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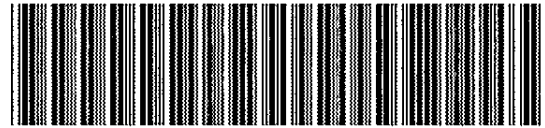
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SUBJECT: GROWMARK, INC.  
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We have received your document for GROWMARK, INC. and the authorization to debit your account in the amount of \$78.75. However, the document has not been filed and is being returned for the following:

The "Exhibit A" mentioned on the second page wasn't attached. Please resubmit with a list of the officers and directors.

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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.

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1. GROWMARK, 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. Delaware

(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated)

3. 37-0815318

(FEI number, if applicable)

4. July 9, 1962

(Date of incorporation)

5. Perpetual

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

6. Upon Approval

(Date first transacted business in Florida.) (SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.)

7. 1701 Towanda Avenue

Bloomington, IL 61701

(Current mailing address)

To engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized, including but not limited to the sale and manufacture of

8. seed and fertilizer.

(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in state of Florida)

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

Name: LexisNexis Document Solutions Inc.

Office Address: 3953 W. Kelley Road

Tallahassee, Florida, 32311

(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.*

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C. Woodward, as agent, LND  
(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.

12. Names and addresses of officers and/or directors: (Street address **ONLY** - P.O. Box **NOT** acceptable)

**A. DIRECTORS (Street address only - P.O. Box NOT acceptable)**

Chairman: See Exhibit A

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

Vice Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**B. OFFICERS (Street address only - P.O. Box NOT acceptable)**

President: See Exhibit A

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

Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

14. William Davisson, President  
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

## Exhibit A

OFFICERS

William Davisson	Chief Executive Officer	1701 Towanda Avenue Bloomington, IL 61701
Davis Anderson	Vice President, Grain	1701 Towanda Avenue Bloomington, IL 61701
Steve Barwick	Vice President, Corporate Marketing and Operations	1701 Towanda Avenue Bloomington, IL 61701
Steve Carr	Vice President and General Counsel	1701 Towanda Avenue Bloomington, IL 61701
Dennis Farmer	Vice President, Member Services	1701 Towanda Avenue Bloomington, IL 61701
Vern McGinnis	Vice President, Strategic Planning and Corporate Services	1701 Towanda Avenue Bloomington, IL 61701
Jeff Solberg	Vice President, Finance	1701 Towanda Avenue Bloomington, IL 61701

DIRECTORS

Dan Kelly	Chairman of the Board and President	1701 Towanda Avenue Bloomington, IL 61701
John Reifsteck	Vice Chairman	1701 Towanda Avenue Bloomington, IL 61701
Dick Walters	Vice Chairman	1701 Towanda Avenue Bloomington, IL 61701
Rick Nelson	Secretary	1701 Towanda Avenue Bloomington, IL 61701
Keith Bailey		1701 Towanda Avenue Bloomington, IL 61701
Larry Dynes		1701 Towanda Avenue Bloomington, IL 61701

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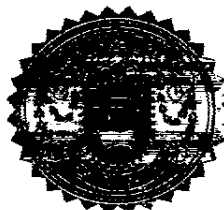
I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "GROWMARK, INC." IS DULY INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL CORPORATE EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 2002.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE SAID "GROWMARK, INC." WAS INCORPORATED ON THE NINTH DAY OF JULY, A.D.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE FRANCHISE TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID TO DATE.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE ANNUAL REPORTS HAVE BEEN FILED TO DATE.

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