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Re: Filing of Application By Foreign Corporation To Transact Business
in Florida

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find the Application of A Foreign Corporation To Transact Business in Florida for filing with your office on behalf of Port Everglades Steel Corporation, a Delaware corporation, together with a check in the amount of \$122.50, in payment of filing fees and for one certified copy.

Please return evidence of this filing to the undersigned in the pre-addressed, federal express package provided.

Should you have any questions concerning the enclosed document please contact the undersigned at (404) 264-2648.

Thank you for your prompt assistance.

Very Truly Yours,

SMITH, GAMBRELL & RUSSELL

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cc: Arthur Jay Schwartz
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

TO: QUALIFICATION/TAX LIEN SECTION
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS

SUBJECT: Port Everglades Steel Corporation
(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", 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:

Lisa Ierulli-Clark

(Name of Person)

Smith, Gambrell & Russell

(Firm/Company)

3343 Peachtree Road, N.E., Suite 1800

(Address)

Atlanta, Georgia 30326

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Should you need to call someone concerning this matter, please call:

Lisa Ierulli-Clark

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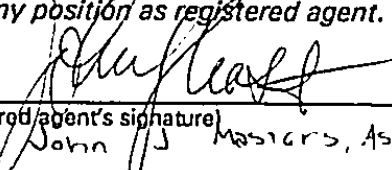
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APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO
TRANSACTION BUSINESS IN FLORIDA

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 607.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS
SUBMITTED TO REGISTER A FOREIGN CORPORATION TO TRANSACTION BUSINESS IN THE
STATE OF FLORIDA:

1. Port Everglades Steel Corporation
(Name of corporation: must include the word "INCORPORATED", "COMPANY", "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.)
2. Delaware 3. 65-0531334
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)
4. 8 26-94 5. "Perpetual"
(Date of Incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. upon qualification
(Date first transacted business in Florida. (See sections 607.1501, 607.1502, and 617.155, F.S.)
7. 1000 Urban Center Parkway, Suite 300
Birmingham, Alabama 35242-2516
(Current mailing address)
8. retail and wholesale of steel products
(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:
Name: CT Corporation System
Office Address: 1200 South Pine Island Road
Plantation, Florida, 33324
(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.

(Registered agent's signature) John J. Masters, Asst Secy.
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 addresses of officers and/or directors:

A. DIRECTORS

Chairman: Jamen A. Todd, Jr.

Address: 1000 Urban Center Parkway, Suite 300
Birmingham, Alabama 35242

Vice Chairman: Paul H. Ekberg

Address: 1000 Urban Center Parkway, Suite 300
Birmingham, Alabama 35242

Vice Chairman
Director: Thomas N. Tyrroll

Address: 1000 Urban Center Parkway, Suite 300
Birmingham, Alabama 35242

Director: _____

Address: _____

B. OFFICERS

President: _____

Address: _____

Vice President: Robert G. Wilson

Address: 1000 Urban Center Parkway, Suite 300
Birmingham, Alabama 35242

Secretary: Cathy W. Pecher

Address: 1000 Urban Center Parkway, Suite 300
Birmingham, Alabama 35242

Treasurer: J. Daniel Garrett

Address: 1000 Urban Center Parkway, Suite 300
Birmingham, Alabama 35242

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

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

14. Catherine W. Pecher, Secretary
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

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Office of the Secretary of State PAGE 1

I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "PORT EVERGLADES STEEL CORPORATION" IS DULY INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL CORPORATE EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE ELEVENTH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1995.

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