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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. Gerdau USA 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

(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated)

3. 51-0394818

(FEI number, if applicable)

4. 09/27/99

(Date of Incorporation)

5. Perpetual

(Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")

6. 09/27/99

(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. 5100 West Lemon Street, Suite 312 Tampa, FL 33609

(Principal office address)

Same

(Current mailing address)

8. Holding Company

(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in the state of Florida)

9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box **NOT** acceptable)

Name: C T Corporation System

Office Address: 1200 South Pine Island

Plantation, Florida 33324

(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.

Vicky Goldstein

(Registered agent's signature)

**VICKY GOLDSTEIN
SPECIAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

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:

A. DIRECTORS

Chairman: See Attached

Address: _____

Vice Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

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B. OFFICERS

President: See Attached

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. Robert E. Powell

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

14. Robert E. Powell, Vice President

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

Gerdau USA, Inc.
Schedule of Officers and Directors
As of January 2000

Title

Name

President (2)

Frederico C. Gerdau Johannpeter

Vice President, Asst. Treasurer,
Asst. Secretary (1)

Tom J. Landa

Vice President, Asst. Treasurer,
Asst. Secretary (1)

Robert E. Powell

Treasurer (2)

Osvaldo B. Schirmer

Secretary (3)

Glen Beeby

Asst. Secretary (2)

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Directors

Chairman (2)

Jorge Gerdau Johannpeter

Director (2)

Frederico C. Gerdau Johannpeter

Director (2)

Carlos J Petry

Director (2)

Osvaldo B. Schirmer

Director (3)

Glen Beeby

Address:

(1) 5100 W. Lemon St. Suite 312, Tampa, FL 33609

(2) Gerdau-AV Farrapos, 1811, Porto Alegre – RS, Brazil CEP 90220-005

(3) Gerdau Courtice Steel-160 Orion Place, Cambridge, Ontario Canada N1T 1R9

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I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "GERDAU USA 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 FOURTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 2000.

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


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

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Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

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