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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

To: Qualification/Tax Lien Section
Division of Corporations

SUBJECT: Home Furniture Mart Inc.

(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:

Rhonda H. Downing

(Name of Person)

Home Furniture Mart Inc.

(Firm/Company)

114 South Broad Street

(Address)

Bainbridge GA 31717

(City/State/Zip)

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Rhonda Downing

(Name of Person)

at (912) 246-6536 Ext. 206

(Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number)

STREET ADDRESS:

Qualification/Tax Lien Section
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**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. Home Furniture Mart 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. Georgia 3. 58-2184648
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)
4. March 3, 1994 5. perpetual
(Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. Scheduled to open October 1, 1998
(Date first transacted business in Florida.) (SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.)
7. 114 South Broad Street
Bainbridge GA 31717
(Current mailing address)
8. Retail sale of electronics, appliances, etc.
(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: Thomas Pelham
Office Address: 904 East Park Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida, 32301
(Zip code)

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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.

Thomas Pelham
(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.

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: Vance R. Martin

Address: 2000 Legette Drive

Bainbridge GA 31717

Vice Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

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

President: Vance R. Martin

Address: 2000 Legette Drive

Bainbridge GA 31717

Vice President: W. Derek Martin

Address: 1503 E. College Street, Apt. 16

Bainbridge GA 31717

Secretary: Rhonda H. Downing

Address: 1612 Vada Road

Bainbridge GA 31717

Treasurer: Rhonda H. Downing

Address: 1612 Vada Road

Bainbridge GA 31717

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

13. Vance R. Martin
(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. Vance R. Martin, Owner / President

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

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CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE

I, Lewis A. Massey, the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, do hereby certify under the seal of my office that

HOME FURNITURE MART INC. A DOMESTIC PROFIT CORPORATION

was formed in the jurisdiction stated above or was authorized to transact business in Georgia on the above date. Said entity is in compliance with the applicable filing and annual registration provisions of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and has not filed articles of dissolution, certificate of cancellation, or any other similar document with the office of the Secretary of State.

This certificate relates only to the legal existence of the above-named entity as of the date issued. It does not certify whether or not a notice of intent to dissolve, an application for withdrawal, a statement of commencement of winding up, or any other similar document has been filed or is pending with the Secretary of State.

This certificate is issued pursuant to Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and is prima-facie evidence that said entity is in existence or is authorized to transact business in this state.

Lewis A. Massey
LEWIS A. MASSEY
SECRETARY OF STATE

