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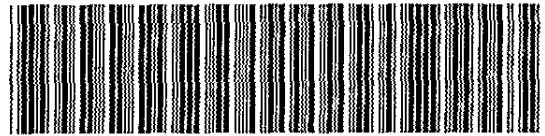
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Glenda E. Hood  
Secretary of State

March 4, 2003

JOHN AUSTIN  
EXCEL INDUSTRIES, INC.  
PO BOX 7000  
HESSTON, KS 67062

SUBJECT: EXCEL INDUSTRIES, INC.  
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We have received your document for EXCEL INDUSTRIES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

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/uniform business 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 \$9,265.00.

Enclosed please find a copy of section 607.1501, 617.1501, or 608.502, Florida Statutes, which lists those activities that do not constitute transacting business in this state. If after reviewing this section you determine erroneous information was inserted on the application, a notarized affidavit containing the following information must be submitted: 1.) a statement indicating erroneous information was listed on the application; and 2.) the correct date the corporation began transacting business in Florida prior to the year the application was submitted did not constitute transacting business pursuant to section 607.1501, 617.1501 or 608.502, Florida Statutes.

We retained your certificate from Kansas in our 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) 245-6043.

Joey Bryan  
Document Specialist

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

**TO:** Registration Section  
Division of Corporations

**SUBJECT:** Excel Industries, Inc.

(Name of corporation - must include suffix)

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:

John Austin

(Name of Person)

Excel Industries, Inc.

(Firm/Company)

P.O. Box 7000

(Address)

Hesston KS 67062

(City/State and Zip code)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

John Austin

(Name of Person)

at (620) 327 1220

(Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number)

### **STREET ADDRESS:**

Registration Section  
Division of Corporations  
409 E. Gaines St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

### **MAILING ADDRESS:**

Registration Section  
Division of Corporations  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

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

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# HUSTLER<sup>®</sup>

## Turf Equipment

March 17, 2003

Joey Bryan, Document Specialist  
Florida Department of State  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Subject: Excel Industries, Inc.  
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Excel Industries, Inc.  
Box 7000  
200 South Ridge Road  
Hesston, Kansas  
67062-2000  
620-327-4911  
www.excelhustler.com

Dear Joey,

We recently filled out "Application by Foreign Corporation for authorization to transact Business in Florida." On that form question #6 asks for date first transacted business in Florida. We indicated 10/05/95 because on that date we began business in Florida by forming a new corporation "Hustler Turf Equipment of FL", Tampa, FL. This corporation was wholly owned by Excel Industries, Inc., of Hesston, KS., but is no longer in operation.

Per the Florida Statute 607.1501 2.k, of which you forwarded a copy, I understand that the formation of this Florida corporation does not constitute transacting business in Florida by the corporation Excel Industries, Inc of Hesston, KS.

Therefore, the correct answer to question #6 on the original application should be "upon qualification".

Please accept my apologies, and continue processing our application.

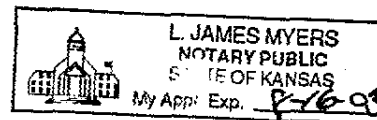
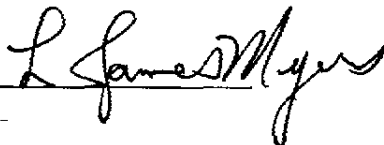
Sincerely,



Gerald Leinbach, Controller

Attested to this 19 day of March, 2003

By notary:



**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. Excel Industries, 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. Kansas

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

3. 48-0663592

(FEI number, if applicable)

4. January 1960

(Date of incorporation)

5. Perpetual

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

6. October 05 1995

(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. 200 S. Ridge Road Hesston Kansas 67062

(Principal office address)

P.O. Box 7000 Hesston Kansas 67062

(Current mailing address)

8. Sale of commercial and large homeowner lawn mowers

(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: Cooks Power Equipment Distributor, Inc.

# J88336

Office Address: 395 W. Enterprise Street

Ocoee

(City)

, Florida 34761

(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.*

*Lydia S Cook*  
(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

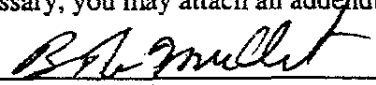
Chairman: Bob Mullet  
Address: Excel Industries, Inc.  
200 S. Ridge Road - Hesston, KS. 67062  
Vice Chairman: Paul Mullet  
Address: Excel Industries, Inc.  
200 S. Ridge Road - Hesston, KS. 67062  
Director: Kent Henson  
Address: 608 Random Road  
Hesston, KS. 67062  
Director: Lyle Koontz  
Address: 4708 Portwest  
Wichita, KS. 67204

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B. OFFICERS

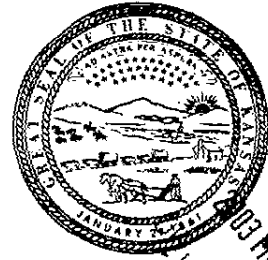
President: Paul Mullet  
Address: Excel Industries, Inc. - 200 S. Ridge Road  
Hesston, KS. 67062  
Vice President: Bob Mullet  
Address: Excel Industries, Inc. - 200 S. Ridge Road  
Hesston, KS. 67062  
Secretary: Paul Mullet  
Address: Excel Industries, Inc. - 200 S. Ridge Road - Hesston, KS. 67062  
Treasurer: Bob Mullet  
Address: Excel Industries, Inc. - 200 S. Ridge Road - Hesston, KS. 67062

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. Bob Mullet Vice President  
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

# STATE OF KANSAS

OFFICE OF  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
RON THORNBURGH



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To all to whom these presents shall come, Greetings:

I, RON THORNBURGH, Secretary of State of the state of Kansas, do hereby certify that I am the custodian of records of the State of Kansas relating to corporations and that I am the proper official to execute this certificate.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT

EXCEL INDUSTRIES, INC.

is a regularly and properly organized corporation under the laws of the state of KANSAS, having been incorporated in Kansas on the 24th day of February, A.D. 1960 and has paid all fees and franchise taxes due this office and is in good standing according to the records now on file in the office of Secretary of State.

In testimony whereof:  
I hereto set my hand and cause  
to be affixed my official seal.  
Done at the City of Topeka, this  
25th day of February, A.D. 2003



RON THORNBURGH  
SECRETARY OF STATE