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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

May 24, 1999

JANET PECHE 3922 COCONUT PALM DRIVE TAMPA, FL 33619

SUBJECT: HOME IMPROVEMENT RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC.

Ref. Number: W99000012066

We have received your document for HOME IMPROVEMENT RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. 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 \$1,122.50.

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) 487-6967.

Michelle Hodges Document Specialist

Letter Number: 399A00028538



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02 June 1999

Michelle Hodges, Document Specialist Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Dear Ms. Hodges:

This letter is to serve as affidavit that the Home Improvement Research Institute should not be charged annual report & penalty fees in the amount of \$1,122.50 as noted in letter number 399A00028538 for conducting business in Florida without the appropriate licensure.

The Home Improvement Research Institute relocated it's offices from Illinois to Florida began conducting business in the state in late January 1999. At that time, I requested an application to do business in the state from T. Hampton and received an application for "new corporations" on January 25, 1999. Unaware that I had been sent the wrong application, I filed it with the required payment on February 1, 1999. I spoke with Barbara Brock approximately one week later and after clarifying some information for her, I understood our application was processed.

We discovered in late April that this was the incorrect application and contacted Barbara Brock again who put me in touch with the foreign corporations department. A gentleman there informed me I would need to dissolve the current corporation and file the appropriate paperwork for a foreign corporation. We went through the procedure of pulling the incorrect filing with the required payment and filing as a foreign corporation. The Articles of Dissolution were filed on May 5, 1999. The application for Foreign Corporations was held up several weeks due to Florida's requirement for an official copy of our license from Washington, DC which the State requires be dated within the last 60 days

As you can see, we have contacted your offices on each occasion and followed the instructions received and in no way have attempted to do business in Florida without the appropriate licensure. Please let me know if you need additional information in order to process our application.

Janet M. Peché

Administrative Coordinator

Dave Francis President, HIRI

APPLICATION BY FOREIGN NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT ITS AFFAIRS IN FLORIDA

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 617.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO REGISTER A FOREIGN NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT ITS AFFAIRS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

(Name of corporation: must include the wabbreviations of like import in language a person or partnership if not so contained i corporate suffix by a nonprofit corporatio	is will clearly indicate that it is a coin the name at present. "Company"	RPORATION" or words or or or "Co." may not be used as a	
2. District of Columbia (State or country under the law of which it is incorporated)	3. <u>31 - 1020 1</u>	54/ number, if applicable)	
4. 8/5/8/ (Date of Incorporation)	5. <u>Perce Lu</u> (Duration: Yea "perpetual")	a	
5. Nov 1, 1998 (Date corporation first conducted A See sections 617.1501, 617.1502, d	Affairs in Florida - und 817.155, F.S.)		
7. 3922 Coconut Palm Drive			r tities Co
Tampa, F1 33619 (Current	t mailing address)		
8. Notrfor Arofit Trade. (Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in the	Association nome state or country to be carried	out in the state of Florida)	DM 1:: 17
9. Name and street address of Flor	ida registered agent:		-1
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10. Registered agent's acceptance Having been named as registered ag corporation at the place designated registered agent and agree to act in of all statutes relative to the proper with and accept the obligations of m	e: gent and to accept service of in this application, I hereby this capacity. I further agre and complete performance o	process for the above stated accept the appointment as e to comply with the provis f my duties, and I am famili	ions
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11. Attached is a cartificate of exist	(Registered agent's signature) ence 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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Address: 2500 Columbia Ave #402, Lance		
NOTE: If necessary, you may attach an addendum to and/or directors.		al officers
13. Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed	in number 12 of the application)	·
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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS BUSINESS REGULATION ADMINISTRATION



THIS IS TO CERTIFY that there were received and accepted for record in the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Corporations Division, on the 5TH day of AUGUST, 1981. Articles of Incorporation of:

HOME IMPROVEMENT RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The above named corporation is duly incorporated and existing pursuant to and by virtue of the Nonprofit Corporation Act of the District of Columbia and authorized to conduct its affairs in the District of Columbia as of the date mentioned above.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that the above entitled corporation is at the time of issuance of this certificate in Good Standing, according to the records of the Corporations Division, having filed all annual reports required by the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this office to be affixed this 11TH day of MAY, 1999 .

> Lloyd J. Jordan Director

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Business Regulation Administration

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Corporations Division

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