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## ARTICLES OF MERGER

THE WELLMAN SHOE GROUP, LLC

INTO

THE WELLMAN SHOE GROUP, LLC

PLEASE RETURN THE FOLLOWING AS PROOF OF FILING:

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CONTACT PERSON: Susie Knight

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## Certificate of Merger For Florida Limited Liability Company

The following Certificate of Merger is submitted to merge the following Florida Limited Liability Company(ies) in accordance with s. 608.4382, Florida Statutes.

RST: The exact name, form/entity type, and jurisdiction for each merging party are a lows:  me Jurisdiction Form/Entity Type				
Name LI10000	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	Form/Entity Type		
The Wellman Shoe Group, LLC	Florida	Limited liability company		
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SECOND: The exact name, form/e as follows:	ntity type, and jurisdiction	of the <u>surviving</u> party are		
Name	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	Form/Entity Type		
The Wellman Shoe Group, LLC	Delaware	Limited liability company		

<u>THIRD</u>: The attached plan of merger was approved by each domestic corporation, limited liability company, partnership and/or limited partnership that is a party to the merger in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 607, 608, 617, and/or 620, Florida Statutes.

b.) Appoints the Florida Secretary of State as its agent for service of process in a proceeding to enforce obligations of each limited liability company that merged into such entity, including any appraisal rights of its members under ss.608.4351-608.43595, Florida Statutes.

**NINTH:** Signature(s) for Each Party:

Name of Entity/Organization:

The Wellman Shoe Group, LLC

Typed or Printed
Name of Individual:
Regina Wellman

The Wellman Shoe Group LLC Regina Wellman

Corporations: Chairman, Vice Chairman, President or Officer

(If no directors selected, signature of incorporator.)

General partnerships: Signature of a general partner or authorized person Florida Limited Partnerships: Signatures of all general partners

Non-Florida Limited Partnerships: Signatures of all general partners
Signature of a general partner

Limited Liability Companies: Signature of a member or authorized representative

Fees: For each Limited Liability Company: \$25.00
For each Corporation: \$35.00
For each Limited Partnership: \$52.50

For each General Partnership: \$25.00 For each Other Business Entity: \$25.00

Certified Copy (optional): \$30.00

## PLAN OF MERGER

THIS PLAN OF MERGER (the "Plan of Merger"), dated as of the day of May, 2011 is by and between The Wellman Shoe Group, LLC, a Florida limited liability company with its principal place of business at 6043 N.W. 167<sup>th</sup> St., Suite A-18, Hialeah, FL 33015 ("Wellman Shoe"), and The Wellman Shoe Group, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, with its principal place of business at 6043 N.W. 167<sup>th</sup> St., Suite A-18, Hialeah, FL 33015 (the "Surviving Company").

WHEREAS, the respective Managers of Wellman Shoe and the Surviving Company deem it advisable for the general welfare and advantage of the respective companies and their respective members to consummate a business combination in which Wellman Shoe will merge with and into the Surviving Company in accordance with the applicable laws of the States of Florida and Delaware (the "Merger");

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto, subject to the approval of W Shoe's members as required by law, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein and of the benefits to accrue to the parties hereto, have agreed and do hereby agree that Wellman Shoe be merged with and into the Surviving Company pursuant to the laws of the States of Florida and Delaware, and do hereby agree upon, prescribe and set forth the terms and conditions of the Merger, the method of carrying the same into effect, and the manner and basis of converting membership interests of Wellman Shoe into membership interests of the Surviving Company, as follows:

- 1. The Merger. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan of Merger, at the Effective Time (as defined in Section 2 hereof), Wellman Shoe shall be merged with and into Surviving Company in accordance with the applicable laws of the States of Florida and Delaware, whereupon the separate legal existence of Wellman Shoe shall cease, and Surviving Company shall continue as the surviving company. From and after the Effective Time, the Surviving Company shall possess all the property, rights, privileges, immunities, powers, and franchises and be subject to all the debts, liabilities, obligations, restrictions, disabilities, and duties of Wellman Shoe and the Surviving Company.
- 2. Effective Time. The Merger shall be effective upon filing with the Florida Secretary of State a Certificate of Merger and this Plan of Merger (the "Effective Time").
- 3. Effects of the Merger. The Merger shall have the effects set forth in the Florida Limited Liability Company Act and the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act.
- 4. Conversion of Membership Interests. At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of Wellman Shoe or the Surviving Company or any member of Wellman Shoe or the Surviving Company, the membership interests of Wellman Shoe ("Wellman Shoe Membership Interests") shall be converted into membership interests in the Surviving Company. Because 100% of the membership interests of both Wellman Shoe and the Surviving Company are owned by the same entity, it is unnecessary to calculate a conversion ratio for the Merger.

- 5. Intended Tax Consequences of Merger. For federal income tax purposes, the parties intend that the Merger be treated as a contribution to the capital of the Surviving Company, which contribution is intended to be tax-free as described in Section 721 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The parties hereto agree not to take any action which could result in the Merger failing to so qualify. For Florida documentary stamp tax purposes, the parties intend that the Merger be treated as a merger of Wellman Shoe with and into the Surviving Company, with the Surviving Company owning all of the real and personal property of Wellman Shoe by operation of law and without need for further documents or instruments of conveyance.
- 6. The Manager of the Surviving Company. As of the Effective Time, the Manager of the Surviving Company immediately prior to the Effective Time shall remain the Manager of the Surviving Company until a successor is duly appointed.

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