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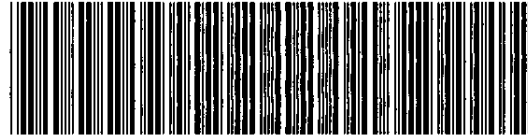
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TO: New Filing Section
Division of Corporations

SUBJECT: NovaStar Financial, 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," or "Certificate of Good Standing" 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:

Julia Connely, Corporate Paralegal

Name of Person

NovaStar Financial, Inc.

Firm/Company

2114 Central Street, Suite 600

Address

Kansas City, MO 64108

City/State and Zip code

jconnely@novastarfinancial.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Julia Connely, Corporate Paralegal at (816) 237-7375

Name of Person

Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number

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Enclosed is a check for the following amount:

☐ \$70.00 Filing Fee

☒ \$78.75 Filing Fee &
Certificate of Status

☐ \$78.75 Filing Fee &
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☐ \$87.50 Filing Fee,
Certificate of Status &
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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. NovaStar Financial, 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. Maryland 3. 74-2830661
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)
4. September 13, 1996 5. Perpetual
(Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. _____
(Date first transacted business in Florida, if prior to registration)
(SEE SECTIONS 607.1501 & 607.1502, F.S., to determine penalty liability)
7. 2114 Central Street, Suite 600, Kansas City, MO 64108
(Principal office address)
2114 Central Street, Suite 600, Kansas City, MO 64108
(Current mailing address)
8. Holding company
(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: Corporation Service Company
Office Address: 1201 Hays Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
(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.

Judith Reyes, Judith Reyes
(Registered agent's signature) ASST. 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: W. Lance Anderson

Address: 2114 Central Street, Suite 600, Kansas City, MO 64108

Vice Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Director: W. Lance Anderson

Address: 2114 Central Street, Suite 600, Kansas City, MO 64108

Director: Gregory T. Barmore

Address: 93 Governor's Point Road, Harpswell, ME 04079

B. OFFICERS

President: W. Lance Anderson

Address: 2114 Central Street, Suite 600, Kansas City, MO 64108

Vice President: John Holtmann

Address: 2114 Central Street, Suite 600, Kansas City, MO 64108

Secretary: Rodney Schwatken

Address: 2114 Central Street, Suite 600, Kansas City, MO 64108

Treasurer: Rodney Schwatken

Address: 2114 Central Street, Suite 600, Kansas City, MO 64108

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

13. 

Signature of Director or Officer

The officer or director signing this document (and who is listed in number 12 above) affirms that the facts stated herein are true and that he or she is aware that false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

14. Rodney Schwatken, Secretary/CFO

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

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Department of Assessments and Taxation

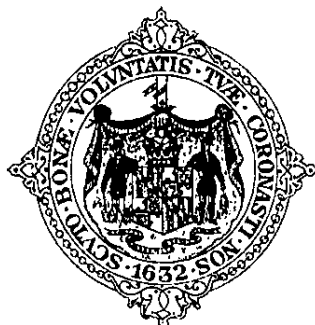
I, PAUL B. ANDERSON OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE DEPARTMENT, BY LAWS OF THE STATE, IS THE CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORDS OF THIS STATE RELATING TO THE FORFEITURE OR SUSPENSION OF CORPORATIONS, OR THE RIGHTS OF CORPORATIONS TO TRANSACT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

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT NOVASTAR FINANCIAL, INC., INCORPORATED SEPTEMBER 13, 1996, 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 17, 2012.



Paul B. Anderson
Charter Division



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