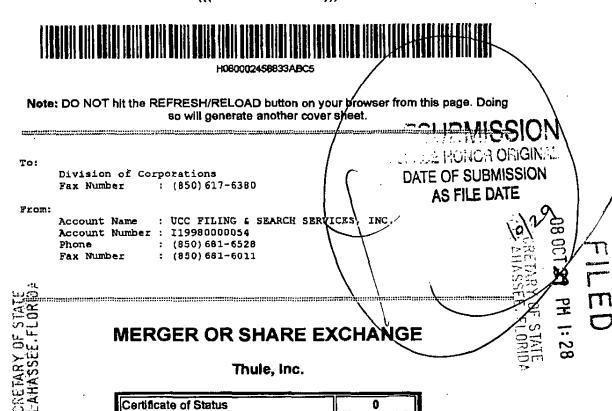


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SUBJECT: UNITED WELDING SERVICES, INC.

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We received your electronically transmitted document. However, the document has not been filed. Please make the following corrections and refax the complete document, including the electronic filing cover sheet.

The merger submitted was prepared in compliance with section 607.1109 Florida Statutes which provides for mergers between domestic corporations and other business entities as defined in section 607.1108, Florida Statutes. Pursuant to section 607.1108(7), Florida Statutes, any merger consisting solely of the merger of one or more domestic corporations with or into one or more foreign corporations shall be consummated solely in accordance with section 607.1107, Florida Statutes. Section 607.1107, Florida Statutes then refers you to section 607.1105, Florida Statutes.

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## ARTICLES OF MERGER

(Profit Corporations)

The following articles of merger are submitted in accordance with the Florida Business Corporation Act, pursuant to section 607.1105, Florida Statutes.

Name .	Jurisdiction	<u>Document Number</u> (If known/ applicable)	
Thule, Inc.	Connecticut		
Second: The name and jurisdiction of e	ach merging corporation:		
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United Welding Services, Inc.	Florida	(It Allows applicable)	
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Seventh: SIGNATURES F	OR EACH CORPORATION	•
Name of Corporation	Signature of an Officer or Director	Typed or Printed Name of Individual & Title
Thule, Inc.	Fully Chik	Frederic M. Clark, President
United Welding Services, Inc.	luly	Mark Cohen, Vice President
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## PLAN OF MERGER

(Merger of subsidiary corporation(s))

The following plan of merger is submitted in compliance with section 607.1104, Florida Statutes, and in accordance with the laws of any other applicable jurisdiction of incorporation.

The name and jurisdiction of the <u>parent</u> corporation owning at least 80 percent of the outstanding shares of each class of the subsidiary corporation:

Name	<u>Jurisdiction</u>
Thule, inc.	Connecticut
The name and jurisdiction of each subsidiary corpor	ration:
<u>Name</u>	Jurisdiction
United Welding Services, Inc.	Florida
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The manner and basis of converting the shares of the subsidiary or parent into shares, obligations, or other securities of the parent or any other corporation or, in whole or in part, into cash or other property, and the manner and basis of converting rights to acquire shares of each corporation into rights to acquire shares, obligations, and other securities of the surviving or any other corporation or, in whole or in part, into cash or other property are as follows:

The Stock of United Welding Services, Inc. will be cancelled upon the merger. The sole stockholder of United Welding Services, Inc. will receive no consideration for the merger.

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THE FOLLOWING MAY BE SET FORTH IF APPLICABLE:

Amendments to the articles of incorporation of the surviving corporation are indicated below or attached;

Not applicable.

<u>OR</u>

Restated articles are attached:

Other provisions relating to the merger are as follows:

United Welding Services, Inc., a Florida corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Thule Inc., a Connecticut corporation, will merge into Thule, Inc. United Welding Services, Inc. will cease to exist following the merger. Thule, Inc., the surviving corporation, will succeed to all of the assets and liabilities of United Welding Services, Inc.