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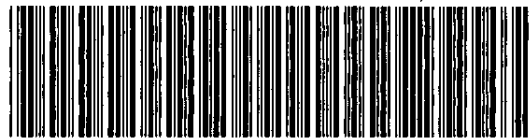
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July 2, 2013

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GERMAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF T
1170 HOWELL MILL ROAD, SUITE 300
ATLANTA, GA 30318

SUBJECT: GERMAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE
SOUTHERN UNITED STATES, INC.
Ref. Number: W13000037618

We have received your document for GERMAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE OF THE SOUTHERN UNITED STATES, 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):

The entity's date of incorporation/organization must be listed in the document.

According to the application submitted to this office, this entity transacted
business in the state of Florida before properly registering with the Florida
Department of State, Division of Corporations. Consequently, a \$500 civil penalty
and an annual report filing fee for each year the entity failed to properly file a
Florida annual report are due this office. Based on the date entered on the
application, the civil penalty and annual report filing fees total \$650.00.

Please return the corrected 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) 245-6052.

Thomas Chang
Regulatory Specialist II
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June 18, 2013

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P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Dear Sir/Madam:

We have enclosed the required documents to register as a foreign not for profit corporation to conduct its affairs in the State of Florida. We have shown July 19, 2012 as the date we first conducted business in Florida. This included having a volunteer in place to help coordinate our business interests. However, the Grand Opening is not taking place until July 19th, 2013 (one year apart). We have no employees in the State of Florida. We were not sure if we should have shown July 19th, 2013 as the opening date or leave as such as July 19, 2012.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely, .

Martina Stegmeier
CEO/President
404-586-6805

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DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS
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August 2, 2013

The Honorable Ken Detzner
Florida Secretary of State
R. A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

Re: Application for Registration by the German American Chamber of Commerce of
the Southern United States, Inc. "GACC")

Dear Secretary Detzner:

I am on the Board of Directors of the GACC and serve as Secretary and General Counsel. I would like to request a waiver of the proposed civil penalty of \$650 as noted in the enclosed July 22, 2013 Memorandum from Thomas Chang.

During calendar year 2012, the GACC did not have a physical presence in the State of Florida and did not have any paid employees. The only activities of the GACC during 2012 were the hosting of a few receptions and the official announcement of establishing the GACC – Florida Chapter, which was made on July 19, 2012. On July 19, 2013, the Bauer Foundation officially donated office space and we felt like registration was now appropriate since the GACC would have a physical presence and an increased number of events and receptions. We still do not have any full-time employees.

One of the tangible benefits for the State of Florida with the GACC – Florida Chapter will be efforts to recruit German investment and German companies to Florida. We would hope that the State of Florida could roll out a warm welcome mat for the GACC.

I would very much appreciate your consideration of this request to waive the penalty and to allow us to process the registration for calendar year 2013.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Tom Harrold, Jr.

Thomas J. Harrold, Jr.

cc: Martina Stellmaszek

Enclosures

COVER LETTER

TO: New Filing Section
Division of Corporations

SUBJECT: German American Chamber of Commerce of the Southern United States, Inc.
Name of Corporation – must include suffix

Dear Sir or Madam:

The enclosed "Application by Foreign Not for Profit Corporation for Authorization to Conduct its Affairs in Florida", "Certificate of Existence", or "Certificate of Status" and check are submitted to register the above referenced not for profit corporation to conduct its affairs in Florida.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Martina Stegmeier or Betty Weller

Name of Person

German American Chamber of Commerce of the Southern U.S. Inc.

Firm/Company

1170 Howell Mill Road, Suite 300

Address

Atlanta, GA 30318

City/State and Zip Code

bweller@gaccsouth.com

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

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Betty Weller

Name of Person

at (**404**) **586-6831**

Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number

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STREET/COURIER ADDRESS:

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

Enclosed is a check for the following amount:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$70.00 Filing Fee | <input type="checkbox"/> \$78.75 Filing Fee &
Certificate of Status | <input type="checkbox"/> \$78.75 Filing Fee &
Certified Copy | <input type="checkbox"/> \$87.50 Filing Fee,
Certificate of Status &
Certified Copy |
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**APPLICATION BY FOREIGN NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO
CONDUCT ITS AFFAIRS IN FLORIDA**

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 617.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO
REGISTER A FOREIGN NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT ITS AFFAIRS IN
THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

1. German American Chamber of Commerce of the Southern United States, Inc.

(Name of corporation: must include the word "INCORPORATED" or "CORPORATION" or words or abbreviations of like import in language as will clearly indicate that it is a corporation instead of a natural person or partnership if not so contained in the name at present. "Company" or "Co." may not be used as a corporate suffix by a nonprofit corporation.)

2. Georgia

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

3. 58-2203456

(FEI number, if applicable)

4. January 01, 1900

(Date of Incorporation)

5. Perpetual

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

6. July 19, 2013

(Date first conducted affairs in Florida if prior to registration. See sections 617.1501 & 617.1502, F.S. to determine penalty liability.)

7. 1170 Howell Mill Road, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30318

(Principal office address)

1170 Howell Mill Road, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30318

(Current mailing address)

8. Promotion of German business relations and events

(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in the state of Florida)

9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box **NOT** acceptable)

Name: Mr. Charles Puccini

Office Address: 13203 Byrd Legg Drive

Odessa

(City)

Florida 33556

(Zip Code)

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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)

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 addresses of officers and/or directors

A. DIRECTORS

Chairman: Martin Richenhagen

Address: 4205 River Green Parkway, Duluth, GA 30096

Vice Chairman: Steven Markham

Address: 1170 Howell Mill Road, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30318

Director: See attached listing

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

B. OFFICERS

President: Martina Stegmeier

Address: 1170 Howell Mill Road, Ste 300, Atlanta, GA 30318

Vice President: _____

Address: _____


Secretary: Thomas J. Harrold, Jr.

Address: 1170 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30309

Treasurer: Thomas Topp

Address: 1000 Gutenberg Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30144

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

13. 
(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. Martina Stegmeier, CEO/President

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

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Mr. Martin Richenhagen (Chairperson)
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Mr. Dennis Wagner (Director)

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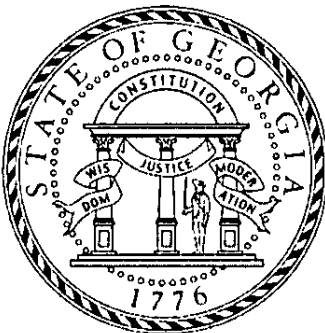
I, Brian P. Kemp, the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, do hereby certify under the seal of my office that

GERMAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE SOUTHERN UNITED
STATES, INC.
A Domestic Corporation

was formed in the jurisdiction stated above or was authorized to transact business in Georgia on the above date. Said entity is in compliance with the applicable filing and annual registration provisions of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and has not filed articles of dissolution, certificate of cancellation or any other similar document with the office of the Secretary of State.

This certificate relates only to the legal existence of the above-named entity as of the date issued. It does not certify whether or not a notice of intent to dissolve, an application for withdrawal, a statement of commencement of winding up or any other similar document has been filed or is pending with the Secretary of State.

This certificate is issued pursuant to Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and is prima-facie evidence that said entity is in existence or is authorized to transact business in this state.



B: P. Kemp

Brian P. Kemp
Secretary of State

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