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ACCOUNT NO. : 12000000195 REFERENCE : 427621 AUTHORIZATION : COST LIMIT : \$ 262.50 ORDER DATE: November 19, 2012 ORDER TIME : 4:57 PM ORDER NO. : 427621-010 CUSTOMER NO: 4321592 ARTICLES OF MERGER AMERIFILE, LLC; AP RE LLC; PEACHTREE BUSINESS PRODUCTS, LLC; VARSITY AP HOLDINGS LLC INTO CD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE, LTD. PLEASE RETURN THE FOLLOWING AS PROOF OF FILING: \_ CERTIFIED COPY XX PLAIN STAMPED COPY CONTACT PERSON: Carina L. Dunlap EXAMINER'S INITIALS:



### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE **Division of Corporations**

November 21, 2012

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ATTN: CARINA L. DUNLAP

Please give original submission date as file date.

SUBJECT: HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE, LTD.

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We have received your document for HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE, LTD. and the authorization to debit your account in the amount of \$152.50. However, the document has not been filed and is being retained for the following:

The fee is \$52.50 per party to the merger.

The total amount due is \$262.50.

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

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attached New Sheet.

### ARTICLES OF MERGER OF AMERIFILE, LLC, AP RE LLC, PEACHTREE BUSINESS PRODUCTS, LLC AND VARSITY AP HOLDINGS LLC WITH AND INTO HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE, LTD.

Pursuant to Section 620.2108 of the Florida Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act of 2005 (the "Act"), the undersigned surviving limited partnership does hereby certify, as follows:

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The name and state of incorporation or organization of each entity which is merging is as follows:

Name	State of Incorporation/Organization
Amerifile, LLC	Delaware
AP RE LLC	Georgia
Peachtree Business Products, LLC	Delaware
Varsity AP Holdings LLC	Delaware
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd.	Florida
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Pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Plan of Merger"), Amerifile, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, AP RE LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, Peachtree Business Products, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Varsity AP Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, will merge with and into HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd., a Florida limited partnership ("HD Supply FM"). HD Supply FM will be the surviving entity following the merger (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Surviving Company").

III.

The Plan of Merger is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

III.

These Articles of Merger shall be effective on November 26, 2012 at 12:01:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

IV.

The Certificate of Limited Partnership of HD Supply FM shall continue in full force and effect as the Certificate of Limited Partnership of the Surviving Company.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 620.2107 of the Act and each organization's governing law, the Plan of Merger was duly approved by the members of the Merging Companies and by the general partner and limited partners of HD Supply FM on November 16, 2012.

(Signature appears on the following page)

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Merger on November  $\Omega$ , 2012.

HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE, LTD.

By: HD SUPPLY GP & MANAGEMENT,

INC. Its: General arther

Name: Ricardo Nunez
Title: Vice President and Secretary

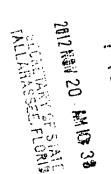
## Exhibit A

Plan of Merger

[See attached.]

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# AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER OF AMERIFILE, LLC AP RE LLC PEACHTREE BUSINESS PRODUCTS, LLC AND VARSITY AP HOLDINGS LLC WITH AND INTO HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE, LTD.



THIS AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER (this "Plan") is by and between Amerifile, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Amerifile"), AP RE LLC, a Georgia limited liability company ("AP RE"), Peachtree Business Products, LLC ("PBP"), Varsity AP Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Varsity"; collectively, Amerifile, AP RE, PBP and Varsity are referred to herein as the "Merging Companies") and HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd., a Florida limited partnership (the "Surviving Company"; collectively, the Merging Companies and the Surviving Company are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Constituent Entities").

### **BACKGROUND STATEMENT**

The Surviving Company owns 100% of the issued and outstanding membership interests of Varsity, which owns 100% of the issued and outstanding membership interests of Amerifile. Amerifile owns 100% of the issued and outstanding membership interests of PBP, which owns 100% of the issued and outstanding membership interests of AP RE.

(1) The Board of Managers and Member of Varsity, (2) the respective Members of Amerifile, AP RE and PBP, and (3) the General Partner and Limited Partners of the Surviving Company have determined that it is in the best interests of the Constituent Entities to merge to more efficiently and effectively transact and carry on their respective businesses (the "Mergers").

### PLAN AND AGREEMENT

In consideration of the premises and pursuant to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, the parties to this Plan agree that, in accordance with the terms of this Plan and the applicable statutes of the State of Georgia, the State of Florida and the State of Delaware, the Constituent Entities shall make appropriate filings with the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, the Secretary of State of the State of Florida and the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, the Merging Companies shall be merged with and into the Surviving Company, and the terms and conditions of the Merger and the means by which the Mergers shall be effectuated are as follows:

1. The Mergers and Surviving Company. At the Effective Time (as hereinafter defined) of the Mergers, pursuant to the Florida Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act of 2005 (the "FRULPA"), (i) Amerifile shall be merged with and into the Surviving Company, (ii) AP RE shall be merged with and into the Surviving Company, (iii) PBP shall be merged with and into the Surviving Company, and (ii) Varsity shall be merged with and into the Surviving Company, in each case with the Surviving Company

- 2. Effective Time of the Mergers. The Mergers shall become effective on November 26, 2012 at 12:01:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (the "Effective Time").
- 3. Effect of Mergers. The separate existence of each of Amerifile, PBP and Varsity shall cease upon the Effective Time pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware, and the separate existence of AP RE shall cease upon the Effective Time pursuant to the laws of the State of Georgia; and HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd. shall continue its existence as the Surviving Company pursuant to the provisions of the FRULPA. Without limiting any provisions of applicable law, at the Effective Time:
  - (a) the Constituent Entities shall be merged into a single limited partnership, which shall be the Surviving Company;
  - (b) the separate existence of each Merging Company shall cease;
  - (c) the Surviving Company shall have all of the rights, privileges, immunities and powers and shall be subject to all the duties and liabilities of a limited partnership organized under the FRULPA;
  - (d) the Surviving Company shall possess all the rights, privileges, immunities and franchises of each of the Constituent Entities;
  - (e) all property, real, personal and mixed, and all debts due on whatever account, and all other choses in action, all other effects under the FRULPA, and all and every other interest, of or belonging to or due to each of the Constituent Entities, shall be taken and deemed to be transferred to and vested in the Surviving Company without further act or deed;
  - (f) title to any real estate, or any interest therein, vested in any of the Constituent Entities shall not revert or be in any way impaired by reason of the Mergers;
  - (g) the Surviving Company shall be responsible and liable for all of the liabilities, obligations and penalties of each of the Constituent Entities;
  - (h) any claim existing or action or proceeding, civil or criminal, pending by or against any of the Constituent Entities may be prosecuted as if the Mergers had not taken place or the Surviving Company may be substituted in its place, and any judgment rendered against any of the Constituent Entities may be enforced against the Surviving Company; and
  - (i) neither the rights of creditors nor any liens upon the property of either of the Constituent Entities shall be impaired by the Merger.

- 4. Cancellation of the Merging Companies' Membership Interests. The issued membership interests of the Merging Companies shall not be converted or exchanged in any manner, but each said membership interest which is issued and outstanding as of the Effective Time shall be surrendered and extinguished and no payment shall be made in respect thereof.
- 5. Surviving Company Limited Partnership Interests. The existing limited partnership interests of the Surviving Company shall not be converted in any manner, but such limited partnership interests as of the Effective Time shall continue to represent limited partnership units of the Surviving Company.
- 6. Certificate of Limited Partnership. The Certificate of Limited Partnership following the Mergers shall be the Certificate of Limited Partnership of the Surviving Company.
- 7. General Partner and Officers. The General Partner and officers of the Surviving Company as of the Effective Time shall be the General Partner and officers as applicable, of the Surviving Company until changed in accordance with the Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Surviving Company and applicable law. The General Partner or any officer of the Surviving Company is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all acts and things, and to make, execute, deliver, file, and/or record any and all instruments, papers, and documents which shall be or become necessary, proper or convenient to carry out or put into effect any of the provisions of this Plam or of the Mergers.
- 8. Amendment; Termination and Abandonment. This Plant may be supplemented or amended in any manner at any time and from time to time prior to the Effective Time by the mutual consent of the Surviving Company and the Merging Companies without any action by the limited partners of the Surviving Company or the respective members of Merging Companies; provided, however, that any amendment, modification or supplement to this Plan that provides for any changes in the Certificate of Limited Partnership of the Surviving Company shall require the approval of the General Partner and Limited Partners of the Surviving Company. This Plan may be terminated and the Mergers abandoned at any time prior to the filing of a certificate of merger with the applicable Secretaries of State by action taken by the respective Boards of Managers or Members, as applicable, of the Merging Companies and the General Partner and Limited Partners of the Surviving Company.
- 9. Further Assurances. If at any time the Surviving Company shall consider or be advised that any further assignments or assurances or any other things are necessary or desirable to vest in the Surviving Company, in accordance with the terms of this Plan, the title of any property or rights of the Merging Companies, or otherwise to carry out this Plan or the Mergers, the last acting officers and Members of the Merging Companies or the corresponding officers and General Partner of the Surviving Company shall and will execute and make all such proper assignments and assurances and do all things necessary or proper to vest title in such property or rights in the Surviving Company, or otherwise to carry out this Plan or the Mergers.

- 10. Tax Treatment. For federal and state income tax purposes, moving down the chain, each of the Merging Companies is current disregarded as a separate entity from its respective 100% owner, and collectively, each of the Mergers will not result in the recognition of any gain or loss for federal and state income tax purposes. Instead, the collective result of the consummation of these Mergers for state law purposes shall be to simply establish direct legal ownership of all the assets and liabilities of the Merging Companies in the Surviving Company.
- 11. Counterparts. This Plan may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and it shall not be necessary in making proof of this Plan or its terms to produce or account for more than one of such counterparts.

(Signatures follow on next page)

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Plan is duly executed and delivered by a duly authorized officer of each of the Constituent Entities on November  $\frac{|C|}{|C|}$ , 2012.

THE MERGING COMPANIES:
AMERIFICE ALC  By:  Name: Ricardo Nunez
Title: Vice President and Secretary
AP RE LLE By:
Name Ricardo Nunez ( Title: Vice President and Secretary
DEACHTDER PHISTORY PRODUCTS LEC
By:
Name: Ricardo Nunez ( Titlez Vice President and Secretary
VARSITY AP HOLDINGS LLC  By:
Name/Ricardo Nunez Title: Vice President and Secretary
THE SURVIVING COMPANY

HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE, LTD.

By: HD SUPPLY GP & MANAGEMENT, INC.

Its: General Partner

Name: Ricardo Nunez

Title: Vice President and Secretary