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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

TO: Qualification/Tax Lien Section
Division of Corporations

SUBJECT: THE ESAB GROUP, INC.
(Name of corporation - must include suffix)

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Dear Sir or Madam:

The enclosed "Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida", "Certificate of Existence", and check are submitted to register the above referenced foreign corporation to transact business in Florida.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

R. KERSHNER
(Name of Person)

THE ESAB GROUP, INC.
(Firm/Company)

P O BOX 100545
(Address)

FLORENCE, SC 29501-0545
(City/State/Zip)

Should you need to call someone concerning this matter, please call:

R. KERSHNER at (843) 664.5551
(Name of Person) (Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number)

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STREET ADDRESS:

Qualification/Tax Lien Section
Division of Corporations
409 E. Gaines St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

MAILING ADDRESS:

Qualification/Tax Lien Section
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

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Enclosed is a check for the following amount:

- \$70.00 Filing Fee
- \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status
- \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy
- \$87.50 Filing Fee, Certificate of Status & Certified Copy

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. THE ESAB GROUP, 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. 84-0966648 (FEI number, if applicable)
- 4. 11-14-1984 (Date of incorporation)
- 5. PERPETUAL (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. 411 SOUTH EBENEZER ROAD, FLORENCE, SC 29501

P O BOX 100545, FLORENCE, SC 29501-0545
(Current mailing address)

- 8. SOLICITATION FOR SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF WELDING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES
(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 Road
Plantation, Florida, 33324
(Zip Code)

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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.



(Registered agent's signature)

ALBERT FAULTMAN
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: (Street address **ONLY** - P.O. Box **NOT** acceptable)

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

Chairman: SAMUEL F. THOMAS

Address: 411 SOUTH EBENEZER ROAD
FLORENCE, SC 29501

Vice Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Director: SAMUEL F. THOMAS

Address: 411 SOUTH EBENEZER ROAD
FLORENCE, SC 29501

Director: FRANK T. ENGEL

Address: 2180 SATELLITE BOULEVARD, SUITE 375
DULUTH, GA 30097

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

President: SAMUEL F. THOMAS

Address: 411 SOUTH EBENEZER ROAD
FLORENCE, SC 29501

Vice President: DAVID P. MURPHY

Address: 411 SOUTH EBENEZER ROAD
FLORENCE, SC 29501

Secretary: FRANK T. ENGEL

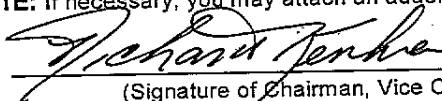
Address: 411 SOUTH EBENEZER ROAD
FLORENCE, SC 29501

Treasurer: RICHARD E. KERSHNER

Address: 411 SOUTH EBENEZER ROAD
FLORENCE, SC 29501

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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 E. KERSHNER, TREASURER
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

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I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "THE ESAB GROUP, 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 NINTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 2001.

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Harriet Smith Windsor
Harriet Smith Windsor, Secretary of State

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