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MERGING:

RONEY & CO., INC., a Delaware corporation not qualified to transact business in  
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September 27, 1999

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ARTICLES OF MERGER

Between

RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES, INC.  
A Florida Corporation

And

RONEY & CO., INC.  
A Delaware Corporation

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Pursuant to the provisions of §607.1105, Florida Statutes, and Title 8, Section 252, Delaware Statutes, the undersigned corporations adopt the following Articles of Merger for the purpose of merging Raymond James & Associates, Inc. and Roney & Co, Inc.:

1. The names of the corporations which are parties to this merger are Raymond James & Associates, Inc. ("RJA") and Roney & Co., Inc. ("Roney"). RJA shall be the surviving corporation.
2. On August 25, 1999 the Plan of Merger was approved by the stockholders of each of the undersigned corporations in the manner prescribed by the Florida Statutes.
3. As to each of the undersigned corporations, the number of shares outstanding and the designation and number of the shares of each class entitled to vote as a class, are as follows:

RJA - 1,063,400 Shares issued  
 Roney - 100 Shares issued

4. As to each corporation, the total number of shares which voted for and/or against the Plan of Merger, respectively, is as follows:

<u>Corporation</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Class</u>
RJA	4,000,000	4,000,000	0	Common
Roney	100	100	0	Common

Executed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1999.

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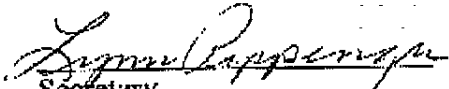
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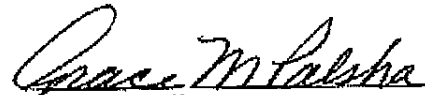
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By:   
THOMAS S. FRANKE  
PRESIDENT

Attest:

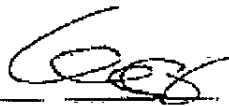
  
Secretary

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Thomas S. Franke, the President of Raymond James & Associates, Inc. and who, after being duly sworn, states that he is authorized to sign the Articles of Merger between Raymond James & Associates, Inc. and Roney & Co., Inc., and that he signed the same on behalf of Raymond James & Associates, Inc. in his capacity as President.

  
Notary Public

GRACE M. PALSHA  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
My comm. exp. Feb. 21, 2003  
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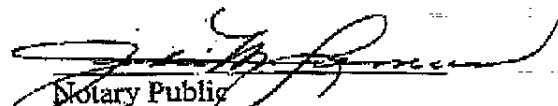
RONEY & CO., INC.

By:   
WILLIAM C. RONEY, III  
CHAIRMAN

Attest:

  
Secretary

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared William C. Roney, III, the President of Roney & Co., Inc. and who, after being duly sworn, states that he is authorized to sign the Articles of Merger between Raymond James & Associates, Inc. and Roney & Co., Inc., and that he signed the same on behalf of Roney & Co., Inc. in his capacity as Chairman.

  
Notary Public

JUDIE M. LEMUS  
Notary Public, Wayne County, Michigan  
My Commission Expires June 12, 2000

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**PLAN OF MERGER**

Plan of Merger dated September 24, 1999 between Raymond James & Associates, Inc. ("RJA") hereinafter referred to as the "surviving corporation," and Roney & Co., Inc. ("Roney"), hereinafter referred to as the "absorbed corporation."

WHEREAS, RJA is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office at 880 Carillon Parkway, St. Petersburg, Florida, 33716; and

WHEREAS, RJA has a capitalization of Four Million (4,000,000) authorized shares of common stock, of which One Million, Sixty-three Thousand, Four Hundred (1,063,400) shares are issued and outstanding; and

WHEREAS, Roney is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal office at 1 Griswold, Detroit, Michigan, 48226; and

WHEREAS, Roney has a capitalization of One Hundred (100) authorized shares of common stock of which One Hundred (100) shares are issued and outstanding; and

WHEREAS, The Boards of Directors of the constituent corporations deem it desirable and in the best business interests of the corporations and their shareholders that Roney be merged into RJA pursuant to the provisions of Title 8, Section 252 of the Delaware General Corporation Law and Sections 607.1101 et seq. of the Florida Business Corporation Act in order that the transaction qualify as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth below, the constituent corporations agree as follows:

1. **Merger.** Roney shall merge with and into RJA, which shall be the surviving corporation.
2. **Terms and Conditions.** On the effective date of the merger, the separate existence of the absorbed corporation shall cease, and the surviving corporation shall succeed to all the rights, privileges, immunities, and franchises, and all the property, real, personal, and mixed of the absorbed corporation, without the necessity for any separate transfer. The surviving corporation shall then be responsible and liable for all liabilities and obligations of the absorbed corporation, and neither the rights of creditors nor any liens on the property of the absorbed corporation shall be impaired by the merger.
3. **Conversion of Shares.** The manner and basis of converting the shares of the absorbed corporation into shares of the surviving corporation is as follows:
  - (a) Each share of the common stock of Roney issued and outstanding on the effective date of the merger shall be converted into one share of the common stock of RJA,

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which shares of common stock of the surviving corporation shall then be issued and outstanding. However, in no event shall fractional shares of the surviving corporation be issued. In lieu of the issuance of fractional shares to which any holder of the common stock of the absorbed corporation would otherwise be entitled as a result of the conversion, a payment in cash shall be made equal to the value of such fraction, based on the market value of the common stock on the effective date of the merger.

(b) The conversion shall be effected as follows: After the effective date of the merger, each holder of certificates for shares of common stock in the absorbed corporation shall surrender them to the surviving corporation or its duly appointed agent, in the manner that the surviving corporation shall legally require. On receipt of the share certificates, the surviving corporation shall issue and exchange certificates for shares of common stock in the surviving corporation, representing the number of shares of stock to which the holder is entitled as provided above. The surviving corporation shall issue to an agent for the holders otherwise entitled to fractional share interests, and the agent shall sell the whole shares and pay over the proceeds to the entitled shareholders in proportion to their fractional share interests.

(c) Holders of certificates of common stock of the absorbed corporation shall not be entitled to dividends payable on shares of stock in the surviving corporation until certificates have been issued to those shareholders. Then, each such shareholder shall be entitled to receive any dividends on shares of stock of the surviving corporation issuable to them under this plan which may have been declared and paid between the effective date of the merger and the issuance to those shareholders of the certificate for his or her shares in the surviving corporation.

4. **Changes in Articles of Incorporation.** The Articles of Incorporation of the surviving corporation shall continue to be its Articles of Incorporation following the effective date of the merger.

5. **Changes in Bylaws.** The Bylaws of the surviving corporation shall continue to be its bylaws following the effective date of the merger.

6. **Directors and Officers.** The Directors and Officers of the surviving corporation on the effective date of the merger shall continue as the Directors and Officers of the surviving corporation for the full unexpired terms of their offices. As of the effective date of the merger, Thomas S. Franke shall become a Director of the surviving corporation and shall have the title of President. All other Officers of the absorbed corporation shall retain their current titles.

7. **Approval by Shareholders.** This plan of merger shall be submitted for the approval of the shareholders of the constituent corporations in the manner provided by the applicable laws of the State of Florida at meetings to be held on or before September 29, 1999, or at such other time as to which the Boards of Directors of the constituent corporations may agree.

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8. **Effective Date of the Merger.** The effective date of this merger shall be September 25, 1999.

9. **Execution of Agreement.** This plan of merger may be executed in any number of counterparts, and each counterpart shall constitute an original instrument.

Executed on behalf of the parties by their officers, sealed with their corporate seals, and attested by their respective Secretaries pursuant to the authorization of their respective Boards of Directors on the date first above written.



RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES, INC.

By: *Thomas S. Franke*  
THOMAS S. FRANKE  
PRESIDENT

Attest:

*Lynn Ruppberg*  
Secretary

RONY & CO., INC.

By: *William C. Roney, III*  
WILLIAM C. RONEY, III  
PRESIDENT

(Corporate Seal)

Attest:

*Mark A. Clark*  
Secretary