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July 24, 2001

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

Re:

Articles of Merger merging the Georgia corporations (set forth below) into David's Bridal, Inc., a Florida corporation

Dear Mr. Spitler:

I have enclosed duplicate originals of the Articles of Merger merging the Georgia corporations set forth below 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, the Georgia corporations, the non-surviving corporations of the merger, are not qualified to do business in the State of Florida.

- 1. David's Bridal Wearhouse GA, Inc.
- 2. David's Bridal of Kennesaw GA, Inc.
- 3. David's Bridal of Morrow, GA, Inc.

If the Articles of Merger meet with your approval, please file them in duplicate original and return one filestamped original to me in the enclosed self-addressed, Federal Express envelope. I have enclosed a \$148.75 check made payable to the Florida Department of State to cover the filing fee (\$140/\$35 filing fee per corporation) and the cost of a certified copy (\$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.

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Sarah J. Westover Senior Legal Assistant

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ARTICLES OF MERGER Merger Sheet

MERGING:

David's Bridal Wearhouse GA, Inc., a Georgia corporation not qualified in Florida David's Bridal of Kennesaw GA, Inc., a Georgia corporation not qualified in Florida

David's Bridal of Morrow, GA, Inc., a Georgia corporation not qualified in Florida

INTO

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

File date: July 26, 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	ı is:	
Name	Jurisdiction	
David's Bridal, Inc.	Florida	
Second: The name and jurisdiction of each merging corpora	tion is:	ZOOI SEC
<u>Name</u>	Jurisdiction	2001 JUL 26 SECKLIARY
David's Bridal Wearhouse GA, Inc.	Georgia	Ring o
David's Bridal of Kennesaw GA, Inc.	Georgia	
David's Bridal of Morrow, GA, Inc.	Georgia	75
Third: The Plan of Merger is attached as Exhibit A.	000.5.0	PH 4: 02 OF STATE E, FLORIDA
Fourth: The merger shall become effective on the date the A Department of State.	rticles of Merger are filed with the Fl	orida
OR / / (Enter a specific date. NO filing or more than 90 day.	TE: An effective date cannot be prio s in the future.)	r to the date of
Fifth: Adoption of Merger by surviving corporation - (COM	PLETE ONLY ONE STATEMEN	T)
The Plan of Merger was adopted by the shareholders of the sur	viving corporation on	
The Plan of Merger was adopted by the board of directors of the October 18, 2000 and shareholder approval was not required.	ne surviving corporation on	
Sixth: Adoption of Merger by merging corporations(s) (COM	IPLETE ONLY ONE STATEMEN	(T)
The Plan of Merger was adopted by the shareholders of the me	rging corporations(s) on	,
The Plan of Merger was adopted by the board of directors of th October 18, 2000 and shareholder approval was not required.	e merging corporation(s) on	
(Attach additional sheet	s if necessary)	

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Seventh: SIGNATURES FOR EACH CORPORATION Typed/Printed Name of Individual & Title Name of Corporation Signature David's Bridal, Inc. (Surviving Corporation **Merging Corporations** David's Bridal Richard A. Brickson, Wearhouse GA, Inc. Vice President & Secretary David's Bridal Richard A. Brickson, of Kennesaw GA. Inc Vice President & Secretary David's Bridal Richard A. Brickson, Vice President & Secretary of Morrow, GA, Inc.

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 Sections 14-2-1104, 14-2-1105 and 14-2-1107 of the Georgia Business Corporation Code (the "Georgia Code"), between the Georgia corporations set forth in Exhibit 1 (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Georgia Corporations") 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 Georgia Corporations and deems it to be in the best interests of the constituent corporations to merge the Georgia Corporations into DBI;

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

- 1. The Georgia Corporations shall be merged with and into their sole shareowner, DBI, which shall be the surviving corporation of the merger. None of the Georgia Corporations are 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 Georgia 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 Sections 14-2-1104 and 14-2-821 of the Georgia 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 with the Secretary of State of Georgia on behalf of the Georgia Corporations pursuant to Section 14-2-1105 of the Georgia Code.
- 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 Georgia on March 9, 1994 under the name Phillie Bridals, Inc. An Amended Certificate of Authority was filed with the Secretary of State of Georgia on May 23, 1996 which changed the name of the corporation to David's Bridal, 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 Georgia 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 Georgia Corporations and DBI shall be vested in the Surviving Corporation in accordance with Section 607.1106 of the Florida Act and Section 14-2-1106 of the Georgia 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 the Georgia Corporations, on this 18th day of October, 2000.

Name of Corporation	Signature	Typed/Printed Name of Individual & Title	e ¹¹
David's Bridal, Inc. (Surviving Corporation)	JRH.	Jan R. Kniffen, Vice President	- <u>-</u>
Merging Corporations	,.0		
David's Bridal Wearhouse GA, Inc.	MAZUKE	Richard A. Brickson, Vice President & Secretary	-
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David's Bridal of Morrow, GA, Inc.	12Break	Richard A. Brickson, Vice President & Secretary	in the second of

EXHIBIT 1

GEORGIA CORPORATIONS TO BE MERGED INTO DAVID'S BRIDAL, INC. (a Florida corp.)

David's Bridal Wearhouse GA, Inc. David's Bridal of Kennesaw GA, Inc. David's Bridal of Morrow, GA, Inc.

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