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NORTHCENTRAL, INC.

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APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT
BUSINESS IN FLORIDA

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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. Metals USA Specialty Metals Northcentral, 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. Delaware 3. 36-4219582
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)
4. 3-25-98 5. Perpetual
(Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. Upon qualification
(Date first transacted business in Florida.) (SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.)
7. 3000 Shermer Road
Northbrook, IL 60065
(Current mailing address)
8. Metals processing and distribution.
(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)

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.

Corporation Service Company
By: Deborah D. Skipper
(Registered agent's signature)

Deborah D. Skipper
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)

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

Chairman: See attached officers/directors rider

Address: _____

Vice Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

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

President: See attached officers/directors rider

Address: _____

Vice President: _____

Address: _____

Secretary: _____

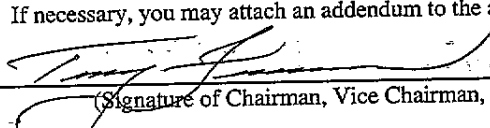
Address: _____

Treasurer: _____

Address: _____

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

13. _____



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

14. _____

Terry L. Freeman, Vice President

(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

Directors, Officers Report

Metals USA Specialty Metals Northcentral, Inc.

Thursday, August 10, 2000

DIRECTORS

Craig R. Doveala Chairman of the Board
Primary Address: 3000 Shermer Road
Northbrook, IL 60065 USA

J. Michael Kirksey Director
Primary Address: Metals, USA
Three Riverway
Suite 600
Houston, Tx 77056 USA

Robert McCluskey Director
Primary Address: 3000 Shermer Road
Northbrook, IL 60065 USA

Thomas J. Shapiro Director
Primary Address: 1070 W. Liberty Street
Wooster, OH 44691 USA

OFFICERS

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Robert McCluskey Vice President/ Treasurer/ Secretary
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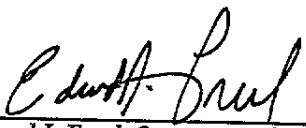
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I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "METALS USA SPECIALTY METALS NORTHCENTRAL, INC." IS DULY INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL CORPORATE EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE NINETEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D. 2000.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE FRANCHISE TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID TO DATE.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE ANNUAL REPORTS HAVE BEEN FILED TO DATE.




Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

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