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Mr. Doug Spitler
Florida Department of State
Division of Corporations
409 Gaines Street
Tallahassee, FL 33299

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Re: Articles of Merger merging David's Bridal of Canton, Inc., an Ohio corporation, into David's Bridal, Inc., a Florida corporation

Dear Mr. Spitler:

I have enclosed duplicate originals of the Articles of Merger merging David's Bridal of Canton, Inc., an Ohio corporation, into David's Bridal, Inc., a Florida corporation and the surviving corporation of the merger, to be filed with the Florida Department of State. For your information, David's Bridal of Canton, Inc. is not qualified to do business in the State of Florida.

If the Articles of Merger meet with your approval, please file them in duplicate original and return one file-stamped original to me in the enclosed self-addressed, Federal Express envelope. I have enclosed a \$78.75 check made payable to the Florida Department of State to cover the filing fee (\$70/\$35 filing fee per corporation) and the cost of a certified copy of the merger document (\$8.75).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this filing, please call me collect at the telephone number noted below. Many thanks for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Sarah J. Westover
Senior Legal Assistant

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Enclosure

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ARTICLES OF MERGER
Merger Sheet

MERGING:

David's Bridal of Canton, Inc., a non qualified Ohio corporation

INTO

DAVID'S BRIDAL, INC., a Florida entity, L96535

File date: March 12, 2001

Corporate Specialist: Doug Spitler

ARTICLES OF MERGER
(Profit Corporations)

The following articles of merger are submitted in accordance with the Florida Business Corporation Act, pursuant to Section 607.1105, F.S.

First: the name and jurisdiction of the surviving corporation is:

Name

Jurisdiction

David's Bridal, Inc.

Florida

Second: The name and jurisdiction of each merging corporation is:

Name

Jurisdiction

David's Bridal of Canton, Inc.

Ohio

Third: The Plan of Merger is attached as Exhibit A.

Fourth: The merger shall become effective on the date the Articles of Merger are filed with the Florida Department of State.

OR _____

(Enter a specific date. NOTE: An effective date cannot be prior to the date of filing or more than 90 days in the future.)

Fifth: Adoption of Merger by surviving corporation - (COMPLETE ONLY ONE STATEMENT)

The Plan of Merger was adopted by the shareholders of the surviving corporation on _____.

The Plan of Merger was adopted by the board of directors of the surviving corporation on October 18, 2000 and shareholder approval was not required.

Sixth: Adoption of Merger by merging corporation(s) (COMPLETE ONLY ONE STATEMENT)

The Plan of Merger was adopted by the shareholders of the merging corporation(s) on _____.

The Plan of Merger was adopted by the board of directors of the merging corporation on October 18, 2000 and shareholder approval was not required.

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

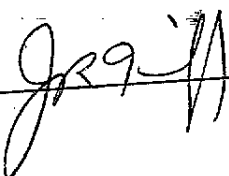
Seventh: **SIGNATURES FOR EACH CORPORATION**

Name of Corporation

Signature

Typed/Printed Name of Individual & Title

David's Bridal, Inc.
(Surviving Corporation)



Jan R. Kniffen, Vice President

Merging Corporation

David's Bridal of
of Canton, Inc.



Richard A. Brickson,
Vice President & Secretary

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EXHIBIT A

AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER (the "Merger Agreement"), dated this 18th day of October, 2000, pursuant to Sections 607.1103, 607.1104, 607.1105 and 607.1106 of the Florida Business Corporation Act (the "Florida Act") and Section 1701.80 of the Ohio Code, between David's Bridal of Canton, Inc., an Ohio corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Ohio Corporation"), and David's Bridal, Inc., a Florida corporation (hereinafter referred to as "DBI" or as the "Surviving Corporation").

WHEREAS, DBI is the legal and beneficial holder of all the issued and outstanding shares of stock of the Ohio Corporation and deems it to be in the best interests of the constituent corporations to merge the Ohio Corporation into DBI;

NOW, THEREFORE, DBI and the Ohio Corporation hereby agree as follows:

1. The Ohio Corporation shall be merged with and into its sole shareowner, DBI, which shall be the surviving corporation of the merger. The Ohio Corporation is not qualified to do business in the State of Florida, the state of incorporation of DBI.

2. The Merger Agreement has been approved and adopted by the board of directors of each of DBI and the Ohio Corporation by unanimous written consent in lieu of a special meeting on October 18, 2000 in accordance with the provisions of Sections 607.1103 (7) and 607.0821 of the Florida Act and Sections 1701.54 and 1701.80(c)(1) of the Ohio Code.

3. Articles of Merger shall be filed with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations on behalf of DBI pursuant to Section 607.1105 of the Florida Act and a Certificate of Merger shall be filed with the Ohio Secretary of State on behalf of the Ohio Corporation pursuant to Section 1701.81 of the Ohio Code.

4. The designation and number of outstanding shares of the common stock of the Ohio Corporation and the number of such shares owned by the Surviving Corporation are as follows:

<u>Name of the Subsidiary Corporation</u>	<u>Designation and Number of Outstanding Shares</u>	<u>Number of Outstanding Shares Owned by the Surviving Corporation</u>
David's Bridal of Canton, Inc.	100 Common Shares	100 Common Shares

5. DBI was incorporated in the State of Florida on August 29, 1990 under the name Phillie Bridals, Inc. An amendment changing the name of the corporation to David's Bridal, Inc. was filed on September 1, 1995 with the Florida Department of State.

6. DBI was qualified to do business in the State of Ohio on November 2, 1993 under the name Phillie Bridals, Inc. An Amended Certificate of Authority was filed with the Ohio Secretary of State on September 25, 1995 which changed the name of the corporation to David's Bridal, Inc.

7. The Third Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (the "Restated Articles") of DBI shall be the Restated Articles of the Surviving Corporation.

8. All of the issued and outstanding shares of the Ohio Corporation shall be canceled without consideration upon the effective date of the merger. Each share of DBI before the merger will represent the same number of shares of the Surviving Corporation after the merger.

9. The officers and directors of DBI shall be the officers and directors of the Surviving Corporation and shall hold office from the effective date of the merger until their respective successors are duly elected or appointed and qualified in the manner provided in the Restated Articles and the By-Laws of the Surviving Corporation or as otherwise provided by law.

10. The location of the principal office of the Surviving Corporation in its state of incorporation is c/o C T Corporation System, 1200 South Pine Island Road, Plantation, FL 33324.

11. The Surviving Corporation hereby consents to be sued and served with process in the State of Ohio on behalf of the Ohio Corporation and irrevocably appoints the Ohio Secretary of State as its agent to accept service of process in any proceeding in Ohio to enforce against the Surviving Corporation any obligation of the Ohio Corporation.

12. Upon the effective date of the merger, the rights, privileges, liabilities, obligations, powers and franchises and all and every other interest of each of the Ohio Corporation and DBI shall be vested in the Surviving Corporation in accordance with Section 607.1106 of the Florida Act and Sections 1701.80 and 1701.82 of the Ohio Code.

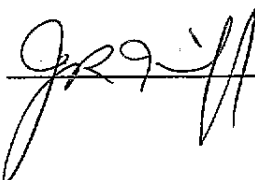
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the constituent corporations party to this Merger Agreement have caused this Merger Agreement to be executed by Jan R. Kniffen, Vice President of David's Bridal, Inc., and Richard A. Brickson, Vice President and Secretary of David's Bridal of Canton, Inc., on this 18th day of October, 2000.

Name of Corporation

Signature

Typed/Printed Name of Individual & Title

David's Bridal, Inc.
(Surviving Corporation)



Jan R. Kniffen, Vice President

Merging Corporation

David's Bridal of
Canton, Inc.



Richard A. Brickson,
Vice President & Secretary