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CUSTOMER: Mr. Michael J. Purtell
Gipe Associates, Inc.
Dulaney Center 1
Suite 102, 849 Fairmount Ave.
Towson, MD 21286

FOREIGN FILINGS

NAME: GIPE ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

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XXXX QUALIFICATION (TYPE: CO)

PLEASE RETURN THE FOLLOWING AS PROOF OF FILING:

- XX CERTIFIED COPY
- PLAIN STAMPED COPY
- CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

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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. GIPE ASSOCIATES, 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. MARYLAND 3. 52-1164876
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)
4. NOVEMBER 9, 1979 5. perpetual
(Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. January 14, 2000
(Date first transacted business in Florida.) (SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.)
7. 849 Fairmount Avenue, Suite 102
Towson, Maryland 21286
(Current mailing address)
8. Engineering services
(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: Corporation Service Company
- Office Address: 1201 Hays Street
Tallahassee, Florida, 32301
(Zip code)

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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.

BRIAN COURINEY, ASST. VP.
(Registered agent's signature) *as its agent*

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.

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: Albert Gipe

Address: 7422 Travelers Rest Road
Easton, Maryland 21601

Vice Chairman: Gary N. Weedon

Address: 1613 Waterbury Court
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

Director: Michael J. Purtell

Address: 1202 Robin Court
Baltimore, Maryland 21227

Director: David R. Hoffman

Address: 2745 Cecil Drive
Chester, Maryland 21619

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

President: Gary N. Weedon

Address: 1613 Waterbury Court
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

Vice President: Jeff Alban

Address: 3600 Southside Avenue
Phoenix, Maryland 21131

Secretary: Gary N. Weedon

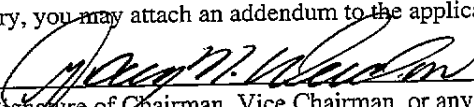
Address: 1613 Waterbury Court
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

Treasurer: Albert B. Gipe

Address: 7422 Travelers Rest Road
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NOTE: If necessary, you may attach an addendum to the application listing additional officers and/or directors.

13.  29 FEB 00
(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. Gary N. Weedon, President
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

STATE OF MARYLAND
Department of Assessments and Taxation

I, PAUL ANDERSON OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE DEPARTMENT, BY LAWS OF THE STATE, IS THE CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORDS OF THIS STATE RELATING TO CORPORATIONS CORPORATIONS TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THIS STATE, AND THAT I AM THE PROPER OFFICER TO EXECUTE THIS CERTIFICATE.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT ACCORDING TO THE RECORDS OF THIS DEPARTMENT GIPE ASSOCIATES, INC. FILED ITS ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, WHICH HAVING BEEN RECEIVED AND APPROVED FOR RECORD BY THIS DEPARTMENT ON NOVEMBER 09, 1979.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY SIGNATURE AND AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION OF MARYLAND AT BALTIMORE ON THIS FEBRUARY 10, 2000.



Paul B. Anderson
Charter Division

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