STATE OF ALABAMA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT - LAW SIDE

BALDWIN COUNTY

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

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Witness my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 1971.

Eunie B. Blackman

| SCHERMER PECAN COMPANY, INC., a corporation,      | χ  |                         |
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| · -   | χ  | IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF |
| Plaintiff,  | ٧  |                         |
|   | λ  |                         |
| vs.   | χ  |                         |
| ORKIN EXTERMINATING                               | χ  | BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA |
| COMPANY, INC., a Delaware corporation, and        | χ  |                         |
| ORKIN EXTERMINATING COMPANY, INC., a Delaware     | χ  |                         |
| corporation doing business as ORKIN EXTERMINATING | χ. | AT LAW CASE NO. 10019   |
| COMPANY OF SOUTH ALABAMA,                         | χ  |                         |
| Defendants.                                       | χ  |                         |

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The Plaintiff claims of the Defendants the sum of
Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) as damages for the
breach of an agreement entered into by and between the Plaintiff

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and the Defendants on, to-wit, the 30th day of September, 1963, which agreement was in full force and effect at all times pertinent hereto, in and by the terms of which agreement the Defendants, in consideration of an initial payment to them by the Plaintiff and in further consideration of a monthly payment to them by the Plaintiff (all of which payments have been duly made by the Plaintiff), the Defendants contracted and agreed that they would control rats, roaches, ants and water bugs in and around the buildings used by the Plaintiff in its business. And the Plaintiff says that, although it has complied with all of the provisions of the said agreement on its part, the Defendants have failed to comply with the provisions thereof and breached the same in that they did not control rats in and around the buildings used by the Plaintiff in its business as agreed and as a result of their breach of the said agreement in this respect, the premises described in the agreement became rat infested during the months of November and December, 1970.

# COUNT TWO:

The Plaintiff claims of the Defendants the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) as damages for that in, heretofore, to-wit, the months of November and December, 1970, at the buildings or facilities used by the Plaintiff in conducting its business as a dealer in pecans, brazil nuts, almonds and other nuts, the Defendants so negligently provided pest control services, which they had contracted with the Plaintiff to provide, as to cause or allow the said buildings or facilities to become rat infested and as a proximate consequence or result of the negligence of the Defendants, the Plaintiff was damaged in that the United States Government seized Five Hundred Sixty-nine

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Plaintiff respectfully demands trial of this cause by jury.

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EUNICE B. BLACKMON CIRCUIT

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

vs:

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DELAWARE CORP., AND ORKIN EXTERMINATING
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business as ORKIN EXTERMINATING COMPANY
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DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, SOUTHERN DIVISION

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SCHERMER PECAN COMPANY, INC., a corporation,

Plaintiff,

VS.

ORKIN EXTERMINATING
COMPANY, INC., a Delaware
corporation, and
ORKIN EXTERMINATING
COMPANY, INC., a Delaware
corporation doing business
as ORKIN EXTERMINATING
COMPANY OF SOUTH ALABAMA,

Defendants.

TO THE HONORABLE

EUNICE B. BLACKMON,

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT

COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY,

ALABAMA.

Please take notice that the undersigned, as attorney for Orkin Exterminating Company, Inc., in the above-styled cause, has this 23 day of 25, 1971, filed petition and bond in the United States District Court For The Southern District of Alabama, Southern Division, petitioning that Court to remove from the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, to the United States District Court For The Southern District of Alabama, Southern Division, that certain cause wherein Schermer Pecan Company, Inc., is the Plaintiff and Orkin Exterminating Company, Inc., is the Defendant, and that the petition in bond constitutes a removal of said cause of action from the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, to the United States District Court For The Southern District of Alabama, Southern Division.

WESLEY PXPES

ATTORNEY FOR ORKEN EXTERMINATING COMPANY;

INC.

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# OF COUNSEL:

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2510 First National Bank Building
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DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, SOUTHERN DIVISION

| SCHERMER PECAN COMPANY,    | *   |  |
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| Defendants.                | ×   |  |

# PETITION FOR REMOVAL

COMES NOW Orkin Exterminating Company, Inc., Defendant in the above styled cause, and presents this Petition For Removal of said action from the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, to the United States District Court For The Southern District of Alabama, Southern Division, and shows and represents unto the Court as follows:

- 1. That the above-styled suit was begun against this Defendant in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, on the 7th day of September, 1971.
- 2. That at the time said suit was begun, and at the present time, the Defendant was and still is a citizen of the State of Delaware having its principal place of business at Atlanta, Georgia, and the Plaintiff in said suit was and still is a citizen of the State of Alabama, having its principal place of business at Fairhope, Alabama. The matter in dispute in said suit and for which suit is brought, exceeds the sum of

TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS, excluding all interest and costs.

- 3. That the Defendant herewith files a Bond with good and sufficient surety, conditioned that the Defendant will pay all costs and disbursements incurred by reason of the removal proceedings, should it be determined that this cause of action was not removable or was improperly removed.
- 4. That Orkin Exterminating Company, Inc., has not yet appeared or pleaded in said action, and that less than thirty (30) days have expixed since service of process was attempted on it.
- 5. That a copy of all pleadings and orders that have been served upon the Defendant in the above-styled cause are attached to this petition.
- 6. That the Defendant will promptly upon the filing of this petition and bond, give written notice thereof to the Plaintiff and will file a copy of said petition with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

WHEREFORE, Orkin Exterminating Company, Inc., prays this
Honorable Court that this petition and bond may be accepted and
approved, and that said suit be removed to the United States
District Court For The Southern District of Alabama, Southern
Division, and that the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama,
proceed no further in the premises.

SAM W. PIPES

Wesley/Pipes

ATTORNEYS FOR ORKIN EXTERMINATING COMPANY, INC.

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Personally appeared before me.

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF MOBILE

Wesley Pipes, who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is one of the attorneys for Orkin Exterminating Company, Inc., and as such is duly authorized to remove that certain suit wherein Schermer Pecan Company, Inc. is Plaintiff and Orkin Exterminating Company, Inc. is Defendant from the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, to the United States District Court For The Southern District of Alabama, Southern Division; that he has read the above and foregoing petition and that the facts stated therein are true.

WESLEY /FIPES

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the

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NOTARY PUBLIC, MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

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EUNICE B. BLACKMON CIRCUIT

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF MOBILE

NOW ALL HOW DY THESE PRESENTS, that Orkin Exterminations Company, Inc. as principal and Fidelity and Deposit: Company of Maryland, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Meryland, as surety are held and firmly bound unto Schermer Pecan Company, Inc., in the penal sum of FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 (\$500.00) DOLLARS, payment wherein truly to be made unto the said Schermer Pecan Company, Inc., its successors and assigns, we bind ourselves, or successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, yet upon these conditions: that the said Orkin Exterminating Company, Inc., is a petitioner in the United States District Court For The Southern District of Alabama, Southern Division, for the removal of that certain cause pending in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, wherein Schermer Pecan Company, Inc., is the Plaintiff and Orkin Exterminating Company, Inc., is the Defendant. Now if the said Orkin Exterminating Company, Inc. will pay all costs and disbursements incurred by reason of the removal of this said cause should it be determined that the case was not removable or was improperly removed, then this obligation to be wold, otherwise in full force and effect.

IN WINESS WHEREOF, Orkin Exterminating Company, Inc., has because caused its name to be signed by Wesley Pipes, its attorney, and Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, a corporation, has becaused its corporate name to be signed poration, has becaused its corporate name to be signed by SHAFY NITHFOFOLD, its attorney-in-fact,

| this | the | 23 | day | o£ | Aplenter. | 1971. |
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ORKIN EXTERNINATING COMPANY, INC.

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WESLEY PIPES, Attorney for Orkin Exterminating Company, Inc.

FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, A Corporation

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September 23, 1971

Mrs. Eunice B. Blackmon Circuit Clerk Baldwin County Courthouse Bay Minette, Alabama 36507

Re:

Schermer Pecan Company, Inc.

VS.

Orkin Exterminating Company, Inc.

Dear Mrs. Blackmon:

Enclosed herewith is the original and two copies of a Petition For Removal and a Note to you for the removal. Please stamp a copy of the Notice of the date you filed the original and return the same to me.

Very truly yours,

LYONS, PIPES AND COOK

Wesley Pipes

Enclosures

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