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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

TO: Registration Section Division of Corporations
SUBJECT: Syndrus Trust Company, N.A. Wame 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:
Angela Wills (Name of Person)
(Name of Person)
Synovus Trust Company, N.A. & S. (Firm/Company)
P. D. Box 23024 (Address)
P. D. Box 23024 (Address) Columbus, GA 31902-3024 (City/State 2nd 2in and 2)
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For further information concerning this matter, please call:
Angela Wills at (706) 649-2558 (Name of Person) (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 & □ \$78.75 Filing Fee & □ \$87.50 Filing Fee, Certificate of Status □ Certified Copy Certified Copy



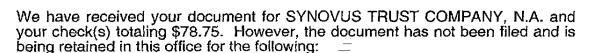
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Glenda E. Hood Secretary of State

September 15, 2003

ANGELA WILLS SYNOVUS TRUST COMPANY, N.A. PO BOX 23024 COLUMBUS, GA 31902-3024

SUBJECT: SYNOVUS TRUST COMPANY, N.A.

Ref. Number: W03000026276



Written approval and clearance of the terms BANK, BANKER, BANKING, TRUST COMPANY, BANCSHARES, SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS BANK, or CREDIT UNION or words of similar import, must be obtained from the Office of Financial Institutions, pursuant to section 655.922(2a), Florida Statutes.

Enclosed is a "Name Approval Request" form to be filled out and sent to the address indicated on the form. If the proposed name is approved by the Office of Financial Institutions, resubmit the document and approval letter to the Division of Corporations for filing.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6043.

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September 23, 2003

Ms. Angela Wills Synovus Trust Company, NA Post Office Box 23024 Columbus, Georgia 31902-3024

Dear Ms. Wills:

Re: Synovus Trust Company, NA

Thank you for your recent letter/fax requesting name approval of the above referenced federally-chartered institution located in Columbus, Georgia.

As Section 655.922, Florida Statutes, exempts a financial institution, holding company or its subsidiaries from the prohibition of using the word "bank," "banker," "banking," "trust company," "savings and loan association," "savings bank," or "credit union" in its corporate name, the Office of Financial Regulation-Financial Institution's office will not object to the use of the above corporate name being registered to transact business as a foreign corporation in the state of Florida.

Sincerely,

Linda B. Charity Deputy Director

Financial Institutions

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cc: Karon Beyer, Chief, Bureau of Commercial Recordings Division of Corporations, Secretary of State's Office

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. (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.) United States

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

(FEI number, if applicable) 5. Devoe-trad

(Duration: Fear corp. will cease to exist or "perpendil" (Date first transacted business in Itorida. If corporation has not transacted business in Florida, insert appon qualification. (SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.) 9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box NOT acceptable) Office Address: 125 W. Romana St., Suite 224

Pensacola, Florida 32502

(City)

(Zîr 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.

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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Synovus Trust Company, N.A.

Application By Foreign Corporation For Authorization to Transact Business in Florida

12. Names and business addresses of officers and/or directors

A. Directors

Chairman:

Walter M. Deriso, Jr.

Address:

P.O. Box 120, Columbus, GA 31902-0120

Director:

John S. Avant

Address:

2050 Warm Springs Road, Columbus, GA 31904

Director:

Charles W. Burgin

Address:

1313 Rhodes Street, Columbus, GA 31901

Director:

George G. Flowers

Address:

P.O. Box 23024, Columbus, GA 31902-3024

Director:

Frederick D. Jefferson, Jr.

Address:

P.O. Box 710, Thomasville, GA 31799

Director:

Marvin R. Schuster

Address:

P.O. Box 12029, Columbus, GA 31917-2029

Director:

William B. Turner

Address:

P. O. Box 140, Columbus, GA 31902

Director:

Samuel M. Wellborn, III

Address:

Box 50 Chattsworth Road, Midland, GA 31820

Director:

James D. Yancey

Address:

P.O. Box 120, Columbus, GA 31902-0120

Director:

William G. Perkins

Address:

1234 First Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901

B. Officers

President:

George G. Flowers

Address:

P.O. Box 23024, Columbus, GA 31902-3024

Secretary:

Roger L. Cupp

Address:

P.O. Box 23024, Columbus, GA 31902-3024

VP & Finance Officer:

L. Angela Wills

Address:

P.O. Box 23024, Columbus, GA 31902-3024

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Comptroller of the Currency Administrator of National Banks

Washington, D.C. 20219

CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE

I, John D. Hawke, Jr., Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that:

- 1. The Comptroller of the Currency, pursuant to Revised Statutes 324, et seq., as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1, et seq., as amended, has possession, custody and control of all records pertaining to the chartering of all National Banking Associations.
- 2. "Synovus Trust Company, National Association," Columbus, Georgia, (Charter No. 24350) is a National Banking Association formed under the laws of the United States and is authorized thereunder to transact the business of banking on the date of this Certificate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal of office to be affixed to these presents at the Treasury Department in the City of Washington and District of Columbia, this August 21, 2003.

Comptroller of the Currency

D. Lawke, Jr.