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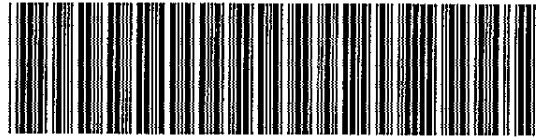
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February 2, 2006

**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

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

Re: Gardere No. 114901.12; Western International Gas & Cylinders, Inc.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find an Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida for the above-referenced corporation. Also enclosed is check no. 051582 for \$78.75 to cover the filing and certified copy fees. Please also find a certificate of existence from the Texas Sec. of State, where this Company is incorporated.

If you would kindly send the certified copy to the following, I would appreciate it:

Nancy McCormick  
Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP  
1000 Louisiana, Suite 3400  
Houston, Texas 77002-5007

Thanks much.

Very truly yours,

*Nancy E. McCormick*

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Paralegal to Jane Hammond

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

**TO:** Registration Section  
Division of Corporations

**SUBJECT:** Western International Gas & Cylinders, 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:

Nancy McCormick  
(Name of Person)

Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP  
(Firm/Company)

1000 Louisiana, Ste. 3400  
(Address)

Houston, TX 77002-5007  
(City/State and Zip code)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Nancy McCormick at ( 713 ) 276-5944  
(Name of Person) (Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number)

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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

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. Western International Gas & Cylinders, Inc.  
(Enter name of corporation; must include "INCORPORATED," "COMPANY," "CORPORATION,"  
"Inc.," "Co.," "Corp.," "Inc.," "Co.," or "Corp.")  
  
(If name unavailable in Florida, enter alternate corporate name adopted for the purpose of transacting business in Florida)
2. Texas 3. 74-2368053  
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)
4. April 16, 1985 5. perpetual  
(Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. 2/28/02  
(Date first transacted business in Florida, if prior to registration)  
(SEE SECTIONS 607.1501 & 607.1502, F.S., to determine penalty liability)
7. 7173 Highway 159E, Bellville, TX 77418  
(Principal office address)  
7173 Highway 159E, Bellville, TX 77418  
(Current mailing address)
8. Production of acetylene  
(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 NOT acceptable)  
Name: Capitol Corporate Services, Inc.  
Office Address: 1333 North Duval  
Tallahassee, Florida 32303  
(City) (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.

Capitol Corporate Services, Inc.

By: Dulanie Case, asst. sec.  
(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:

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**A. DIRECTORS**

Chairman: W. D. Hord, Jr.

Address: 2222 Indiana Ave., Lubbock, TX 79410

Vice Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Director: W. D. Hord, III

Address: 2222 Indiana Ave., Lubbock, TX 79410

Director: Janice Hord

Address: 2222 Indiana Ave., Lubbock, TX 79410

**B. OFFICERS**

President: W. D. Hord, III

Address: 2222 Indiana Ave., Lubbock, TX 79410

Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: Janice Hord

Address: 2222 Indiana Ave., Lubbock, TX 79410

Treasurer: W. D. Hord, Jr.

Address: 2222 Indiana Ave., Lubbock, TX 79410

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

13. \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Director or Officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. W. D. Hord, III, President

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

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Corporations Section  
P.O.Box 13697  
Austin, Texas 78711-3697



Roger Williams  
Secretary of State

## Office of the Secretary of State

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of Texas, does hereby certify that the document, Articles Of Incorporation for WESTERN INTERNATIONAL GAS & CYLINDERS, INC. (filing number: 74786000), a Domestic For-Profit Corporation, was filed in this office on April 16, 1985.

It is further certified that the entity status in Texas is in existence.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused to be impressed hereon the Seal of State at my office in Austin, Texas on February 02, 2006.



A handwritten signature of Roger Williams in black ink.

Roger Williams  
Secretary of State