Debtor represents and warrants to Secured Party that:

(a) **Trademarks.** A true and correct list of all of the existing Collateral consisting of trademarks, trademark registrations or applications owned by Debtor, in whole or in part, is set forth in Schedule A.

(b) **Power and Authority.** Debtor has the full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder. The execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement will not conflict with or contravene any contractual provision binding on Debtor.

(c) **Sole Owner.** Debtor is the sole and exclusive owner of the entire legal and beneficial right, title, and interest in and to the Collateral, free and clear of any liens, charges, security interest, or other encumbrance.

(d) **Validity.** The Collateral and its related rights are subsisting, have not been adjudged invalid or unenforceable, and there are no pending or threatened claims by any third parties that any of the rights related to the Collateral are invalid or unenforceable. There is not

on file in any governmental or regulatory authority, agency, or recording office any effective financing statement, security agreement, assignment, license, or transfer or notice of any of the foregoing (other than those that may have been filed in favor of Secured Party) covering any of the Collateral, and Debtor is not aware of any such filing other than those for which duly executed termination statements have been delivered to Secured Party. So long as this Agreement shall be in effect, Debtor shall not execute and shall not permit to be on file in any such office or agency any such financing statement or other document or instrument (except financing statements or other documents or instruments filed or to be filed in favor of Secured Party).

(e) **No Third Party Rights.** No claim has been made that, upon closing under the Loan Agreement, Debtor's use of any of the Collateral may violate the rights of any third party. There have been no adverse decisions with respect to Debtor's ownership rights in or exclusive rights to use the Collateral on or after the closing under the Loan Agreement, or to its right, upon closing under the Loan Agreement to use and register the Collateral in any jurisdiction, or to keep and maintain such registrations in full force and effect after the closing under the Loan Agreement. There is no proceeding involving said future rights of Debtor threatened or pending in the PTO or any similar office or agency of the United States or any foreign country, or any state or foreign country or in any court.

(f) **No Adverse Decisions.** Debtor shall promptly notify Secured Party of the institution of and any adverse decision in any proceeding in the PTO or any similar office or agency of the United States or any state or any foreign country, or any court, regarding Debtor's claim of ownership in any of the Collateral, its right to register any of the same, or to keep and maintain any such registration.

(g) **Policing of Marks.** Debtor shall use the Collateral in its business in the same or similar manner as it has been used in the past, with the same requirements and quality standards as in the past have been and now are applicable to its goods and services. Debtor shall use the Collateral only with the statutory and other appropriate notices of the registrations and ownership thereof. Debtor shall take all necessary and appropriate actions to insure that none of the Collateral shall become generic or merely descriptive.

(h) **No Unauthorized Use.** To the best of Debtor's knowledge and belief, except as set forth herein, there is at present no infringement or unauthorized or improper use of the Collateral. Debtor shall use its best efforts to detect any such infringement or unauthorized or improper use. In the event of any such infringement or unauthorized or improper use by any third party, Debtor shall promptly notify Secured Party and shall have the first opportunity to sue and recover therefor and to retain any and all damages so recovered or obtained. In the event Debtor fails to so sue or bring legal action, Debtor shall notify Secured Party within thirty (30) days after the date of original notice to Debtor of infringement or unauthorized or improper use and, thereafter, Secured Party shall save the right (but not the obligation), at Debtor's expense (including but not limited to reasonable attorney fees), and in the name of Debtor or Secured Party (in the sole discretion of Secured Party), to sue and recover therefor and obtain directly any and all damages recoverable on account thereof; any expenses incurred by Secured Party in any such case shall be added to the principal amount of the Obligations.

(i) **Records.** Debtor will diligently keep complete and accurate records with respect to the Collateral, and will at all times keep at least one set of such records at its chief executive office or principal place of business. Debtor shall, upon reasonable prior notice by Secured Party and at reasonable times, permit Secured Party (or Secured Party's designee) from time to time to review, inspect, and examine such records.

**SECTION 5. Further Acts.** On a continuing basis, Debtor shall make, execute, acknowledge and deliver, and file and record in the proper filing and recording places, all such instruments and documents, and take all such action as may be necessary or advisable or may be requested by Secured Party to carry out the intent and purposes of this Agreement, or for assuring, confirming or protecting the grant or perfection of the security interest granted or purported to be granted hereby, to ensure Debtor's compliance with this Agreement or to enable Secured Party to exercise and enforce its rights and remedies hereunder with respect to the Collateral, including any documents for filing with the PTO or any applicable state office. Secured Party may record this Agreement, an abstract thereof, or any other document describing Secured Party's interest in the Collateral with the PTO, at the expense of Debtor. In addition, Debtor authorizes Secured Party to file financing statements describing the Collateral in any UCC filing office deemed appropriate by Secured Party. If the Debtor shall at any time hold or acquire a commercial tort claim arising with respect to the Collateral, the Debtor shall immediately notify Secured Party in a writing signed by the Debtor of the brief details thereof and grant to the Secured Party in such writing a security interest therein and in the proceeds thereof, all upon the terms of this Agreement, with such writing to be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Secured Party.

**SECTION 6. Authorization to Supplement.** If Debtor shall obtain rights to any new Marks, the provisions of this Agreement shall automatically apply thereto. Debtor shall give prompt notice in writing to Secured Party with respect to any such new Marks or renewal or extension of any Mark registration. Without limiting Debtor's obligations under this Section 6, Debtor authorizes Secured Party to modify this Agreement by amending Schedule A to include any such new rights. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no failure to so modify this Agreement or amend Schedule A shall in any way affect, invalidate or detract from Secured Party's continuing security interest in all Collateral, whether or not listed on Schedule A. Debtor, with counsel of its own choosing reasonably acceptable to Secured Party, and at its own expense, upon closing under the Loan Agreement shall apply to register all registrable but unregistered Marks with the PTO and in such other jurisdictions that are commercially appropriate, and shall diligently prosecute its applications to register its Marks and use its best efforts to obtain such registrations. In the event any pending or hereafter filed application for Mark registration, other than a renewal of a trademark registration, has been rejected by the PTO or any other trademark office or agency and Debtor determines in its reasonable business judgment that further prosecution of such application is not warranted, Debtor shall promptly notify Secured Party thereof in writing and may cease to prosecute such application thirty (30) days after such notice.

**SECTION 7. Binding Effect.** This Agreement shall be binding upon, inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by Debtor, Secured Party and their respective successors and



assigns. Debtor may not assign, transfer, hypothecate or otherwise convey its rights, benefits, obligations or duties hereunder except as specifically permitted by the Loan Agreement.

**SECTION 8. Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of Illinois, except as required by mandatory provisions of law or to the extent the validity, perfection or priority of the security interests hereunder, or the remedies hereunder, in respect of any Collateral are governed by the law of a jurisdiction other than Illinois.

**SECTION 9. Entire Agreement; Amendment.** This Agreement and the Loan Agreement, together with the Schedules hereto and thereto, contains the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior drafts and communications relating to such subject matter. Neither this Agreement nor any provision hereof may be modified, amended or waived except by the written agreement of the parties, as provided in the Loan Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Secured Party unilaterally may re-execute this Agreement or modify, amend or supplement the Schedules hereto as provided in Section 6 hereof. To the extent that any provision of this Agreement conflicts with any provision of the Loan Agreement, the provision giving Secured Party greater rights or remedies shall govern, it being understood that the purpose of this Agreement is to add to, and not detract from, the rights granted to Secured Party under the Loan Agreement.

**SECTION 10. Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute but one and the same agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of this Agreement by facsimile shall be equally as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart. Any party hereto delivering a counterpart of this Agreement by facsimile shall also deliver a manually executed counterpart, but the failure to so deliver a manually executed counterpart shall not affect the validity, enforceability, or binding effect hereof.

**SECTION 11. Termination.** Upon payment and performance in full of all obligations under the Loan Agreement and the notes and other loan documents reference therein, the security interests created by this Agreement shall terminate and Secured Party (at Debtor's expense) shall promptly execute and deliver to Debtor such documents and instruments reasonably requested by Debtor as shall be necessary to evidence termination of all such security interests given by Debtor to Secured Party hereunder, including cancellation of this Agreement by written notice from Secured Party to the PTO.

**SECTION 12. Indemnification.** In addition to, and not in limitation of, the general indemnifications set forth in the Loan Agreement, Debtor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Secured Party from and against, and shall pay to Secured Party any and all claims, actions, suits, judgments, penalties, losses, damages, costs, disbursements, expenses, obligations, or liabilities of any kind or nature (except those resulting from Secured Party's gross negligence or willful misconduct) arising in any way out of or in connection with this Agreement, the Collateral, custody, preservation, use, or operation of the Collateral, any alleged infringement of the intellectual property rights of any third party, the production, marketing, delivery, and sale of

the goods and services provided under or in connection with any of the Collateral or the sale of, collection from, or other realization upon any of the Collateral, the failure of Debtor to perform or observe any of the provisions hereof, or matters related to any of the foregoing prior to the effectiveness of the grant, assignment, transfer, and conveyance provided for herein. Debtor shall also indemnify and hold harmless Secured Party from and against any and all claims, actions, suits, judgments, penalties, losses, damages, disbursements, expenses, obligations, or liabilities arising out of or in connection with any improper act or omission of Debtor (regardless of whether such act or omission occurred or occurs prior to or after such effectiveness). Any and all fees, costs, and expenses, of whatever kind or nature, including but not limited to fees and disbursements of counsel and of any experts and agents, incurred by Secured Party in connection with the filing or recording of any documents in public offices, the payment or discharge of any taxes, maintenance fees, or encumbrances, or otherwise protecting maintaining or preserving the Collateral, or in defending or prosecuting any actions or proceedings arising out of or related to the Collateral, or in exercising or enforcing any right or remedy granted to Secured Party hereunder, shall be borne and paid by Debtor.

**SECTION 13. No Inconsistent Requirements.** Debtor acknowledges that this Agreement and the other documents, agreements and instruments entered into or executed in connection herewith may contain covenants and other terms and provisions variously stated regarding the same or similar matters, and Debtor agrees that all such covenants, terms and provisions are cumulative and all shall be performed and satisfied in accordance with their respective terms.

**SECTION 14. Severability.** If one or more provisions contained in this Agreement shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect in any jurisdiction or with respect to any party, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability in such jurisdiction or with respect to such party shall, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, not invalidate or render illegal or unenforceable any such provision in any other jurisdiction or with respect to any other party, or any other provisions of this Agreement.

**SECTION 15. Notices.** All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be mailed, sent or delivered in accordance with the Loan Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Agreement, as of the date first above written.

**DEBTOR:  
US SALT, LLC**

By: *Mark C. Demetree*  
Mark C. Demetree, Manager

By: *Frank P. Brady*  
Frank P. Brady, Vice President

**SECURED PARTY:  
MERRILL LYNCH BUSINESS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.**

By: *Kathy Thomas*  
Name:  
Title: *AVP*

**SCHEDULE A**

**to the Trademark Security Agreement  
Debtor: US SALT, LLC**

**Trademarks of US SALT, LLC**