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CUSTOMER: Ms. Susan Mallek
Metals Usa, Inc.
Three Riverway
Suite 600
Houston, TX 77056

FOREIGN FILINGS

NAME: INDEPENDENT METALS, L.L.C.

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**APPLICATION BY FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FOR AUTHORIZATION TO
TRANSACTION BUSINESS IN FLORIDA**

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 608.503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO REGISTER A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY TO TRANSACTION BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

1. Independent Metals, L.L.C.
(Name of foreign limited liability company)

2. Delaware 39-1980012 3.
(Jurisdiction under the law of which foreign limited liability company is organized) (FEI number, if applicable)

4. 12-13-99 perpetual 5.
(Date of Organization) (Duration: Year limited liability company will cease to exist or "perpetual")

6. 1/1/2000
(Date first transacted business in Florida. (See sections 608.501, 608.502, and 817.155, F.S.)

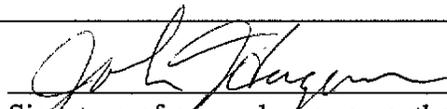
7. N115 W18945 Edison Drive
FGermantown, WI 53022-0247
(Street address of principal office)

8. If limited liability company is a manager-managed company, check here

9. The name and usual business addresses of the managing members or managers are as follows:
Metals USA, Inc.
Three Riverway, Suite 600
Houston, TX 77056

10. Attached is an original certificate of existence, no more than 90 days old, duly authenticated by the official having custody of records in the jurisdiction under the law of which it is organized. (A photocopy is not acceptable. If the certificate is in a foreign language, a translation of the certificate under oath of the translator must be submitted.)

11. Nature of business or purposes to be conducted or promoted in Florida metals processing and
distribution


Signature of a member or an authorized representative of a member.
(In accordance with section 608.408(3), F.S., the execution of this document constitutes an affirmation under the penalties of perjury that the facts stated herein are true.)

John A. Hageman, Sr. Vice President

Typed or printed name of signee
of Metals USA, Inc, sole member

COMM. REG. DIV.
STATE OF FLORIDA
12-13-99

APPROVED
BY
SECRETARY

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 608.415 or 608.507, FLORIDA STATUTES,
THE UNDERSIGNED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENT TO DESIGNATE A REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT IN THE
STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is:

Independent Metals, L.L.C.

2. The name and the Florida street address of the registered agent and office are:

Corporation Service Company
(Name)

1201 Hays Street

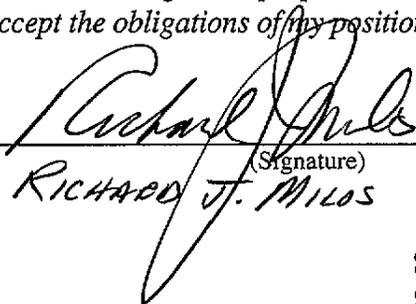
Florida street address (P.O. Box **NOT** ACCEPTABLE)

Tallahassee

FL 32301-2607

City/State/Zip

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated limited liability company at the place designated in this certificate, 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 relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent as provided for in Chapter 608, F.S..


Asst. V.P.
(Signature)
RICHARD J. MILOS

\$ 100.00	Filing Fee for Application
\$ 25.00	Designation of Registered Agent
\$ 30.00	Certified Copy (optional)
\$ 5.00	Certificate of Status (optional)

