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ORDER DATE : October 29, 2003
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CUSTOMER NO: 4319445
CUSTOMER: Ms. Christine D. Greb
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.
Two Pierce Place
The Gallagher Centre
Itasca, IL 60143

FOREIGN FILINGS

NAME: RISK PLACEMENT SERVICES, INC.

XXXX QUALIFICATION (TYPE: CO)

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CONTACT PERSON: Sara Lea -- EXT# 1114

EXAMINER: _____

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. Risk Placement Services, Inc.
(Enter name of corporation; must include "INCORPORATED," "COMPANY," "CORPORATION," "Inc.," "Co.," "Corp.," "Inc.," "Co.," or "Corp.")

(If name unavailable in Florida, enter alternate corporate name adopted for the purpose of transacting business in Florida)

2. Illinois 3. _____
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)

4. 10/5/1979 5. Perpetual
(Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")

6. Upon Qualification
(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. Two Pierce Place, Itasca, IL 60143
(Principal office address)

Two Pierce Place, Itasca, IL 60143
(Current mailing address)

8. Insurance Agency and Brokerage
(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in state of Florida)

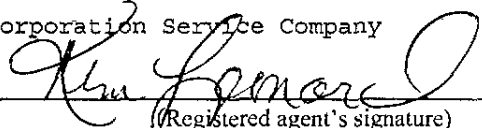
9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box NOT acceptable)

Name: Corporation Service Company

Office Address: 1201 Hays Street

Tallahassee, Florida 32301
(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.

Corporation Service Company

(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 business addresses of officers and/or directors:

A. DIRECTORS

Chairman: See attached officers/directors rider

Address: _____

Vice Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

B. OFFICERS

President: See attached officers/directors rider

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. Christine D. Greb
(Signature of Director or Officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. Christine D. Greb, Assistant Secretary
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

RISK PLACEMENT SERVICES, INC.
(Formerly International Special Risk Services, Inc.)

Incorporated : Illinois
Date : 10/05/79

% Ownership : 100% Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

Federal ID # : 36-3110841

CAPITAL STOCK:

Common

Price/Par Value: \$1.00

Authorized: 100,000

Outstanding: 1,000

DIRECTORS:

Joel D. Cavaness	Director
David E. McGurn, Jr.	Director

OFFICERS:

David E. McGurn, Jr.	Area Chairman
Joel D. Cavaness	President
Linda J. Abell	Area President
Jeffrey K. McNatt	Area President
Joseph A. Nelligan	Area President
Katheryn Nelson	Area President
John R. Owens	Area President
Cynthia C. Shafer	Area President
Joel H. Stinson	Area President
Douglas K. Howell	Vice President - Finance
John C. Rosengren	Vice President and General Counsel
Peter J. Durkalski	Vice President
David R. Long	Vice President
Randall S. Jensen	Regional Vice President
Michael L. Goodell	Area Executive Vice President
Michael E. Berend	Area Vice President
Janice Berger	Area Vice President
Walter P. Bryce, Jr.	Area Vice President
Gregory A. Giermak	Area Vice President
Steven D. Goodman	Area Vice President
Michael J.A. Kokonas	Area Vice President
James F. Langan	Area Vice President
D. Richard Meyer	Area Vice President
R. Leigh Mulloy	Area Vice President
Scott A. Spangler	Area Vice President
Karen A. Sterner	Area Vice President
Holly D. Wilcox	Area Vice President
David E. Williams	Area Vice President
Janine R. Worland	Area Vice President
Stephen T. Adair	Area Asst. Vice President
Nathan A. Berns	Area Asst. Vice President
Wm. Todd Dixon	Area Asst. Vice President
James R. Duffey	Area Asst. Vice President
Kathleen A. Izral	Area Asst. Vice President

RISK PLACEMENT SERVICES, INC.

Wayne Leshynski
Harold G. Miller
Melissa A. Samberg
James G. Stewart
Joseph N. Watts
Jack H. Lazzaro
Richard C. Cary
John C. Rosengren
Christine D. Greb

Area Asst. Vice President
Area Asst. Vice President
Area Asst. Vice President
Area Asst. Vice President
Area Asst. Vice President
Treasurer
Controller
Secretary
Assistant Secretary

Purpose of Business:

Insurance Agent and Brokerage in primarily excess, surplus and reinsurance transactions

Primary Address:

Two Pierce Place
Itasca, Illinois 60143-3141

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To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that

RISK PLACEMENT SERVICES, INC., A DOMESTIC CORPORATION, INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE OCTOBER 5, 1979, APPEARS TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT OF THIS STATE RELATING TO THE FILING OF ANNUAL REPORTS AND PAYMENT OF FRANCHISE TAXES, AND AS OF THIS DATE, IS IN GOOD STANDING AS A DOMESTIC CORPORATION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS*****



In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, this 30TH
day of OCTOBER A.D. 2003

Jesse White

SECRETARY OF STATE