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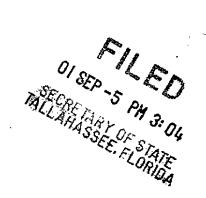
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF BLACKTHORN VENTURES, INC.

Article I - Name

The name of this corporation is Blackthorn Ventures, Inc.

Article II - Capital Stock

This corporation is authorized to issue 10,000 shares of one-cent par value common stock.

Article III - Mailing Address and Principal Office

The mailing address of the corporation is 46 North Washington Blvd., #1, Sarasota, Florida 34236, and the principal office of the corporation is 4000 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key, Florida 34228.

Article IV - Initial Registered Office and Agent

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 46 North Washington Blvd., #1, Sarasota, Florida, 34236 and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is E. Zachary Rans.

Article V - Incorporator

The name and address of the person signing these Articles is E. Zachary Rans, 46 North Washington Blvd., #1, Sarasota, Florida, 34236.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 4th day of September, 2001.

EZACHARY RANS

Incorporator

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The undersigned, E. ZACHARY RANS, having a street address of 46 North Washington Blvd., #1, Sarasota, Florida 34236, having been appointed by the directors of BLACKTHORN VENTURES, INC., as registered agent, states as follows:

- 1. The address of the registered agent shall be 46 North Washington Boulevard, Suite 1, Sarasota, Florida 34236, and shall notify the Department of State of any change in address of this office or the name of the registered agent at this address.
- 2. He accepts the appointment and consents to serve as registered agent of the corporation pursuant to Section 617.023, Florida Statutes.

E. ZACHABA RANS

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