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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

November 28, 2000

CT CORPORATION

SUBJECT: ASTRO-MED, INC. Ref. Number: W00000028033



We have received your document for ASTRO-MED, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the document has not been filed and is being retained in this office for the following:

Based upon information provided by the Florida Department of Revenue, pursuant to section 213.053(14), Florida Statutes, it appears that ASTRO-MED, INC. has transacted business in Florida prior to submitting an "Application for Authority to Transact Business in Florida". The information received from the Florida Department of Revenue indicates January 1, 1998, as the initial date of transacting business in the State of Florida.

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 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.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6917.

Gretchen Harvey
Document Specialist Supervisor

Letter Number: 700A00060419

FAX: 401 277-9600

HINCKLEY, ALLEN & SNYDER LLP

Attorneys at Law

December 1, 2000

Florida Department of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314 Attn: Gretchen Harvey, DSS

Re: Qualification of ASTRO-MED, INC.

Dear Ms. Harvey:

Thank you for taking a moment to reply to my questions during our phone conversation today regarding the qualification status of our client, Astro-Med, Inc. (hereafter, "AMI"). Pursuant to your request, I am writing this letter to elaborate on the status of our client, vis-à-vis its operations in Florida.

In your November 28, 2000 correspondence, Letter Number 700A00060419, (attached hereto) your office assessed AMI with taxes and penalties amounting to \$2,300.00, based on reports from the Florida Department of Revenue that AMI had transacted business in Florida since January 1, 1998. As I explained in our phone conversation, while AMI has indeed conducted business in the State of Florida since the aforementioned date, until this year, AMI fell under pertinent statutory exemptions to the qualification requirement.

Earlier this year, AMI acquired a company in an asset acquisition, which company included employees within the State of Florida, thereby nullifying AMI's previously exempt status. We therefore proceeded to remit the appropriate taxes, and to file the qualification documents currently being retained by your office. Please be so kind as to re-assess the qualification status of our client and file the above-mentioned documents.

I am available to answer questions or concerns you may have regarding this matter, and thank you in advance for your prompt attention.

Sincerely

Kas⁄R. DeCarvalho

KRD/lab Enclosure

· 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 Astro-Med, Inc.

| 1. | Astro-N | Astro-Med, Inc. | | | | <u>n</u> | | |
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| 7. Astro-Med Industrial Park, 600 East Greenwich Avenue | | | | | | | | |
| West Warwick, Rhode Island 02893 | | | | | | | | |
| | *************************************** | (Current maili | ng address |) | | | | |
| 8. | incorpo | nsact any or all other lawfu brated under the Rhode Islar the Business Corporation Act s) of corporation authorized in home stat | nd Busin | ess Corporida | oration Act, | and perm | y be nitted | . |
| 9. | Name and str | eet address of Florida registered a | gent: (P. | O. Box or M | Iail Drop Box <u>NC</u> | <u>)T</u> accepta | able) | |
| | Name: | CT Corporation System | | _ | | | | |
| Oi | ffice Address: | c/o CT Corporation System | ı | | | | | _ |
| | | 1200 South Pine Island Ro Plantation, Florida | | _ , Florida _ | 33424 | | | |
| | | (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.

LAUREN H. KREATZ,

SPECIAL AS SISTANT SECURTARY

(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:

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ASTRO-MED, INC.

Directors and Officers

Directors:

<u>Name</u> <u>Address</u>

Albert W. Ondis 150 Duck Cove Road

North Kingstown, RI 02852

Hermann Viets 4216 North Lake Drive

Shorewood, WI 53211

Everett V. Pizzuti 60 Lantern Lane

Exeter, RJ 02882

Jacques V. Hopkins 27 East Manning Street

Providence, RI 02906

Officers:

| <u>Title</u> | Name | Address |
|---|---------------------|---|
| Chairman and Chief Executive Officer | Albert W. Ondis | 150 Duck Cove Road North Kingstown, RI 02852 |
| President and Chief Operating Officer | Everett V. Pizzuti | 60 Lantern Lane Exeter, RI 02882 |
| President, Grass/ Telefactor Group | John B. Chatten | 600 East Greenwich Avenue West Warwick, RI 02893 |
| Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Asst. Secretary | Joseph P. O'Connell | 51 Glen Road Wellesley, MA 02181 |
| Vice President, Media Marketing | Elias G. Deeb | 480 Cedar Avenue East Greenwich, RI 02818 |
| Vice President – Engineering | Stephen M. Petrarca | 600 East Greenwich Avenue West Warwick, RI 02893 |

027470:0027137 #399963 Directors and Officers Astro-Med, Inc. Vice President – Grass/ Telefactor Research and Development Stephen E. Johnson

600 East Greenwich Avenue West Warwick, RI 02893

Secretary

Margaret D. Farrell

27 Jenny's Lane
Barrington, RI 02806 6 FLANASSEE, FLORIUS 5

James R. Langevin, Secretary of State

The Office of the Secretary of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, HEREBY CERTIFIES, that

Astro-Med, Inc.

a Rhode Island corporation, filed original articles of association in this office on the ninth day of January A.D., 1969; and

IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED that said corporation is now of respectively. has a legal existence in this office.

> SIGNED AND SEALED this twentieth day of November A.D., 2000.

James R Langevin

Secretary of State

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