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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

To: Registration Section
Division of Corporations

SUBJECT: B. Jones & Associates, 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.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

C. Bruce Jones
(Name of Person)
B. Jones & Associates, Inc.
(Firm/Company)
6335 Amherst Court, Suite 100
(Address)
Norcross, GA 30092
(City/State/Zip)

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

C. Bruce Jones at (770) 448-7276
(Name of Person) (Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number)

STREET ADDRESS:

Registration Section
Division of Corporations
409 E. Gaines St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

MAILING ADDRESS:

Registration Section
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Enclosed is a check for the following amount:

- ☐ \$70.00 Filing Fee ☐ \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status ☐ \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy ☒ \$87.50 Filing Fee, Certificate of Status & Certified Copy



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

July 26, 2000

C. BRUCE JONES
6335 AMHERST COURT, STE 100
NORCROSS, GA 30092

SUBJECT: B. JONES & ASSOCIATES, INC.
Ref. Number: W00000018588

We have received your document for B. JONES & ASSOCIATES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The document must be signed by the chairman, any vice chairman of the board of directors, its president, or another of its officers.

A certificate of existence or a certificate of good standing, 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.

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/uniform business 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/uniform business report and penalty fees is \$2300.00.

Enclosed please find a copy of section 607.1501, 617.1501, or 608.502, 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 notarized 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, 617.1501 or 608.502, Florida Statutes.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call

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(850) 487-6097.

Michael Mays
Document Specialist

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B. Jones & Associates, Inc.

6335 Amherst Court, Suite 100
Norcross, Georgia 30092

July 31, 2000

Mr. Michael Mays, Document Specialist
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

RE: **B. JONES & ASSOCIATES, INC.**
Ref. Number: W00000018588

Dear Mr. Mays,

In reply to your letter dated July 26, 2000, for your records, we enclose an original Certificate of Existence issued by the Secretary of State, of The State of Georgia, the state in which B. Jones & Associates, Inc. is incorporated. I also enclose the application page which includes questions 13 and 14 which is now signed as required and my affidavit regarding the date on which we originally transacted business in Florida.

B. Jones & Associates, Inc. is a wholesale insurance broker and managing general agent, which sells exclusively through independent insurance agents which are independent contractors. It is for this reason that I believe that, to date, we have not been "transacting business" in Florida. Further, because of the nature of the way we do business, namely through independent contractors, we will not likely ever "transact business" within the State of Florida within the meaning of Section 607.1501, subsection (1).

We respectfully, request that the \$2,300 penalty fee be excused. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



C. Bruce Jones
Chairman of the Board

Enclosures (3)

AFFIDAVIT

State of Georgia
County of Gwinnett

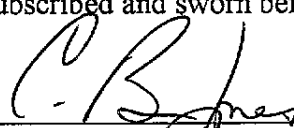
C. Bruce Jones, Chairman of the Board of B. Jones & Associates, Inc., which is located at 6335 Amherst Court, Suite 100, Norcross, Georgia 30092 being duly sworn, deposes and says:

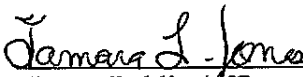
Section 607.1501, subsection (2), and paragraph (e) of the Florida Statutes states:

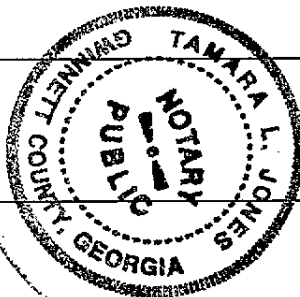
“(2) The following activities, among others, do not constitute transacting business within the meaning of subsection (1): ... (e) Selling through independent contractors...”

B. Jones & Associates, Inc. is a wholesale insurance broker and managing general agent which sells exclusively through independent insurance agents which are independent contractors. It is for this reason that I believe that, to date, we have not been “transacting business” in Florida. Anything that appears in our original application that would indicate otherwise is erroneous for which we apologize. Further, because of the nature of the way we do business, namely through independent contractors, we will not likely ever “transact business” within the State of Florida within the meaning of Section 607.1501, subsection (1).

Subscribed and sworn before me this 31st day of July, 2000.


Signature of Deponent


Notary Public (affix seal)



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STATE OF FLORIDA
NORCROSS, FLORIDA

**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. B. Jones & 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. Georgia 3. 58-1706702
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)
4. 10/27/86 5. Perpetual
(Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. April 1998
(Date first transacted business in Florida. If corporation has not transacted business in Florida, insert "upon qualification.")
(SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.)
7. a. 6335 Amherst Court, Suite 100, Norcross, GA 30092
(Principal office address)
- b. 6335 Amherst Court, Suite 100, Norcross, GA 30092
(Current mailing address)
8. Property & Casualty Insurance Wholesaler
(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: Sheryl Griner-Vachon
- Office Address: 232 Fifth Avenue
- Indianalantic, Florida 32903
(Zip code)

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.

Sheryl Griner-Vachon
(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.

12. Names and business addresses of officers and/or directors:

A. DIRECTORS

Chairman: C. Bruce Jones

Address: 4325 Bending River Trail

Lilburn, GA 30047

Vice Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Director: Peter A. Jones

Address: 3085 Haverhill Rowe

Lawrenceville, GA 30044

Director: _____

Address: _____

B. OFFICERS

President: C. Bruce Jones

Address: 4325 Bending River Trail

Lilburn, GA 30047

Vice President: None

Address: _____

Secretary: C. Bruce Jones

Address: 4325 Bending River Trail

Lilburn, GA 30047

Treasurer: _____

Address: _____

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

13. C. Bruce Jones, Chairman
(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. C. BRUCE JONES, CHAIRMAN
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

Secretary of State
Corporations Division
315 West Tower
#2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-1530

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B. JONES & ASSOCIATES, INC.
C. BRUCE JONES
6335 AMHERST COURT STE 100
NORCROSS, GA 30092

CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE

I, Cathy Cox, the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, do hereby certify under the seal of my office that

B. JONES & ASSOCIATES, INC.
A DOMESTIC PROFIT CORPORATION

was formed in the jurisdiction stated above or was authorized to transact business in Georgia on the above date. Said entity is in compliance with the applicable filing and annual registration provisions of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and has not filed articles of dissolution, certificate of cancellation or any other similar document with the office of the Secretary of State.

This certificate relates only to the legal existence of the above-named entity as of the date issued. It does not certify whether or not a notice of intent to dissolve, an application for withdrawal, a statement of commencement of winding up or any other similar document has been filed or is pending with the Secretary of State.

This certificate is issued pursuant to Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and is prima-facie evidence that said entity is in existence or is authorized to transact business in this state.



Cathy Cox

Cathy Cox
Secretary of State