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MEMO

To: Florida Secretary of State
Division of Corporations
PO Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

From: SI Premium Plan, Inc.
Marianna S. Tillman, Exec. VP/Corp. Sec.
PO Box 8010
Goldsboro, NC 27533-8010

Date: Wednesday, May 2, 2001

Subject: Certificate of Status

W01-11450

We are preparing to license our premium finance company in the state of Florida.

Please provide us with a certificate of status. You will find enclosed our completed application. Please return to me at the above address. If you have any questions, you may reach me at 919-759-3241.

Thank you for your help.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

May 21, 2001

MARIANNA S TILLMAN
PO BOX 8010
GOLDSBORO, NC 27533-8010

SUBJECT: S I PREMIUM PLAN, INC.
Ref. Number: W01000011450

We have received your document for S I PREMIUM PLAN, INC., however, upon receipt of your document no check was enclosed. Please send a check or money order payable to the Department of State for \$70.00.

The date first transacted business in Florida within the meaning of s. 607.1501 or 608.501, F.S., must be set forth in section 6 of the application. If the corporation/limited liability company has not yet transacted business in Florida within this meaning, please insert the words "upon qualification" in lieu of a date. (Note: Pursuant to s. 607.1502(4), F.S., this office collects a civil penalty of \$1000 for each year other than the application filing year, that a foreign corporation or limited liability company transacts business in this state without authority along with the past annual report/uniform business report fees due this office.)

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6097.

Michael Mays
Document Specialist

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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. SI Premium Plan, 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. North Carolina 3. 56-2091871
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)
4. 05/27/98 5. Perpetual
(Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. N/A upon qualification
(Date first transacted business in Florida.) (SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.)
7. P.O. Box 8010
Goldsboro, North Carolina 27533-8010
(Current mailing address)
8. Premium Finance Company
(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: Donna Lee Teel
Office Address: 2727 Ulmerton Rd, Suite 300
Clearwater, Florida, 33762
(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.

Donna Lee Teel
(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.

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12. Names and addresses of officers and/or directors: (Street address ONLY - P.O. Box NOT acceptable)

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

See attached addendum

Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Vice Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

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

President: _____

Address: _____

Vice President: _____

Address: _____

Secretary: _____

Address: _____

Treasurer: _____

Address: _____

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

13. Marianna S. Tillman
(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. Marianna S. Tillman, Exec. Vice Pres. / Corp. Secretary
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

ADDENDUM

Application By Foreign Corporation For Authorization To Transact Business In Florida

12. Names and addresses of officers and/or directors

Directors: Robert W. Strickland, Chairman
 133 Quail Croft Dr., Goldsboro, NC 27534

 Marianna S. Tillman
 140 Quail Croft Dr., Goldsboro, NC 27534

 Robert C. Strickland
 141 Quail Croft Dr., Goldsboro, NC 27534

 John E. Rzepinski
 103 Wren Place, Goldsboro, NC 27534

 Horace L. Best
 2108 N. Berkeley Blvd., Goldsboro, NC 27534

Officers:

Chairman of the Board, CEO	Robert W. Strickland 133 Quail Croft Dr., Goldsboro, NC 27534
President and Chief Operating Officer	Robert C. Strickland 141 Quail Croft Dr., Goldsboro, NC 27534
Executive Vice President and Corporate Secretary	Marianna S. Tillman 140 Quail Croft Dr., Goldsboro, NC 27534
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary	John E. Rzepinski 103 Wren Place, Goldsboro, NC 27534
Senior Vice President	Richard C. Yarbrough 116 Deerborn Dr., Goldsboro, NC 27534
Vice President, Operations	L. Paul Aycock 132 Quail Croft Dr., Goldsboro, NC 27534

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CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE

I, **ELAINE F. MARSHALL**, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that

SI PREMIUM PLAN, INC.

is a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina, having been incorporated on the 27th day of May, 1998, with its period of duration being Perpetual.

I **FURTHER** certify that, as of the date set forth hereunder, the said corporation's articles of incorporation are not suspended for failure to comply with the Revenue Act of the State of North Carolina; that the said corporation is not administratively dissolved for failure to comply with the provisions of the North Carolina Business Corporation Act; that its most recent annual report required by N.C.G.S. 55-16-22 **has been delivered** to the Secretary of State; and that the said corporation has not filed articles of dissolution as of the date of this certificate.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my official seal at the
City of Raleigh, this 17th day of April, 2001.

Elaine F. Marshall

Secretary of State

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