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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

To: Qualification/Tax Lien Section  
Division of Corporations

SUBJECT: Cleat Marine, Inc. 600002860486--0  
(Name of corporation - must include suffix) -05/03/99-01117-005  
\*\*\*\*\*87.50 \*\*\*\*\*87.50

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:

S. Joe Johnson, Jr.  
(Name of Person)

Cleat Marine, Inc.  
(Firm/Company)

1000 S.E. 7th Street  
(Address)

Fort Lauderdale FL 33301  
(City/State/Zip)

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

Joe Johnson at ( 954 ) 609-9175 cell anytime  
(Name of Person) (Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number)  
954-462-0664 Home

*Orally*

Name	5/10/99
Availability	all
Document Examiner	Qualification/Tax Lien Section Division of Corporations 409 E. Gaines St. Tallahassee, FL 32399
Updater	
Updater Verifier	Enclosed is a check for the following amount: DCC
Acknowledgement	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70.00 Filing Fee DCC
W. P. Verifier	DCC

### MAILING ADDRESS:

Qualification/Tax Lien Section  
Division of Corporations  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

*[Signature]*

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Katherine Harris  
Secretary of State

May 10, 1999

S. JOE JOHNSON, JR.  
CLEAT MARINE, INC.  
1000 S.E. 7TH STREET  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

SUBJECT: CLEAT MARINE, INC.  
Ref. Number: W99000010811

We have received your document for CLEAT MARINE, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the document has not been filed and is being retained in this office for the following:

Pursuant to section 607.1502(4), 617.1502(4) or 608.502(4), Florida Statutes, this office collects a civil penalty of \$1000 for each year this entity transacted business or conducted its affairs in Florida prior to qualification and the appropriate annual report fees that would have been due this office had the entity qualified the year it began operations in this state. The amount due this office to cover both annual report and penalty fees is \$1,150.00.

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 (850) 487-6913.

Diane Cushing  
Corporate Specialist

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S. Joe Johnson, Jr.  
Cleat Marine, Inc.  
1000 S.E. 7th Street  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301  
Home 954-462-0664  
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Thursday, May 20, 1999

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

Dear Ms. Cushing:

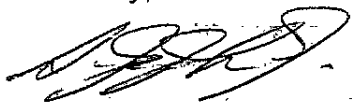
Thank you for your letter of May 10 regarding Cleat Marine, Inc. (ref. number W99000010811). Had I realized that "registering of a foreign corporation" was necessary, I would have done so immediately. I was not aware of the requirement until April, when I applied for a dealers license, at which point the state representative at the Department of Revenue told me I needed to register the corporation.

Up until that time the corporation had been used to service my banking and taxes as a self-employed yacht broker (working at Bollman Yachts in Ft. Lauderdale) and not to conduct business as a full fledged corporate entity.

Although it has often been said that ignorance of the law is no excuse, I am hoping that your office will take into account these circumstances and my good intentions, and will consider them as ameliorating circumstances in assessing a less severe penalty fee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



S. Joe Johnson, Jr.

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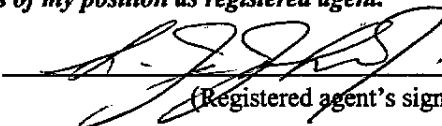
**APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT  
BUSINESS IN FLORIDA**

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. Cleat Marine, 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. Delaware  
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated)
3. 51-0381027  
(FEI number, if applicable)
4. March 1, 1998  
(Date of incorporation)
5. "perpetual"  
(Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. 8/25/98 (I just became aware of the requirement to register)  
(Date first transacted business in Florida.) (SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.)
7. Cleat Marine, Inc.  
1000 S.E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street Ft. Lauderdale FL 33301  
(Current mailing address)
8. Yacht Brokerage and Sales  
(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: S. Joe Johnson, Jr.  
Office Address: 1000 S.E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Fort Lauderdale,, Florida, 33301  
(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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vice Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

President: S. Joe Johnson, Jr.

Address: 1000 S.E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street Ft. Lauderdale FL. 33301  
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Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_


Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

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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. S. Joe Johnson, Jr. President Clear Marine, Inc.  
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

*State of Delaware*  
*Office of the Secretary of State* PAGE 1

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I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "CLEAT MARINE, INC." 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 SEVENTH DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 1999.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE FRANCHISE TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID TO DATE.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE ANNUAL REPORTS HAVE BEEN FILED TO DATE.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edward J. Freel".

Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

AUTHENTICATION:

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DATE: