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| TO: Registration Section Division of Corporations | | | | | |
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| SUBJECT: Shimadzu Scientific Instruments, 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: | | | | | |
| Jeffrey Ratliff | | | | | |
| (Name of Person) | | | | | |
| Shimadzu Scientific Instruments, Inc, | | | | | |
| (Firm/Company) | | | | | |
| 3070 Business Park Drive, Suite H | | | | | |
| (Address) | | | | | |
| Norcross, GA 30071 | | | | | |
| (City/State and Zip code) | | | | | |
| For further information concerning this matter, please call: | | | | | |
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| (Name of Person) (Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number) STREET ADDRESS: Registration Section Division of Corporations 409 E. Gaines St. Tallahassee, FL 32399 Enclosed is a check for the following amount: (Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number) RAJLING ADDRESS: Registration Section Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314 P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314 | | | | | |
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January 18, 2005

Florida Department of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314 Letter Number: 405A00001085

Dear Tammi Cline:

In response to the letter mailed to Jeffrey Ratliff concerning penalties charged for conducting business in Florida; Shimadzu Scientific Instruments, Inc. does not agree with the fees.

In Florida, Shimadzu employs one person, who works out of his home, to solicit orders. However, all orders are sent to Shimadzu's corporate headquarters in Columbia, Maryland for acceptance. For orders that are accepted, the merchandise is shipped from Shimadzu's Maryland warehouse. Shimadzu maintains no warehouses nor otherwise stocks merchandise in the state of Florida. Other than the one employee, and the registration for sales tax, Shimadzu has no other contact with Florida.

In light of these facts, Shimadzu is not subject to Florida's foreign corporation filings, pursuant to the 2004 Florida statues section 607.1501 (f)-"Soliciting or obtaining orders, whether by mail or through employees, agents, or otherwise, if the orders require acceptance outside this state before they become contracts".

Sincerely,

Donna Sherman

Sales Tax Administrator

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Title XXXVI BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

Chapter 607 CORPORATIONS View Entire Chapter

607,1501 Authority of foreign corporation to transact business required.-

- (1) A foreign corporation may not transact business in this state until it obtains a certificate of authority from the Department of State.
- (2) The following activities, among others, do not constitute transacting business within the meaning of subsection (1):
- (a) Maintaining, defending, or settling any proceeding.
- (b) Holding meetings of the board of directors or shareholders or carrying on other activities concerning internal corporate affairs.
- (c) Maintaining bank accounts.
- (d) Maintaining officers or agencies for the transfer, exchange, and registration of the corporation's own securities or maintaining trustees or depositaries with respect to those securities.
- (e) Selling through independent contractors.
- (f) Soliciting or obtaining orders, whether by mail or through employees, agents, or otherwise, if the orders require acceptance outside this state before they become contracts.
- (g) Creating or acquiring indebtedness, mortgages, and security interests in real or personal property.
- (h) Securing or collecting debts or enforcing mortgages and security interests in property seguring the debts.
- (i) Transacting business in interstate commerce.
- (j) Conducting an isolated transaction that is completed within 30 days and that is not one in the course of repeated transactions of a like nature.
- (k) Owning and controlling a subsidiary corporation incorporated in or transacting business within this state or voting the stock of any corporation which it has lawfully acquired.
- (I) Owning a limited partnership interest in a limited partnership that is doing business within this state, unless such limited partner manages or controls the partnership or exercises the powers and duties of a general partner.
- (m) Owning, without more, real or personal property.
- (3) The list of activities in subsection (2) is not exhaustive.

January 6, 2005

JEFFREY RATLIFF 3070 BUSINESS PARK DRIVE, SUITE H NORCROSS, GA 30071

SUBJECT: SHIMADZU SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, INC.

Ref. Number: W05000000881

We have received your document for SHIMADZU SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the document has not been filed and is being retained in this office for the following:

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 \$27,626.25.

A certificate of existence or a certificate of good standing, dated no more than 90 days prior to the delivery of the application to the Department of State, duly authenticated by the secretary of state or other official having custody of the records in the jurisdiction under the laws of which it is incorporated/organized, must be submitted to this office. A translation of the certificate under oath of the translator must be attached to a certificate which is in a language other than the English language. A photocopy of this certificate is not acceptable.

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 cal (850) 245-6020.

Tammi Cline Document Specialist

Letter Number: 405A00001085

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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. Shimadzu S | cientific Instruments, In | ic, | " "COMPANY" "COPPORATION" | |
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| | o," "Inc," "Co," or "Corp.") | ED, | "COMPANY," "CORPORATION," | |
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| (If name unavailabl | e in Florida, enter alternate corporate n | ame | adopted for the purpose of transacting business in Flor | rida) |
| | X Maryland | _ 3. | 52-1035956 | |
| (State or country un | der the law of which it is incorporated) | | (FEI number, if applicable) | |
| 4. <u>May 1975</u> | | _ 5. | Perpetual | |
| (Date of | incorporation) | | (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetu | al") |
| 61980 | | | | |
| | | | n Florida, if prior to registration) 502, F.S., to determine penalty liability) | |
| 7 7102 River | rwood Drive, Columbia, MD | 21 | .046 | |
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| 8. <u>Sales of a</u> | analytical equipment. | | | |
| (Purpose(s) o | of corporation authorized in home state | or co | ountry to be carried out in state of Florida) | |
| 9. Name and street a | address of Florida registered agent: | (P.C |). Box NOT acceptable) | |
| Name: | Kenneth Jones | | <u></u> | |
| Office Address: | 3901 49th Avenue, South | | | |
| Office Address. | | | | . 23 |
| | St. Petersburg | - | , Florida 33711 | S 5 |
| | (City) | | (Zip code) | FIL 1005 JAN 20 |
| 10. Registered age | nt's acceptance: | | (2) (2) | 1C 20 |
| Having been named | l as registered agent and to accept s | servi | ce of process for the above stated corporation with ment as registered agent and agree to act in this | the place |
| further agree to con | optication, I nevery accept the appoint uply with the provisions of all statu | tes r | elative to the proper and complete performance | of my duties, |
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| | M. Jones | | | |
| | (Registered agent's signa | ture) | | |

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.

11. Attached is a certificate of existence duly authenticated, not more than 90 days prior to delivery of this application to

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

A. DIRECTORS Chairman: Address: __ Vice Chairman: Address: __ Director: Address: __ **B. OFFICERS** President: _Ando Osamu Address: 7102 Riverwood Drive Columbia, MD 21046 Vice President: Chris Grylor 7102 Riverwood Drive Address: __ Columbia, MD 21046 Secretary: <u>Ito Fumihiko</u> Address: 7102 Riverwood Drive, Columbia, MD 21046 Treasurer: Ito Fumihiko_ Address: 7102 Riverwood Drive, Columbia, MD 21046 NOTE: If necessary, you may attach an addendum to the application listing additional officers and/or directors. (Signature of Director or Officer listed in number 12 of the application) Ando Osamu

(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

STATE OF MARYLAND Department of Assessments and Taxation

I, PAUL B. ANDERSON OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE DEPARTMENT, BY LAWS OF THE STATE, IS THE CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORDS OF THIS STATE RELATING TO THE FORFEITURE OR SUSPENSION OF CORPORATIONS, OR OF CORPORATIONS TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THIS STATE, AND THAT I AM THE PROPER OFFICER TO EXECUTE THIS CERTIFICATE.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT SHIMADZU SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, INC. IS A CORPORATION DULY INCORPORATED AND EXISTING UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF THE LAWS OF MARYLAND AND THE CORPORATION HAS FILED ALL ANNUAL REPORTS REQUIRED, HAS NO OUTSTANDING LATE FILING PENALTIES ON THOSE REPORTS, AND HAS A RESIDENT AGENT. THEREFORE, THE CORPORATION IS AT THE TIME OF THIS CERTIFICATE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THIS DEPARTMENT AND DULY AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE ALL THE POWERS RECITED IN ITS CHARTER OR CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION, AND TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN MARYLAND.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY SIGNATURE AND AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION OF MARYLAND AT BALTIMORE ON THIS JANUARY 18, 2005.

Paul B. Anderson Charter Division

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