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NAME: ASTON ACQUISITION, INC. *(Signature)*

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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. ASTON ACQUISITION, 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. 65-0733337  
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)
4. December 26, 1996 5. Perpetual  
(Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. Upon filing of this application.  
(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. 137 S. Pebble Beach Boulevard, Ste. 201  
(Principal office address)  
Sun City Center, Florida 33573  
(Current mailing address)
8. Real Estate acquisition.  
(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: Richard Hutchinson
- Office Address: 137 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Ste. 201  
Sun City Center, Florida 33573  
(City) (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.*

Richard Hutchinson

(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: Alfred Hoffman, Jr.

Address: 137 S. Pebble Beach Boulevard, Ste. 201

Sun City Center, Florida 33573

Vice Chairman: Don E. Ackerman

Address: 137 S. Pebble Beach Boulevard, Ste. 201

Sun City Center, Florida 33573

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

B. OFFICERS

President: Ronald Meyers - Chief Executive Officer

Address: 137 S. Pebble Beach Boulevard, Ste. 201

Sun City Center, Florida 33573

Vice President: Richard Hutchinson - Chief Financial Officer, Secretary & Treasurer

Address: 137 S. Pebble Beach Boulevard, Ste. 201

Sun City Center, Florida 33573

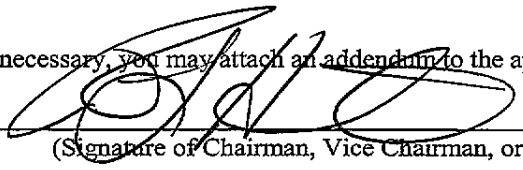
Secretary: Matthew Hoffman - Vice President

Address: 137 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Ste. 201, Sun City Center, FL 33573

Treasurer: Jacalyn Bobbitt - Vice President and Assistant Secretary

Address: 137 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Ste. 201, Sun City Center, FL 33573

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. Richard Hutchinson, Vice President  
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

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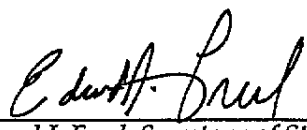
I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "ASTON ACQUISITION, INC." IS INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL CORPORATE EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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 SAID "ASTON ACQUISITION, INC." WAS INCORPORATED ON THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 1996.

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



  
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Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

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