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ARTICLES OF MERGER

VCH PUBLISHERS, INC.

INTO

JOHN WILEY & SONS, INC.

PLEASE RETURN THE FOLLOWING AS PROOF OF FILING:

CERTIFIED COPY PLAIN STAMPED COPY

CONTACT PERSON: Juan E Jones

EXAMINER'S INITIALS:

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## ARTICLES OF MERGER Merger Sheet MERGING:

VCH PUBLISHERS, INC., A FLORIDA CORPORATION, 684084.

## INTO

JOHN WILEY & SONS, INC., a New York corporation not qualified in Florida.

File date: December 27, 1996, effective January 1, 1997

Corporate Specialist: Nancy Hendricks

Account number: 072100000032 Account charged: 70.00

Articles of Merger

of

VCH Publishers, Inc.

John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

and

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SECRETARY OF STATE
ALLAHASSEE, FLORID

EFFECTIVE DATE

To the Department of State State of Florida

Pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Business Corporation Act, the domestic wholly-owned subsidiary business corporation and the foreign parent business corporation herein named do hereby adopt the following articles of merger.

- 1. Annexed hereto and made a part hereof is the Plan of Merger for merging VCH Publishers, Inc. (originally incorporated under the name Verlag Chemie International Inc.) with and into John Wiley & Sons, Inc. as approved and adopted by the board of directors of VCH Publishers, Inc. on December 23, 1996 and approved and adopted by the board of directors of John Wiley & Sons, Inc. on December 12, 1996.
- 2. The merger of VCH Publishers, Inc. with and into John Wiley & Sons, Inc. is permitted by the laws of the State of New York, the State in which John Wiley & Sons, Inc. is incorporated and has been authorized in compliance with said laws.
  - 3. Shareholder approval is not required for the merger.
- 4. The effective time and date of the merger herein provided for in the State of Florida shall be 12.01 am on January 1, 1997.

Executed on December 23, 1996

VCH PUBLISHERS, INC. INC.

Name: Robert D. Wilder

Capacity: President

JOHN WILEY & SONS, INC.

By: Stephen Kippur Capacity: Executive Vice President

## Plan of Merger

of

## VCH Publishers, Inc. (a Florida corporation)

into

John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (a New York corporation)

Under Section 905 of the New York Business Corporation Law and Section 607.0120 of the Florida Business Corporation Act

FIRST: The name of the corporation to be merged is VCH Publishers, Inc. (the "merged corporation"). The merged corporation was incorporated under the laws of Florida on August 14, 1980.

SECOND: The name of the surviving corporation is John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (the "surviving corporation"). The surviving corporation was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York on January 15, 1904.

THIRD: The designation and number of outstanding shares of each class and series of the merged corporation, all of which are owned by the surviving corporation are as follows: 5,000 common shares, \$1 par value per share.

FOURTH: The merged corporation shall be merged into the surviving corporation pursuant to the applicable provisions of the New York Business Corporation Law and the Florida Business Corporation Act. The separate existence of the merged corporation shall cease at the effective time and date of the merger pursuant to the applicable provisions of Florida Business Corporation Act; and the surviving corporation shall continue its existence as the surviving corporation pursuant to the provisions of the New York Business Corporation Law.

FIFTH: All of the outstanding shares of the merged corporation shall be canceled.

SIXTH: The merger shall not effect any changes or amendments to the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation.

SEVENTH: The officers of the surviving corporation are hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such documents and take such other action as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the Plan of Merger herein set forth.