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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

TO: Registration Section
Division of Corporations

SUBJECT: SHOWA DENKO CARBON SALES, INC.
(Name of Corporation - must include suffix)

Dear Sir or Madam:

The enclosed "Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida", "Certificate of Existence", and check are submitted to register the above referenced foreign corporation to transact business in Florida.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

JAMES S. KAHL
(Name of Person)

SHOWA DENKO CARBON SALES, INC.
(Firm/Company)

478 RIDGE ROAD
(Address)

RIDGEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA 29472
(City/State and Zip Code)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

WILLIAM V. KASTLER at 864-577-8810
(Name of Person) (Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number)

STREET ADDRESS:
Registration Section
Division of Corporations
409 E. Gaines St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

MAILING ADDRESS:
Registration Section
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Enclosed is a check for the following amount:

- \$70.00 Filing Fee
- \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status
- \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy
- \$87.50 Filing Fee, Certificate of Status & Certified Copy

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APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 607.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO REGISTER A FOREIGN CORPORATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. SHOWA DENKO CARBON SALES, INC.

(Name of corporation; must include the word "INCORPORATED", "COMPANY", "CORPORATION" or words or abbreviations of like import in language as will clearly indicate that it is a corporation instead of a natural person or partnership if not so contained in the name at present.)

2. SOUTH CAROLINA
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated)

3. 57-1109730
(FEI number, if applicable)

4. 01/01/2001
(Date of Incorporation)

5. PERPETUAL
(Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")

6. 01/01/2001
(Date first transacted business in Florida. If corporation has not transacted business in Florida, insert "upon qualification."
(SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.)

7. 478 RIDGE ROAD, RIDGEVILLE SC 29472
(Principal office address)

(Current mailing address)

8. SALE OF CARBON ELECTRODES
(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in the state of Florida)

9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box **NOT** acceptable)

Name: C T CORPORATION SYSTEM

Office Address: 1200 SOUTH PINE ISLAND ROAD

PLANTATION, Florida 33324
(City) (Zip Code)

10. Registered agent's acceptance:

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this application, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

JENNIFER FAULTMAN
ASSISTANT SECRETARY
(Registered agent's signature)

11. Attached is a certificate of existence duly authenticated, not more than 90 days prior to delivery of this application to the Department of State, by the Secretary of State or other official having custody of corporate records in the jurisdiction under the law of which it is incorporated.

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12. Names and addresses of officers and/or directors:

A. DIRECTORS

Chairman: SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT

Address: _____

Vice Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

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B. OFFICERS

President: ROBERT C. WHITTEN

Address: 478 RIDGE ROAD

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Vice President: HIROSHI TANIKAWA

Address: 478 RIDGE ROAD

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Secretary: HIROSHI TANIKAWA

Address: 478 RIDGE ROAD

RIDGEVILLE, SC 29472

Treasurer: JAMES S. KAHL

Address: 478 RIDGE ROAD

RIDGEVILLE, SC 29472

NOTE: If necessary, you may attach an addendum to the application listing additional officers and/or directors.

13. Catherine W Perreoud, CPA

(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. CPA - Catherine W. Perreoud

(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

**SHOWA DENKO CARBON SALES, INC.
LIST OF DIRECTORS**

NAME	TITLE
Robert C. Whitten 478 Ridge Road Ridgeville SC 29472	Director
Hiroshi Tanikawa 478 Ridge Road Ridgeville SC 29472	Director
Stephen L. Ulmer 478 Ridge Road Ridgeville SC 29472	Director

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Office of Secretary of State Jim Miles Certificate of Existence

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I, Jim Miles, Secretary of State of South Carolina Hereby certify that:

SHOWA DENKO CARBON SALES, INC.,

a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of South Carolina on **January 1st, 2001**, and having a perpetual duration unless otherwise indicated below, has as of the date hereof filed all reports due this office, paid all fees, taxes and penalties owed to the Secretary of State, that the Secretary of State has not mailed notice to the Corporation that it is subject to being dissolved by administrative action pursuant to Section 33-14-210 of the South Carolina Code, and that the corporation has not filed articles of dissolution as of the date hereof.

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina this 12th day of December, 2000.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Miles".

Jim Miles, Secretary of State