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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

September 27, 1999

RONALD A. THOMAS MAAR ASSOCIATES, INC. P.O. BOX 655 NEWARK, DE 19715

SUBJECT: MAAR ASSOCIATES, INC.

Ref. Number: W99000022180

We have received your document for MAAR ASSOCIATES, 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:

Based upon information provided by the Florida Department of Revenue, pursuant to section 213.053(14), Florida Statutes, it appears that MAAR ASSOCIATES, INC. has transacted business in Florida prior to submitting an "Application for Authority to Transact Business in Florida". The information received from the Florida Department of Revenue indicates January 1, 1995, as the initial date of transacting business in the State of Florida.

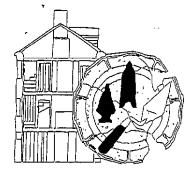
Please contact this office concerning the date first transacted business in Florida. Pursuant to section 607.1502(4), 617.1502(4) or 608.502(4), Florida Statutes, this office collects a civil penalty of \$1000 for each year this entity transacted business or conducted its affairs in Florida prior to 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 \$4,665.00.

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If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please (850) 487-6025.

Trevor Brumbley Document Specialist

Letter Number: 799A00047005



#### MAAR Associates, Inc.

□ OFFICE: P.O. Box 655, Newark, DE 19715-0655 TEL (302) 996-0713 FAX (302) 999-1687

☐ OFFICE: P.O. Box 861038, St. Augustine, FL 32086 (904) 794-5795

☐ LABORATORY: TEL (302) 368-1571 FAX (302) 368-0217

October 4, 1999

Trevor Brumbley, Document Specialist Florida Department of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

RE:

Ref. Number

W99000022180

Letter Number

799A00047005

Dear Mr. Brumbley:

As per your letter of September 27, 1999, we are responding with the following information. Although MAAR Associates, Inc. (MAI) first conducted business in Florida under a contract agreement with the City of Ormond Beach beginning in the spring of 1995, that project was conducted as a joint venture with a local firm using our Newark, Delaware office as a base for the MAI operations. MAI is a Delaware corporation and often undertakes projects in various states outside of Delaware. We did not intend at that time to undertake any further work within the State of Florida, nor did we anticipate the opening of an office within Florida.

The document to which you refer in your letter was submitted since <u>we are now intending to operate a branch office</u> in St. Johns County, Florida. We were not aware of any need to file documents prior to this point within Florida since we assumed that we were acting on the earlier project as a "Foreign Corporation".

Please advise as to what further information you need to process our retained <u>Application</u> <u>for Authority to Transact Business in Florida</u>. We will be pleased to cooperate in any way possible but do not understand the charging of fees and penalties prior to the submitting of this application.

Sincerely,

Ronald A. Thomas, MAI President

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#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

## Katherine Harris Secretary of State OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

#### FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL

TO FAX NUMBER: (302) 999-1687

Please deliver the following pages to:

NAME: Ronald A. Thomas

COMPANY: MAAR Associates, Inc.

CITY/STATE: Newark, Delaware

SENDER: G

Gerard T. York, Esq.,

**Assistant General Counsel** 

DATE/TIME:

10/15/99 9:22 AM

NUMBER OF PAGES (including transmittal sheet):2

FROM FAX:

850/922-5763 (Suncom 292-5763)

COMMENTS: This is to confirm our conversation yesterday wherein we have discussed the issue of foreign non-qualified penalties and annual report fees due from MAAR Associates, Inc.

Information from the Florida Department of Revenue suggests MAAR has transacted business in Florida since 1995. If this is correct, the amount of \$4665.00 is due reflecting annual report fees and statutory penalties from 1995 of \$1000 per year. To avoid litigation, we would offer to settle this matter for the sum of \$2665.00 reflecting annual report fees from 1995 in the amount of \$665.00, and penalties

under section 607.502(4), Florida Statutes for the same period assessed at the statutory minimum of \$500 per year.

Upon receipt of a check in that amount payable to the Department of State, Division of Corporations, I will instruct the Division of Corporations to issue MAAR a Certificate of Authority to transact business in Florida. Please mail the check to this attorney at: Office of General Counsel, LL-10, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250.

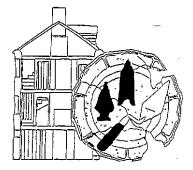
Alternatively, if the application was submitted in error and MAAR has never actually transacted business in Florida before the date of the application, I would need a sworn affidavit from an officer of MAAR indicating under penalty of perjury that the affidavit was submitted in error and facts supporting the conclusion the entity never transacted business in Florida before the date of the application.

I would appreciate your cooperation in the early resolution of this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

If there are any problems in receiving this transmission, call Cara at 850/414-5536 or Suncom 994-5536.

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October 15, 1999

Mr. Gerard T. York, Esq., Assistant General Counsel Florida Department of State Office of the General Counsel LL-10. The Capitol Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

RE: AFFIDAVIT Concerning Status of Business Operation in Florida

Dear Mr. York:

This is to certify that MAAR Associates, Inc. (MAI) has not, prior to our current operation, conducted any business within the State of Florida from a business office located within the State. The following is submitted in support of this claim:

- I. As we discussed, in 1995, MAI, as a foreign corporation performed an archaeological survey for the City of Ormond Beach under a contract in the amount of \$6,350.00. That work was done in cooperation with American Preservation Consultants, a Cultural Resources Management firm located in St. Augustine. This work constituted the first contract ever performed by MAI in Florida.
- II. In 1999, MAI again performed a cultural resources survey, this time for Flagler County, under a contract in the amount of \$9969.07. That work was also done in cooperation with American Preservation Consultants.
- III. The current application to conduct business in the State of Florida relates to our desire to open a business office in St. John County, St. Augustine for the purpose of undertaking Cultural Resources Management projects. We do not currently have any open contracts but have initiated marketing efforts to assure a viable operation within the State.

As the President of MAAR Associates, Inc., I am, by signing this letter, swearing under penalty of perjury to the accuracy of the above items.

Sincerely,

Ronald A. Thomas, MAI President



### Department of State

#### Memorandum Office of the General Counsel

TO:

File

FROM:

Gerard York, Assistant General Counsel

DATE:

October 25, 1999

RE:

MAAR Associates, Inc.

Based on my review of the file and information received from the corporation, it is my recommendation that this file be closed. Corporation has indicated in an October 15, 1999 letter it has not transacted business in the state under section 607.1501, Florida Statutes. Corporation indicates the application for a certificate of authority should be treated as prospective only and it is therefore recommended corporation be issued a certificate of authority.

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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.

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| a. 2608                                       | Stephenson I                                  | or. Wilmingto  | n,DE      | 19808                        |  |   |
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Ted M. Payne

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.

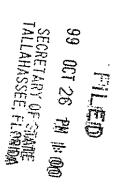
12. Names and business addresses of officers and/or directors:

| A. DIRECT     | rors   | •             |  |         |
|---------------|--|---------------|--|---------|
|               | Ronald A.Thomas                                  |               |  |         |
|               | 2608 Stephenson Drive                            |               |  |         |
|               | Wilmington, DE. 19808                            | · · · · ·     |  |         |
| Vice Chairm   | an: <u>Jessica T. Billy</u>                      |               |  |         |
| Address:      | 1206 Janice Drive                                | -             |  |         |
|               | Newark, DE 19713                                 | :             |  |         |
| Director:     | Christopher B. Thomas                            |               |  |         |
| Address:      | 7 Dunbar Drive                                   | <del>-</del>  |  |         |
| <u></u>       | Newark, DE 19711                                 | <del></del>   |  |         |
|               | Mary S. Thomas                                   |               |  |         |
|               |  |               | 3954 St. Armens Circle                   |         |
|               | Melbourne, FL 32934                              |               | Melbourne, FL 32934                      | -       |
| B. OFFIC      | ERS  |               |  |         |
| President: _  | Ronald A. Thomas                                 |               | <b>"</b>                                 |         |
| Address:      | 2608 Stephenson Drive                            | <u> </u>      |  |         |
|               | Wilmington, DE 19808                             | <del>-</del>  |  |         |
| Vice Presider | nt:J <u>essica Billy</u>                         |               |  |         |
| Address:      | 1206 Janice Drive                                |               |  |         |
| <u></u>       | Newark, DE 19713                                 |               |  |         |
| Secretary:    | Jessica Billy                                    |               | 99<br>SECITALL                           |         |
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| Treasurer:    | Christopher B. Thomas                            | -             | EX E D                                   |         |
| Address:      | 7 Dunbar Road                                    | _             | 1. 00 ILE                                |         |
|               | Newark, DE 19711                                 | <u>-</u>      |  |         |
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|               | ecessary, you may attach an addendum to the appl | ication listu | ng additional officers and/or directors. |         |
| 13            | (Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or an     | y officer lis | ted in number 12 of the application)     | <u></u> |
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Ronald A. Thomas, Chairman
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

# State of Delaware Office of the Secretary of State

I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF
DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "MAAR ASSOCIATES, 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 NINTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER,
A.D. 1999.





Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

AUTHENTICATION:

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DATE:

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