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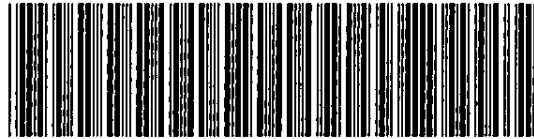
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## VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

New Filing Section  
Division of Corporations  
Clifton Building  
2661 Executive Center Circle  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Re: Arona Corporation  
Application for Certificate of Authority

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find the following materials related to the qualification of Arona Corporation, an Iowa corporation (the "Company"), as a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in the State of Florida:

1. Cover Letter
2. Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida executed by CT Corporation System, as registered agent for the Company in the State of Florida, and by an authorized officer of the Company.
3. Certificate of Existence issued by the Iowa Secretary of State on April 24, 2007. Please note that the Iowa Secretary of State now issues its Certificates of Existence by electronic means and that the enclosed Certificate of Existence is therefore deemed to be an original Certificate of Existence under Iowa law.

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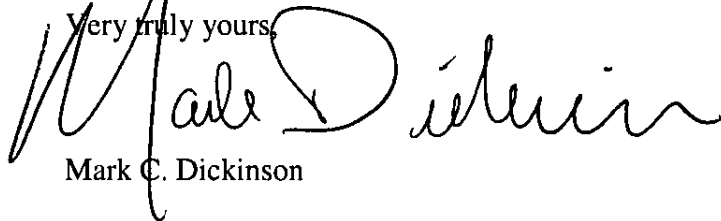
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4. Check in the amount of \$78.75 made payable to the Florida Department of State.

Upon filing of the Application, please issue a Certificate of Status and direct the Certificate of Status to the undersigned at the address set forth on the Cover Letter.

Please contact the undersigned at (515) 283-3166 in the event you should have any questions in regard to this matter. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark C. Dickinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" being more prominent and the last name "Dickinson" written in a continuous script.

Mark C. Dickinson

MCD/jlw  
Enclosures  
cc: Thomas R. Bernau

## COVER LETTER

**TO:** New Filing Section  
Division of Corporations

**SUBJECT:** Arona Corporation

(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:

Mark C. Dickinson

(Name of Person)

Nyemaster, Goode, West, Hansell & O'Brien, P.C.

(Firm/Company)

700 Walnut, Suite 1600

(Address)

Des Moines, IA 50309-3899

(City/State and Zip code)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Mark C. Dickinson

(Name of Person)

at ( 515 ) 283-3166

(Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number)

**STREET/COURIER ADDRESS:**

New Filing Section  
Division of Corporations  
Clifton Building  
2661 Executive Center Circle  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

**MAILING ADDRESS:**

New Filing 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. Arona Corporation**

(Enter name of corporation; must include "INCORPORATED," "COMPANY," "CORPORATION,"  
"Inc.," "Co.," "Corp.," "Inc.," "Co.," or "Corp.")

**Arona Corporation (Iowa)**

(If name unavailable in Florida, enter alternate corporate name adopted for the purpose of transacting business in Florida)

2. **Iowa** 3. **42-1455271**  
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)
4. **April 26, 1996** 5. **Perpetual**  
(Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. **May 1, 2007**  
(Date first transacted business in Florida, if prior to registration)

(SEE SECTIONS 607.1501 & 607.1502, F.S., to determine penalty liability)

**7. 4801 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312**

(Principal office address)

**4801 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312**

(Current mailing address)

**8. Consumer rental/purchase business**

(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: **CT Corporation System**

Office Address: **1200 South Pine Island Road**

**Plantation**, Florida **33324**  
(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.*

(Registered agent's signature)

**James M. Halpin**  
Assistant Secretary

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.

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

A. DIRECTORS

Chairman: Thomas R. Bernau

Address: 4801 Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa 50312

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

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

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

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

B. OFFICERS

President: Thomas R. Bernau

Address: 4801 Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa 50312

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

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

Secretary: Thomas R. Bernau

Address: 4801 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312

Treasurer: Thomas R. Bernau

Address: 4801 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312

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

13. Thomas R. Bernau, Pres  
(Signature of Director or Officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. Thomas R. Bernau, President  
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

**IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE  
MICHAEL A. MAURO**



Date: 04/24/2007

**CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE**

Name: ARONA CORPORATION (490 DP - 195293)  
Date of Incorporation: 4/26/1996  
Duration: PERPETUAL

I, MICHAEL A. MAURO, Secretary of State of the State of Iowa, custodian of the records of incorporations, certify that the corporation named on this certificate is in existence and was duly incorporated under the laws of Iowa on the date printed above, that all fees required by the Iowa Business Corporation Act have been paid by the corporation, that the most recent biennial corporate report has been filed by the Secretary of State, and that articles of dissolution have not been filed.

Certificate ID: CS13242

To validate this certificate please visit  
the following web site and enter the certificate ID.

[www.sos.state.ia.us/ValidateCertificate](http://www.sos.state.ia.us/ValidateCertificate)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Mauro".  
**MICHAEL A. MAURO**      **SECRETARY OF STATE**