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DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIVISION OF CORD CRATCHS TALLAHASSET, FLORIDA

March 31, 2006

Loria Poole Florida Department of State Division of Corporations PO Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Helm General Corporation

Letter Number: 706A0017566

Dear Loria:

In response to your letter dated March 14, 2006, I am writing to request an abatement, partially or in full, of the \$1,000 civil penalty being assessed Helm General Corporation ("HGC"). HGC only receives a partnership K-1 from a partnership that transacts interstate commerce (railcar leasing) in Florida. We only became aware that we needed to file a Florida corporation return upon receiving a Florida partnership K-1 schedule, and we were unaware that this obligated HGC to register with the Florida Department of State. Now that we have been apprised of this requirement we have attempted to register with your Department, and going forward we will pay any annual fees on a timely basis.

Thank you for your consideration of our request for penalty abatement.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Hein Tax Manager

Attachments



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DEPARIMENT OF STATE DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

April 4, 2006

SUSAN HEIN HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION 505 SANSOME ST. STE 1800 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111

SUBJECT: HELM GENERAL CORPORATION

Ref. Number: W06000012368

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

Based on the information you have provided and in accordance with s.607.1502(4), 608.502(4) or 617.1502(4), F.S., this office will reduce the civil penalty of \$1,000 per year to \$500 per year for each year this entity transacted business or conducted its affairs in Florida prior to qualification. Therefore, the total amount due to cover both annual report/uniform business report and penalty fees is \$650.00.

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 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) 245-6934.

Loria Poole **Document Specialist**

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ear Sir or Madam:	
he 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 transact business in Florida.	
ease return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following: Sign Heta (Name of Person) Helm Financial Corporation (Firm/Company) 505 Sawsome St., Ste. 1800 (Address)	
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APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA

	WITH SECTION 607.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO EIGN CORPORATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.
(Enter name of co	rporation; must include "INCORPORATED," "COMPANY," "CORPORATION," rp," "Inc," "Co," or "Corp.")
	ele in Florida, enter alternate corporate name adopted for the purpose of transacting business in Florida)
2. Au	nder the law of which it is incorporated) 3. 94-3301089 (FEI number, if applicable)
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4	9-1-1998 5. SERFETUAL (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
(Date o	Λ
6	MACAMBER.
	(Date first transacted business in Florida, if prior to registration) (SEE SECTIONS 607.1501 & 607.1502, F.S., to determine penalty liability)
750	5 SANSOME ST., STE. 1800 SAN FRANCISCO 94111 (Principal office address)
	SAME
	(Current mailing address)
8.	RATICAR LEASTING.
(Purpose(s)	of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in state of Florida)
	address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box NOT acceptable)
Name:	CT CORP. System
Office Address:	CT CORP. System 1200 So. PINE ISLANDROAD 179 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7
	PLANTATION, Florida 33324 SEA W
	$\begin{array}{c c} \hline \text{(City)} & , \text{Florida} \\ \hline \text{(Zip code)} & \\ \hline \end{array}$
10. Registered age	
Having been named designated in this a further agree to con	I as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place pplication, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I uply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my niliar, with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.
	MASEEM A. CONDE SPECIAL ASST. SECRETARY
	(Pagistared 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 JOHN F. DAINS
Address: C/o HELM FINALCOLD CORP 505 SANSOME ST. STE 1800
In Francisco (A 9411)
Vice Chairman: JOSEPH F. LENCEWICZ III
Address: c/o HELM FIN'L. CORP. 505 SANCONE ST. STE. 1800
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111
Director: JOSEAH F. McKENNEY
Address: _ c/o HELM FINIL. CORP 505 SANGLE ST. SE 1800
Sa FRANCIECO CA 94111
Director: _ L. MIKE MOSS
Address: 40 HELL FIN'L. CORP. 505 SMEARE ST SRE 1800
SAN FRANCISCO CA 94111
B. OFFICERS
President: JOHN F. DATOS
Address: SAME AS ABOVE
Vice President: KENNETH W. MILLER JR.
Address: Clo HELM FIN'L CORP. 505 GALSONE ST STE 1800
SANFRANCISCO CA 94111
Secretary: MATTHEW M. OKBURN CFO: BARBARA W. WILSON
Address: c/o HELN FINL. CORP. 505 CANSONE ST. STE 1800 SF CA 9411
Treasurer: DOSGEH F. MCKENNEY ASST. SEL'Y + TREAS: SHAWN J. D'KEEFE
Address: c/o HEM FEN'L. CORP. SOJ SANGUE ST STE. 1800 SF CA 94111
NOTE: If necessary, you may attach an addendym to the application listing additional officers and/or directors.
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(Signature of Director of Officer listed in number 12 of the application)
14. SHAWN J. O'KEKFE
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

State of California Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF STATUS DOMESTIC CORPORATION

I, BRUCE McPHERSON, Secretary of State of the State of California, hereby certify:

That on the 1st day of April, 1998, HELM GENERAL CORPORATION became incorporated under the laws of the State of California by filing its Articles of Incorporation in this office; and

That said corporation's corporate powers, rights and privileges are not suspended on the records of this office; and

That according to the records of this office, the said corporation is authorized to exercise all its corporate powers, rights and privileges and is in good legal standing in the State of California; and

That no information is available in this office on the financial condition, business activity or practices of this corporation.

this certificate and affix the Great Seal of the State of California this day of June 16, 2006.



BRUCE McPHERSON Secretary of State

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