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409 East Gaines Street
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Re: **Amendment to Articles of Incorporation
Access Insurance Company f/k/a Independent Fire Insurance Company**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed you will find an original and three copies of the Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of Independent Fire Insurance Company (the "Articles") whereby the company's name has been changed to Access Insurance Company as well as a reduction in the par value of the stock.

Please note the Articles have been approved by the Florida Insurance Commissioner.

I would appreciate if you would have the Articles filed and file-stamped copies returned to my attention in the enclosed Federal Express package which has been provided for your convenience. I would also appreciate if you would have a certified copy and certificate of status forwarded to me. I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$52.50 for the filing and certification fees.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (800)877-4567 X1225 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

INDEPENDENT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Shelley Van Winkle, CLA

Amend & N/C

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Encs.

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Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

September 13, 1999

SHELLY VAN WINKLE, CLA
STATE NATIONAL COMPANY
POST OFFICE BOX 24622
FORT WORTH, TX 76124

SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
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We have received your document for INDEPENDENT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY and your check(s) totaling \$52.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name designated in your document is unavailable since it is the same as, or it is not distinguishable from the name of an existing entity. Simply adding "of Florida" or "Florida" to the end of a name is not acceptable. Please select a new name and make the correction in all appropriate places. One or more words may be added to make the name distinguishable from the one presently on file.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6909.

Velma Shepard
Corporate Specialist

Letter Number: 699A00045122

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December 9, 1999

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS DELIVERY

Ms. Velma Shepard
Division of Corporations
Florida Department of State
Amendment Section
409 East Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

**Re: Amendment to Articles of Incorporation
State National Specialty Insurance Company f/k/a Independent Fire Insurance
Company**

Ref. Number 242415

Dear Ms. Shepard:

As you are aware, we had attempted to change Independent Fire Insurance Company's name to Access Insurance Company without success due to the similarity of the name. In this regard, enclosed you will find an original and three copies of the Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of Independent Fire Insurance Company (the "Articles") whereby the company's name has been changed to State National Specialty Insurance Company as well as a reduction in the par value of the stock. State National Specialty Insurance Company is an affiliate of State National Insurance Company, Inc., a Texas corporation.

Please note the Articles have been approved by the Florida Insurance Commissioner.

I would appreciate if you would have the Articles filed and file-stamped copies returned to my attention in the enclosed Federal Express package which has been provided for your convenience. I would also appreciate if you would have a certified copy and certificate of status forwarded to me.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (800)877-4567 X1225 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

STATE NATIONAL SPECIALTY INSURANCE
COMPANY f/k/a INDEPENDENT FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY


Shelley Van Winkle, CLA

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**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
INDEPENDENT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY**

**APPROVED
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
AND TREASURER**

DEC 7 1999

BY S. St. Mayhew
Legal Division

Pursuant to Section 607.1003, Florida Statutes, **INDEPENDENT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY**, a Florida corporation, does hereby adopt these Articles of Amendment to its Articles of Incorporation.

1. The name of the corporation is **INDEPENDENT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY**.

2. The Articles of Incorporation of this corporation are amended by changing Article I so that, as amended, said Article I shall read in its entirety as follows:

The name of this corporation is "**State National Specialty Insurance Company**".

3. The Articles of Incorporation of this corporation are amended by changing Article III so that, as amended, said Article III shall read in its entirety as follows:

The total number of shares of stock authorized is one million (1,000,000) shares of common stock having a par value of five dollars (\$5.00) per share. All of the stock of this corporation shall be fully paid and non-assessable. All of said stock shall be payable in lawful money of the United States, property, labor or services at a just valuation to be fixed by the Board of Directors.

4. The Articles of Incorporation of this corporation are amended by changing Article VI so that, as amended, said Article VI shall read in its entirety as follows:

The principal office and principal place of business of the Corporation is to be located in the City of Jacksonville, County of Duval and State of Florida, but branch offices may from time to time be opened at such other places as the Board of Directors may deem advisable.

5. The amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the corporation set forth above were adopted on the 10th day of November, 1999.

6. The amendment was approved by the shareholders. The number of votes cast for the amendment by the shareholders was sufficient for approval.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned President and Secretary, respectively, of **INDEPENDENT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY** have executed these Articles of Amendment on the 10th day of November, 1999.

INDEPENDENT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

By: Terry L. Ledbetter

Print Name: Terry L. Ledbetter
Its President

Attest: Wyatt D. Blackburn

Print Name: Wyatt D. Blackburn
Its Secretary

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