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Qualification/Tax Lien Section Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
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Re: ***Paula Thrasher Diamond Importers, Inc.***

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*****70.00 *****70.00

Dear Sir or Madam:

The enclosed "Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida," "Certificate of Existence," and a check in the amount of \$70 payable to the Florida Secretary of State are submitted to register the above-referenced foreign corporation to transact business in Florida.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Tim O'Neill
Harding, Shultz & Downs
800 Lincoln Square
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If you need to call someone concerning this matter, please call the undersigned at (402) 434-3000. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

HARDING, SHULTZ & DOWNS

Tim O'Neill
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dx 7/10/98

cc: Ms. Paula Thrasher
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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

**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. Paula Thrasher Diamond Importers, Inc.
(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. Nebraska 3. 47-0791961
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)
4. July 19, 1995 5. Perpetual
(Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. February 12, 1998
(Date first transacted business in Florida.) (SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.)
7. FirstBank Building, Suite 101
4818 S. 108th Street, Omaha, NE 68137
(Current mailing address)
8. All lawful purposes of a corporation organized in Nebraska.
(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in state of Florida)
9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box NOT acceptable)
Name: Mike Thrasher
Office Address: 27633 Hickory Blvd.
Bonita Springs, Florida, 34134
(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)

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: (Street address **ONLY** - P.O. Box **NOT** acceptable)

A. DIRECTORS (Street address only - P.O. Box NOT acceptable)

Chairman: Paula Thrasher

Address: FirstBank Building, Suite 101

4818 S. 108th Street, Omaha, NE 68137

Vice Chairman: Cristan K. Blackman

Address: 105 Reva Ridge Road

Hendersonville, TN 37075

Director: Edward G. Blackman IV

Address: 9146 S. Cromwell

Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

Director:

Address:

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B. OFFICERS (Street address only - P.O. Box NOT acceptable)

President: Paula Thrasher

Address: FirstBank Building, Suite 101

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Vice President: Mike Thrasher

Address: 27633 Hickory Blvd.

Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Secretary: Paula Thrasher

Address: FirstBank Building, Suite 101


4818 S. 108th Street, Omaha, NE 68137

Treasurer: Paula Thrasher

Address: FirstBank Building, Suite 101

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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. Paula Thrasher, President

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

STATE OF

NEBRASKA



United States of America,
State of Nebraska

SS.

Department of State

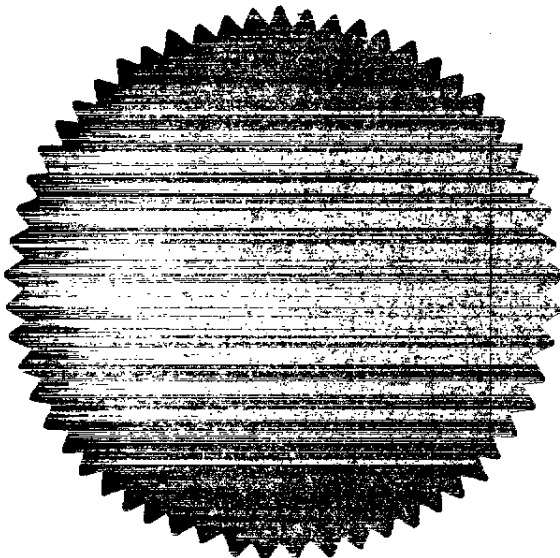
I, Scott Moore, Secretary of State of the
State of Nebraska do hereby certify that

PAULA THRASHER DIAMOND IMPORTERS, INC.

was duly incorporated under the laws of this
state on July 19, 1995 and do further
certify that no occupation taxes assessed are
unpaid and no annual reports are delinquent;
articles of dissolution have not been filed;
and said corporation is in existence as of the
date of this certificate.

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In Testimony Whereof,



I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed the Great Seal of the State
of Nebraska.

Done at Lincoln this

twenty-eighth

day of April

in the year of our Lord, one thou-
sand nine hundred and ninety eight.

Scott Moore

SECRETARY OF STATE

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