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Dept. of State
409 E. Gaines St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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Dear Representative:

Enclosed is a completed Application by Foreign Corporation to Transact Business in Florida along with the filing fee. Please process the application and return confirmation to my attention at the above address.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Sincerely,

FORKE AUCTIONEERS, INC.

Carol Chritton

Carol L. Chritton
Paralegal

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Sandra B. Mortham
Secretary of State

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CAROL L. CHRITTON
FORKE AUCTIONEERS, INC.
PO BOX 21960
LINCOLN, NE 68542

SUBJECT: FORKE AUCTIONEERS, INC.
Ref. Number: W98000019546

We have received your document for FORKE AUCTIONEERS, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the document has not been filed and is being retained in this office for the following:

The date first transacted business in Florida within the meaning of s. 607.1501 or 608.501, F.S., must be set forth in section 6 of the application. If the corporation/limited liability company has not yet transacted business in Florida within this meaning, please insert the words "upon qualification" in lieu of a date. (Note: Pursuant to s. 607.1502(4), F.S., this office collects a civil penalty of \$1000 for each year other than the application filing year, that a foreign corporation or limited liability company transacts business in this state without authority along with the past annual report fees due this office.)

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6958.

Lee Rivers
Document Specialist

Letter Number: 298A00044245

**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. FORKE AUCTIONEERS, 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 3. 47-0810601
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)

4. March 3, 1998 5. Perpetual
(Date of Incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")

6. Upon qualification
(Date first transacted business in Florida. (See sections 607.1501, 607.1502, and 817.155, F.S.))

7. 3901 Faulkner Drive, Lincoln, NE 68516
(Current mailing address)

8. To arrange for and conduct public auctions as agent for sellers of heavy construction equipment.
(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: Corporation Service Company
Office Address: 1201 Hays Street
Tallahassee, Florida, 32301
(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.

By: Ticker D. Swar
(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: (Street address ONLY- P.O. Box NOT acceptable)

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

Chairman: See Attached

Address: _____

Vice Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

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

President: See Attached

Address: _____

Vice President: _____

Address: _____

Secretary: _____

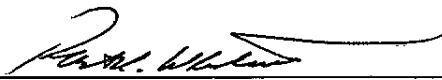
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Treasurer: _____

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

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

14. Robert K. Whitsit, President & CEO
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

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OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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I. OFFICERS

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Name	Driver's License #	Title	Date of Birth	Social Security #	Residence	Company Address
Randal L. Ringhaver	FL--- R52173247446	Chairman	12/06/47	263-54-1702	5855 State Road 13th N. Saint Augustine, FL 32092	Ring Power Corporation 8050 Phillips Highway Jacksonville, FL 32232
DeWitt C. Thompson	TN---27733280	Vice Chairman & Secretary	01/19/46	415-72-0676	4410 Chickering Lane Nashville, TN 37215	Thompson Machinery Commerce Corporation 1245 Bridgestone Blvd. LaVergne, TN 37086-3510
Robert K. Whitsit	NE---G02129241	President	06/01/44	089-34-0956	5933 Bartholomew Circle Lincoln, NE 68512 (402) 423-6688	Forke Auctioneers, Inc. 3901 Faulkner Drive Lincoln, NE 68516 (402) 421-3631
Chris L. Regas	FL--- R220112521730	Vice President, President Forke Credit Corp.	05/13/52	265-04-5139	9230 Beaclerc Circle East Jacksonville, FL 32257	Forke Credit Corporation 8826 Goodby's Executive Dr. Jacksonville, FL 32217 (904) 636-6450
C. Joe Lighter	NE---H12125954	Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary	03/27/45	478-52-7390	12500 North 84th Street Lincoln, NE 68517 (402) 467-3663	Forke Auctioneers, Inc. 3901 Faulkner Drive Lincoln, NE 68516 (402) 421-3631

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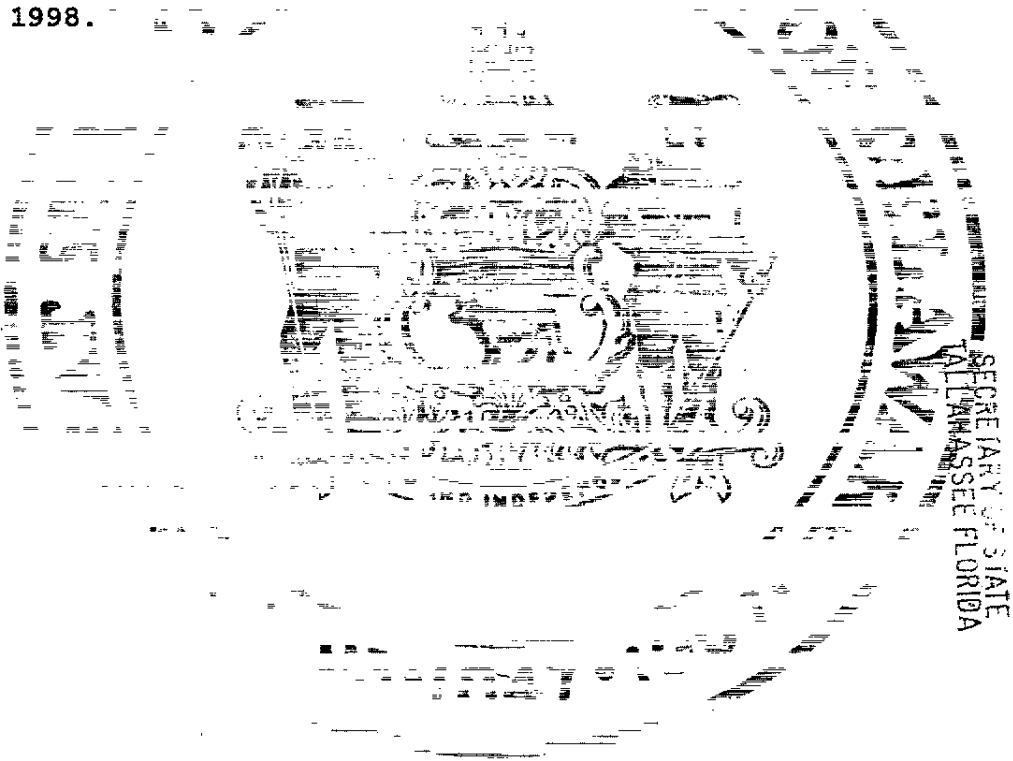
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Leon G. Pappas	MO-- 61620080039	Director	07/09/25	500-32-6197	250 North Forsyth Clayton, MO 63105	250 North Forsyth Clayton, MO 63105

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Office of the Secretary of State

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I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "FORKE AUCTIONEERS, 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 SEVENTH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D. 1998.



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