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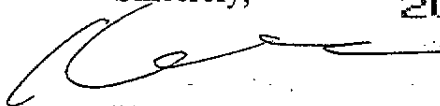
Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find documents evidencing the name change of Thoratec Corporation, a California corporation qualified to do business in your state. Thoratec Corporation was formerly known as Thoratec Laboratories Corporation. These documents are accompanied by the appropriate filing fee.

In the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope, please return a stamped copy of the documents so as to certify their filing with your office.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call me at (650) 324-7074.

Sincerely,


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

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SECTION I (1-3 must be completed)

1. Thoratec Laboratories Corporation

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: September 25, 1998

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?

February 14, 2001

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

Thoratec Corporation

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

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

Cheryl Hess

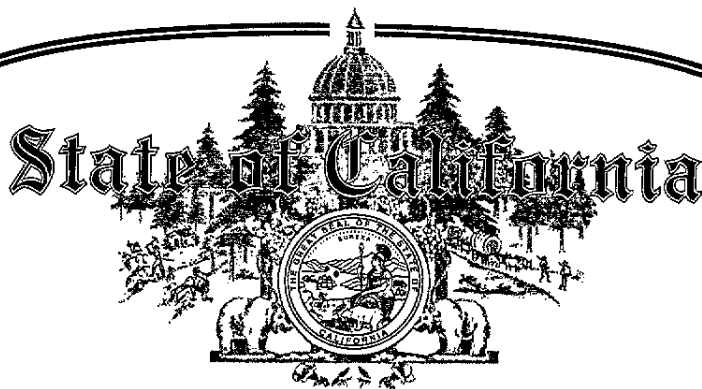
Signature

Name and Title

Cheryl Hess, Chief Financial Officer

March 21, 2001

Date



SECRETARY OF STATE



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

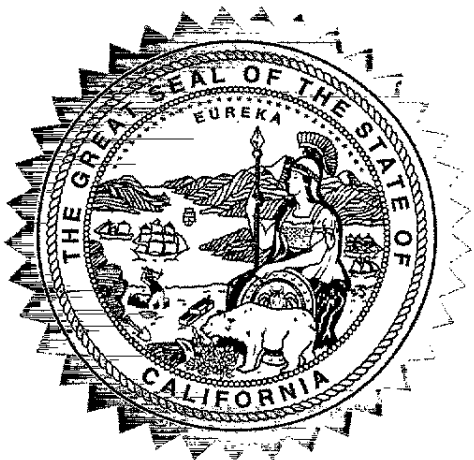
That the attached transcript of 2 page(s) was prepared by and in this office from the record on file, of which it purports to be a copy, and that it is full, true and correct.

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

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Bill Jones

Secretary of State



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**CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT
OF THE
AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THORATEC LABORATORIES CORPORATION**

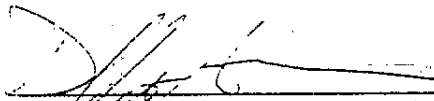
D. Keith Grossman and Cheryl D. Hess hereby certify as follows:

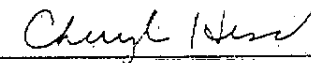
1. They are the President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer and Secretary, respectively, of Thoratec Laboratories Corporation, a California corporation (the "Corporation");
2. The Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation are hereby amended by deleting, in its entirety, Article FIRST thereof, and inserting in its place a new Article FIRST that reads, in its entirety as follows:

"FIRST: The name of this corporation is Thoratec Corporation".
3. The foregoing amendment to the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation has been duly approved by the Corporation's Board of Directors.
4. The foregoing amendment to the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation has been duly approved by the required vote of the Corporation's shareholders in accordance with Sections 902 and 903 of the California Corporations Code. The total number of outstanding shares of the Corporation entitled to vote with respect to the amendment was 22,421,775 shares of Common Stock. There are no shares of Preferred Stock outstanding. The number of shares voting in favor of the amendment equaled or exceeded the vote required. The percentage vote required was more than 50 percent.

We further declare under penalty of 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this certificate this 13 day of February 2001.


D. Keith Grossman,
President and Chief Executive Officer


Cheryl D. Hess,
Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

