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March 19, 2001

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 Austin, Inc. and David's Bridal of North Park, Inc. (Texas corporations) 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 Austin, Inc. and David's Bridal of North Park, Inc., corporations organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, into David's Bridal, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida and the surviving corporation of the merger, to be filed with the Florida Department of State. For your information, David's Bridal of Austin, Inc. and David's Bridal of North Park, Inc. are 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 \$113.75 check made payable to the Florida Department of State to cover the filing fee (\$105/\$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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ARTICLES OF MERGER Merger Sheet

MERGING:

David's Bridal of Austin, Inc., a non qualified Texas corporation

David's Bridal of North Park, Inc., a non qualified Texas corporation

INTO

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

File date: March 21, 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:

Jurisdiction Name David's Bridal, Inc. Florida Second: The name and jurisdiction of each merging corporation is: Jurisdiction Name Texas David's Bridal of Austin, Inc. Texas David's Bridal of North Park, Inc 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. (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 corporations on October 18, 2000 and shareholder approval was not required.

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

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Name of Corporation

Signature

David's Bridal, Inc.
(Surviving Corporations

Merging Corporations

Merging Corporations

Pavid's Bridal of Austin, Inc.

David's Bridal
Of North Park, Inc.

Signature

Typed/Printed Name of Individual & Title

Jan R. Kniffen, Vice President

Richard A. Brickson,
Vice President & Secretary

Richard A. Brickson,
Vice President & Secretary

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 Articles 5.01, 5.03(G), 5.04 and 5.16 of the Texas Business Corporation Act (the "Texas Act"), between David's Bridal of Austin, Inc. and David's Bridal of North Park, Inc., corporations organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Texas Corporations"), and David's Bridal, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (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 Texas Corporations and deems it to be in the best interests of the constituent corporations to merge the Texas Corporations into DBI;

NOW, THEREFORE, DBI and the Texas Corporations hereby agree as follows:

- 1. The Texas Corporations shall be merged with and into their sole shareowner, DBI, which shall be the surviving corporation of the merger. The Texas Corporations are 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 Texas Corporations 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 Article 5.03(G) of the Texas Act.
- 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 with the Secretary of State of the State of Texas on behalf of the Texas Corporations pursuant to Article 5.16 of the Texas Act.
- 4. 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.
- 5. DBI was qualified to do business in the State of Texas on March 24, 1995 under the name Phillie Bridals, Inc. An Application for Amended Certificate of Authority was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Texas on October 9, 2000 stating that DBI is currently doing business in the State of Texas under the name

Phillie Bridals, Inc.

- 6. The Third Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (the "Restated Articles") of DBI shall be the Restated Articles of the Surviving Corporation.
- 7. All of the issued and outstanding shares of the Texas Corporations 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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 Texas Corporations and DBI shall be vested in the Surviving Corporation in accordance with Section 607.1106 of the Florida Act and Article 5.06 of the Texas Act.

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 Austin, Inc. and David's Bridal of North Park, Inc., on this 18th day of October, 2000.

Name of Corporation	Signature	Typed/Printed Name of Individual & Title
David's Bridal, Inc. (Surviving Corporation)	Jest	Jan R. Kniffen, Vice President
Merging Corporations	1'	· ·
David's Bridal of Austin, Inc.	Mossick	Richard A. Brickson, Vice President & Secretary
David's Bridal of North Park, Inc.	1 Buces	Richard A. Brickson, Vice President & Secretary