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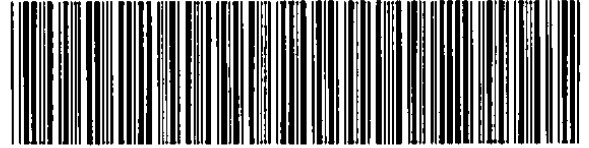
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## COVER LETTER

**TO:** Registration Section  
Division of Corporations

**SUBJECT:** South State Advisory, 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:

V. Nicole Comer

Name of Person

South State Bank, National Association

Firm/Company

PO Box 1030,

Address

Columbia, SC 29202-1030

City/State and Zip code

nici.comer@southstatebank.com

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

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

James Metropol

at ( 803 ) 231-5023

Name of Person

Area Code

Daytime Telephone Number

**STREET/COURIER ADDRESS:**

Registration Section  
Division of Corporations  
The Centre of Tallahassee  
2415 N. Monroe Street, Suite 810  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

**MAILING ADDRESS:**

Registration Section  
Division of Corporations  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Enclosed is a check for the following amount:

Please make check payable to: **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

☐ \$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. South State Advisory, 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. South Carolina 3. 27-1803704  
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)

4. 03/02/2010 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date of incorporation) (Date of duration, if other than 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. 520 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC 29201  
(Principal office street address)

PO Box 1030, Columbia, SC 29202-1030  
(Current mailing address, if different)

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

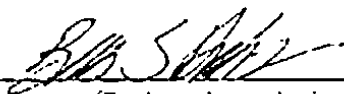
Name: Beth DeSimone

Office Address: 1101 First Street South

Winter Haven, Florida 33880  
(City) (Zip code)

**9. 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)

10. 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.

11. For initial indexing purposes, list names, titles and addresses of the primary officers and/or directors [up to six (6) total]:

**A. DIRECTORS**

☒ Chairman Name: Brian Barker  
☐ Vice Chairman Address: 200 East Broad Street, Suite 100  
☒ Director Greenville, SC 29601  
☒ President \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Vice President \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Chairman Name: Kelly Gardner  
☐ Vice Chairman Address: 520 Gervais Street  
☐ Director Columbia, SC 29201  
☐ President \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Vice President \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ ☒ Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

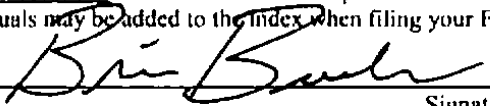
☐ Chairman Name: Raymond Hrin  
☐ Vice Chairman Address: 520 Gervais Street  
☒ Director Columbia, SC 29201  
☐ President \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Vice President \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Important Notice:** Use an attachment to report more than six (6). The attachment will be imaged for reporting purposes only. Non-indexed individuals may be added to the index when filing your Florida Department of State Annual Report form.

12.   
Signature of Director or Officer

The officer or director signing this document (and who is listed in number 11 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.

13. Brian Barker, President  
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

**Directors of South State Advisory, Inc.**

Brian Barker, Chair - 200 East Broad Street, Ste 100, Greenville, SC 29601

Ed Jacques - 520 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC 29201

David Kirkpatrick - 520 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Shaun Merriman - 1100 S. Tamiami Trail, Ste 201, Sarasota, FL 34236

Marshall Minton - 520 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC 29201

**Officers of South State Advisory, Inc.**

Brian Barker, President, Chief Investment Officer - 200 East Broad Street, Ste 100, Greenville, SC 29601

Kelly Gardner, Secretary & Treasurer - 520 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC 29201

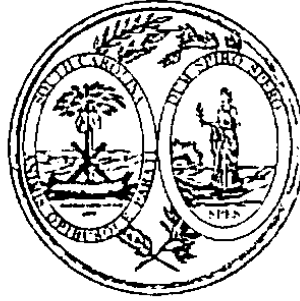
Raymond Hrin, Chief Compliance Officer and BSA-AML-OFAC Officer - 520 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC 29201

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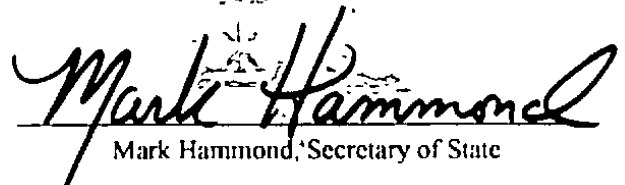
*Office of Secretary of State Mark Hammond*

## **Certificate of Existence**

**I, Mark Hammond, Secretary of State of South Carolina Hereby Certify that:**

SOUTH STATE ADVISORY, INC., a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of South Carolina on March 2nd, 2010, and having a perpetual duration, unless otherwise indicated below, has as of the date hereof filed all reports due this office, paid all fees, taxes and penalties owed to the State, that the Secretary of State has not mailed notice to the corporation that it is subject to being dissolved by administrative action pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §33-14-210, and that the corporation has not filed articles of dissolution as of the date hereof.

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal  
of the State of South Carolina this 26th day  
of January, 2021.

  
Mark Hammond, Secretary of State