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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

To: Qualification/Tax Lien Section
Division of Corporations

SUBJECT: INDIAN TABAC CIGAR COMPANY, INC.
(Name of corporation - must include suffix)

Dear Sir or Madam:

The enclosed "Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida", "Certificate of Existence", and check are submitted to register the above referenced foreign corporation to transact business in Florida. 800002648818--1
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Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

RAKESH PATEL
(Name of Person)

INDIAN TABAC CIGAR CO., INC
(Firm/Company)

314 6TH AVENUE
(Address)

VENICE, CA 90291
(City/State/Zip)

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Should you need to call someone concerning this matter, please call:

RAKESH PATEL
(Name of Person)

at (310) 581-4336
(Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number)

COURIER ADDRESS:

Qualification/Tax Lien Section
Division of Corporations
409 E. Gaines St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

MAILING ADDRESS:

Qualification/Tax Lien Section
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

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Memorandum Office of the General Counsel

TO: File

FROM: Gerard York, Assistant General Counsel

DATE: January 26, 2000

RE: Indian Tabac Cigar Company

Based on my review of the file and the payments received from the corporation, it is my recommendation that this file be closed. Corporation has paid outstanding report fees from 1999 of \$150.00 and foreign non-qualified penalties of \$500.00 assessed at the statutory minimum. Corporation wishes to be qualified to do business in the State of Florida. Accordingly, it is recommended corporation be issued a certificate of authority.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Sandra B. Mortham
Secretary of State

September 25, 1998

BAKESH PATEL
INDIAN TABAC CIGAR CO., INC.
314 6TH AVENUE
VENICE, CA 90291

SUBJECT: INDIAN TABAC CIGAR COMPANY, INC.
Ref. Number: W98000022011

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We have received your document for INDIAN TABAC CIGAR COMPANY, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

A business entity may not serve as its own registered agent. Please designate an individual or another business entity with an active registration or filing with this office, having a Florida street address identical with that of the registered office.

Pursuant to section 607.1502(4), 617.1502(4) or 608.502(4), Florida Statutes, this office collects a civil penalty of \$1000 for each year this entity transacted business or conducted its affairs in Florida prior to qualification and the appropriate annual report fees that would have been due this office had the entity qualified the year it began operations in this state. The amount due this office to cover both annual report and penalty fees is \$2315.00.

Enclosed please find a copy of section 607.1501 or 617.1501, Florida Statutes, which lists those activities that do not constitute transacting business in this state. If after reviewing this section you determine erroneous information was inserted on the application, a sworn affidavit containing the following information must be submitted: 1.) a statement indicating erroneous information was listed on the application; and 2.) the correct date the corporation began transacting business in Florida prior to the year the application was submitted did not constitute transacting business pursuant to section 607.1501 or 617.1501, Florida Statutes.

A certificate of existence, dated no more than 90 days prior to the delivery of the application to the Department of State, duly authenticated by the secretary of state or other official having custody of the records in the jurisdiction under the laws of which it is incorporated/organized, must be submitted to this office. A translation of the certificate under oath of the translator must be attached to a certificate which is in a language other than the English language. A photocopy of this certificate is not acceptable.

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) 487-6097.

Michael Mays
Document Specialist

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Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

January 11, 1999

BAKESH PATEL
INDIAN TABAC CIGAR CO., INC.
314 6TH AVENUE
VENICE, CA 90291

SUBJECT: INDIAN TABAC CIGAR COMPANY, INC.
Ref. Number: W98000022011

This letter is in response to the application by foreign corporation for authorization to transact business in Florida that was previously submitted to this office for INDIAN TABAC CIGAR COMPANY, INC..

The referenced application states that the corporation has transacted business in the State of Florida since June 12, 1996. You were notified by letter dated September 25, 1998, that because of failure to obtain a certificate of authority prior to transacting business in the State of Florida, the corporation is liable for \$2315.00 in appropriate fees and penalties as set forth in Section 607.1502(4), Florida Statutes, (copy enclosed).

Until a response is received by this office concerning the prior notification, the application by foreign corporation for authorization to transact business in Florida will not be processed. If erroneous information was reflected on the previously submitted application, a sworn affidavit may be filed stating the correct date the corporation first transacted business in Florida, that the corporation did not transact business in Florida prior to the application filing year and that the information entered on such application is incorrect. Any such affidavit will be included with your original qualification documents.

Please provide your response to this letter within 30 days to avoid the necessity of further action.

If you have further questions concerning the filing of your document, please telephone the Foreign Qualification/Tax Lien Section at (850) 487-6091.

Michael Mays
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Enclosure

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March 1, 1999

RAKESH PATEL
INDIAN TABAC CIGAR CO., INC.
314 6TH AVENUE
VENICE, CA 90291

SUBJECT: INDIAN TABAC CIGAR COMPANY, INC.
Ref. Number: W98000022011

CERTIFIED MAIL #P 348 066 899 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

This letter constitutes notice that the Department of State (Department) intends to pursue all legal remedies provided in Sections 607.0130(3) and 607.1502(4), Florida Statutes, because of the failure of INDIAN TABAC CIGAR COMPANY, INC. to pay the appropriate penalties and fees incurred by the transacting of business as a foreign corporation in Florida without authority. I have enclosed a copy of Sections 607.0130(3), 607.1501 and 607.1502, Florida Statutes, for your review.

The application submitted by INDIAN TABAC CIGAR COMPANY, INC. for authority to transact business in Florida indicates that the corporation transacted business in Florida prior to qualifying. As a result, associated penalties and fees imposed by Section 607.1502(4), Florida Statutes, are due and owing the Department.

Penalties and fees in the amount of \$2315.00 are now due. To avoid further penalty, payment must be remitted within 45 days of receipt of this letter. Please make your check payable to the Department of State and forward it to this office.

In the event the date business was first transacted in Florida is incorrect or the activity falls under an enumerated exemption provided in Section 607.1501(2), Florida Statutes, please provide this office with an affidavit to that effect. If it is determined that the affidavit establishes either circumstance, all penalties and fees previously imposed will either be withdrawn or will be recalculated in accordance with the corrected information, and the application will be processed accordingly. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please telephone (904) 487-6091. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Gerard T. York, Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures Letter No. 199A00009175

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APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 607.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO REGISTER A FOREIGN CORPORATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

1. INDIAN TABAC CIGAR COMPANY, INC
(Name of corporation; must include the word "INCORPORATED", "COMPANY", "CORPORATION" or words or abbreviations of like import in language as will clearly indicate that it is a corporation instead of a natural person or partnership if not so contained in the name at present.)
2. NORTH CAROLINA
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated)
3. _____
(FEI number, if applicable)
4. August 7, 1995
(Date of incorporation)
5. Perpetual
(Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. June 12, 1996
(Date first transacted business in Florida.) (SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.)
7. 314 6TH AVENUE
VENICE CA 90291
(Current mailing address)
8. To store and ship product, namely cigars and cigar merchandise.
(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in state of Florida)
9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box **NOT** acceptable)
Name: Tom Kuhlman
INDIAN TABAC CIGAR CO, INC
Office Address: 3001 TENNESSEE AVENUE
CLEAR WATER, Florida, 33759
(Zip code)
Indian Tobacco (727) 869-4343
discontinued
10. Registered agent's acceptance:

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this application, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Tom Kuhlman (Tom Kuhlman)
(Registered agent's signature)
11. Attached is a certificate of existence duly authenticated, not more than 90 days prior to delivery of this application to the Department of State, by the Secretary of State or other official having custody of corporate records in the jurisdiction under the law of which it is incorporated.

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FROM : INDIAN TABC CO. FULFILLMENT : PHONE NO. : 8135784414

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12. Names and addresses of officers and/or directors: (Street address ONLY - P.O. Box NOT acceptable)

A. DIRECTORS (Street address only - P.O. Box NOT acceptable)

Chairman: RAKESH PATEL

Address: 314 6TH AVENUE

VENICE, CA 90291-2610

Vice Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Director: JAY SINGLETARY

Address: 575 SNOWCAP DR.

RUIDOSO, NM 88345

Director: _____

Address: _____

B. OFFICERS (Street address only - P.O. Box NOT acceptable)

President: RAKESH PATEL

Address: 314 6TH AVENUE

VENICE, CA 90291

Vice President: JAY SINGLETARY

Address: 575 SNOWCAP DR.

RUIDOSO, NM 88345

Secretary: DIVINA PATEL

Address: 1522 NEWPORT BLVD

COSTA MESA, CA 92627

Treasurer: BRAD WARRINGTON

Address: 312 6TH AVENUE

VENICE, CA 90291

NOTE: If necessary, you may attach an addendum to the application listing additional officers and/or directors.

13. Rakesh Patel
(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. RAKESH P. PATEL / CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

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Thomas Jay Kuhlman

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EXHIBIT A

On April 13, 1998 you were notified that your corporation is not registered in the State of Florida. You must be registered in order to obtain a tobacco permit. Please be sure to return a copy of this letter with the material.

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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CERTIFICATE OF STATUS

I, **ELAINE F. MARSHALL**, *Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina*, do hereby certify that

INDIAN TABAC-COMPANY, INC.

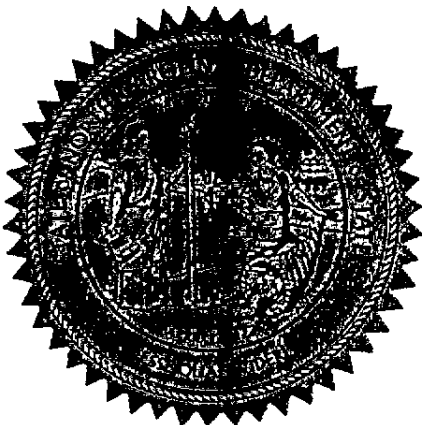
is a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina, having been incorporated on the 12th day of September, 1995, with its period of duration being perpetual.

I **FURTHER** certify the following to be true:

ADMINISTRATIVE DISSOLUTION 03-31-1997

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the City of Raleigh, this 12th day of May, 1998.



Elaine F. Marshall

Secretary of State