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DePuy ACE Medical Company
2260 East El Segundo Boulevard
El Segundo, California 90245
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August 25, 1997

Florida Department of State
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

RE: ACE Medical Company
DePuy ACE Medical Company

Dear Ms. Bigson:

Attached are the documents you requested in your letter dated June 3 1997. (attached)

I hope the additional information I have enclosed will enable you to perform the name change requested. Should there be anything further you need to process our request please don't hesitate to give me a call. I can be reached toll free at 1-800-421-2871 extension 1015.

Respectfully,
DePuy ACE

Susan O'Connor
Finance Secretary

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Attachments

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Sandra B. Mortham
Secretary of State

June 3, 1997

DEPUY ACE MEDICAL COMPANY
2260 EAST EL SEGUNDO BLVD.
EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245

SUBJECT: ACE MEDICAL COMPANY
Ref. Number: F93000004008

We have received your document for ACE MEDICAL COMPANY and your check(s) totaling \$35.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

An original, duly authenticated certificate from the state of incorporation/organization evidencing the amendment, must be submitted with the application. The certificate must have been issued within the past 90 days.

THE APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED. THE DATE OF CHANGE IN THE HOME STATE MUST APPEAR IN #4. THIS DATE SHOULD BE THE SAME DATE AS SHOWN AS THE DATE OF CHANGE ON THE CERTIFICATE. PLEASE CALL IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS REQUEST.

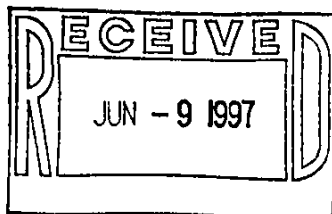
The date of authorization to transact business in Florida must be contained in the document.

Please return 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 (904) 487-6880.

Karen Gibson
Corporate Specialist

Letter Number: 297A00029896



**APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION TO FILE AMENDMENT TO
APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN
FLORIDA**

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

SECTION I (1-3 must be completed)

1. Ace Medical Company
Name of corporation as it appears within the records of the Department of State
2. Incorporated under laws of: California
3. Date authorized to do business in Florida: January, 1, 1987

SECTION II (4-7 complete only the applicable changes)

4. If the amendment changes the name of the corporation, when was the change effected under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation?

Yes

September 9, 1996

5. Name of corporation after the amendment, adding suffix "corporation," "company," "incorporated," or appropriate abbreviation, if not contained in new name of the corporation:

DePuy Ace Medical Company

6. If the amendment changes the period of duration, indicate new period of duration.

N/A

7. If the amendment changes the jurisdiction of incorporation, indicate new jurisdiction.

N/A

Katherine Greenberg, E.V.P. & Asst. Secretary

Katherine Greenberg
Signature

Name and Title

2-28-97

Date

<OFFICER EXECUTING: NAME & TITLE
OF PRIMARY SIG(P)@>



SECRETARY OF STATE

CORPORATION DIVISION

RE: ACE MEDICAL COMPANY name changed to: DEPUY ACE
MEDICAL COMPANY

I, **BILL JONES**, Secretary of State of the State of California,
hereby certify:

That the annexed transcript was prepared by and in
this office from the record on file, of which it purports
to be a copy, and that it is full, true and correct.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute
this certificate and affix the Great
Seal of the State of California this

JUL 11 1997



Bill Jones

Secretary of State

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By the Office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

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CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT
OF
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ACE MEDICAL COMPANY

Bill Jones
BILL JONES, Secretary of State

Robert E. Morel and Steven L. Artusi certify that:

1. They are the chief executive officer and president and the secretary, respectively, of ACE Medical Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California.

2. That an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation at this corporation has been approved by the board of directors.

3. Article First of the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"The name of the corporation is DePuy ACE
Medical Company."

4. That the sole shareholder has adopted said amendment by written consent. That the wording of said amendment as approved by written consent of the sole shareholder is the same as that set forth above. That said written consent was signed by the holder of outstanding shares having not less than the minimum number of required votes of shareholders necessary to approve said amendment in accordance with Section 902 of the California Corporation Code.

5. That the designation and total number of outstanding shares entitled to vote on or give written consent to said amendment and the minimum percentage vote required of each class or series entitled to vote on or give written consent to said amendment for approval thereof are as follows:


<u>Designation</u>	<u>Number of shares outstanding entitled to vote or give written consent</u>	<u>Minimum percentage vote required to approve</u>
Common Stock	31,900	At least 50 percent

6. That the number of shares of each class which gave written consent in favor said amendment equaled or exceeded the minimum percentage vote required of each class entitled to vote, as set forth above.

7. That this certificate shall become effective upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State for the State of California.

We further declare under penalty or perjury under the laws of the State of California that the matters set forth in this certificate are true and correct of our own knowledge.

Executed at El Segunda, California on August 14, 1996.


 Name: Robert E. Morel
 Title: Chief Executive Officer and
 President


 Name: Steven L. Artusi
 Title: Secretary

June 30, 1997



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This letter represents our written consent to the name change of our subsidiary company, Ace Medical Company, to DePuy Ace Medical Company as of September 9, 1996.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Thomas J. Oberhausen'.

Thomas J. Oberhausen
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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