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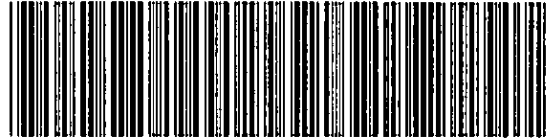
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**NAME OF CORPORATION:** The Truss Plate Institute, Inc.

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The enclosed *Articles of Amendment* and fee are submitted for filing.

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**AMENDED AND RESTATED  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE TRUSS PLATE INSTITUTE, INC.**

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Pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, the Truss Plate Institute, Inc. has adopted the following Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, amending its existing Articles of Incorporation by revising Article II and III as stated in the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation below.

**Article I**

The name of the corporation is The Truss Plate Institute, Inc.

**Article II**

The address of the principal office and the mailing address of the corporation is 2670 Old Crain Highway, Suite 203, Waldorf, MD 20601.

**Article III**

This corporation shall be organized and operated to promote the common business interests of persons engaged in the manufacture, sale, and distribution of metal connector plates for the wood truss industry. In particular, the corporation's purposes shall be to seek the improvement of business conditions in the following manner:

- a. Establishing methods of design and construction for wood trusses using metal connector plates;
- b. Compiling and disseminating test and research data concerning such trusses and plates to the engineering and construction industries;
- c. Assisting in the development of proper building code regulations pertaining to wood trusses;
- d. Protecting the public and the industry by providing quality control criteria for the manufacture of Metal Plate Connected wood trusses and metal connector plates;
- e. Disseminating to the public, in the interest of safety and public welfare, information relative to the proper use of metal plate connected wood trusses; and
- f. Disseminating to the public on a continuing basis the requirements for membership in the corporation.

**Article IV**

The business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The number of directors shall be fixed in accordance with the bylaws but shall not at any time be less than three. The method of election or appointment of directors shall be as stated in the bylaws.

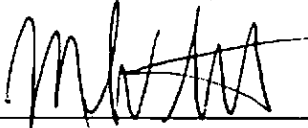
**Article V**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended or repealed by a vote of two-thirds of the corporation's voting members.

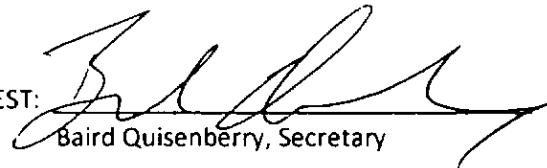
The foregoing Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Truss Plate Institute, Inc, were adopted in accordance with its existing Restatement of the Articles of Incorporation and in accordance with the provisions of the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act. The amendments and the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation were duly adopted by the voting members on April 28, 2022 with the number of votes cast for the amendments and the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation being sufficient for approval.

THE TRUSS PLATE INSTITUTE, INC.

By:

  
Michael Schwitter, President

ATTEST:

  
Baird Quisenberry, Secretary