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TO: New Filing Section
Division of Corporations

SUBJECT: A. M. Best Company, 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:

John M. Fodera, Sr. Tax Analyst
(Name of Person)

A.M. Best Company, Inc.
(Firm/Company)

Ambest Road
(Address)

Oldwick, NJ 08858
(City/State and Zip code)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

John M. Fodera at (908) 439-2200 x5808
(Name of Person) (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

A.M. BEST COMPANY

Ambest Road
OLDWICK, NEW JERSEY 08858
908-439-2200
FAX 908-439-3296
www.ambest.com

April 23, 2007

Ms. Becky McKnight
Document Specialist
Florida Department of State
PO Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: A.M. Best Company, Inc.
FEIN: 13-4955140

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Dear Ms. McKnight:

Pursuant to my conversation with Ms. Diane Cushing of your office today, I am writing to request that the Civil Penalty applied to our account be reduced.

AM Best Company began business in Florida during 2003. At that time, our business was expanding dynamically and we struggled to keep pace with the rapid changes to our tax environment and the added compliance burden those changes demanded.

Prior to my arrival in December of 2004, there was no tax department or tax professional on staff. When we began filing tax returns in Florida during 2003, we were simply unaware that we needed to qualify with the Department of State.

We came forth willingly during 2003 and remain a taxpayer in good standing with the Department of Revenue. We never willfully attempted to disregard the law and strive to be in complete tax and legal compliance. It is this spirit which lead us to seek qualification upon realizing we had never done so.

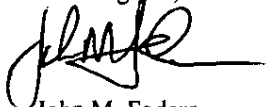
Therefore, I am enclosing the following for your review.

- 1) Copy of your letter dated 3/26/2007.
- 2) A check in the amount of \$2,600 which represents 4 years of Annual Report Fees and a civil penalty which has been reduced by 50% at the instruction of Ms. Cushing.

Please accept this letter with our apologies for the oversight and approve our request for Foreign Authority Qualification.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 908-439-2200 x5808.

Best Regards,



John M. Fodera
Tax Manager



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Corporations

March 26, 2007

JOHN M FODERA, SR.
AMBEST ROAD
OLDWICK, NJ 08858

SUBJECT: A.M. BEST COMPANY, INC.
Ref. Number: W07000014736

We have received your document for A.M. BEST COMPANY, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

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 if 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 \$4600.00.

Please return the original and one copy of 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 call (850) 245-6931.

Becky McKnight
Document Specialist
New Filing Section

Letter Number: 507A00020448

**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. A.M. Best Company, 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. New Jersey

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

3. 13-4955140

(FEI number, if applicable)

4. 11/29/1965

(Date of incorporation)

5. Perpetual

(Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")

6. 2003

(Date first transacted business in Florida, if prior to registration)
(SEE SECTIONS 607.1501 & 607.1502, F.S., to determine penalty liability)

7. Ambest Road Oldwick, NJ 08858

(Principal office address)

Ambest Road Oldwick, NJ 08858

(Current mailing address)

8. Provision of Insurance Rating Services

(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

(City)

, Florida 33324

(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)

**Jennifer Sodano
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: Please see the attached listing

Address: _____

Vice Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

B. OFFICERS

President: _____

Address: _____

Vice President: _____

Address: _____

Secretary: _____

Address: _____

Treasurer: _____

Address: _____

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. **Thomas J. Plummer, Treasurer**

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

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AM Best Company, Inc.
Attachment to Application for Certificate of Authority

Officers of the Corporation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Address</u>
Arthur Snyder	President and Chairman	Ambest Road - Oldwick, NJ 08858
Arthur Snyder, III	Executive Vice President & Secretary	Ambest Road - Oldwick, NJ 08858
Paul C. Tinnirello	Executive Vice President	Ambest Road - Oldwick, NJ 08858
Larry G. Mayewski	Executive Vice President	Ambest Road - Oldwick, NJ 08858
Thomas J. Plummer	Treasurer	Ambest Road - Oldwick, NJ 08858

Directors of the Corporation

Arthur Snyder	President and Chairman	Ambest Road - Oldwick, NJ 08858
Arthur Snyder, III	Executive Vice President & Secretary	Ambest Road - Oldwick, NJ 08858
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
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A. M. BEST COMPANY, INC.
1325264000

*I, the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey, do
hereby certify that the above-named
New Jersey Domestic Profit Corporation was
registered by this office on November 29, 1965.*

*As of the date of this certificate, said business
continues as an active business in good standing
in the State of New Jersey, and its Annual Reports
are current.*

*I further certify that the registered agent and
registered office are:*

*Corporation Service Company
830 Bear Tavern Rd
West Trenton, NJ 08628*

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
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A. M. BEST COMPANY, INC.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and
affixed my Official Seal
at Trenton, this
20th day of February, 2007

Bradley Abelow

Bradley Abelow
State Treasurer

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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