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To: Registration Section Division of Corporations	
SUBJECT: Cooper's Steel Fabric (Name of corporation	ators Inc
(Name of corporation	on - must include suffix)
Dear Sir or Madam:	
The enclosed "Application by Foreign Corporation for "Certificate of Existence", and check are submitted to transact business in Florida.	register the above referenced foreign corporation to
Please return all correspondence concerning this matter	50003017425 r to the following: -10/18/9901118002 ******70.00 ******70.10
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<u>Cooper's Steel Fo</u> (Firm/Co	abricators, Inc.
503 North Hills	crest Drive
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Should you need to call someone concerning this matter.  The ly Rittenburry at (93) (Name of Person)  (Area	er, please call:  1 684-1962  a Code & Daytime Telephone Number \$\frac{1}{2} \times 6000
STREET ADDRESS:	MAILING ADDRESS:
Registration Section Division of Corporations 409 E. Gaines St. Tallahassee, FL 32399	Registration Section Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314
Enclosed is a check for the following amount:	·
\$70.00 Filing Fee \$\text{Status}\$\$ \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status}\$\$ \[ \begin{align*} ON 184   DO 734   DO 08   DO 184   DO 734   DO 734	S78.75 Filing Fee & S87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy Certificate of Status & Certified Copy
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# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

October 21, 1999

HOLLY RITTENBERRY COOPER'S STEEL FABRICATORS, INC. 503 NORTH HILLCREST DRIVE SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160

SUBJECT: COOPER'S STEEL FABRICATORS, INC.

Ref. Number: W99000024317

We have received your document for COOPER'S STEEL FABRICATORS, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Based upon information provided by the Florida Department of Revenue, pursuant to section 213.053(14), Florida Statutes, it appears that COOPER'S STEEL FABRICATORS, 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 August 28, 1978, 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 \$22,746.25.

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The designation of the registered office and the registered agent, both at the same Florida street address, must be contained within the document pursuant to Florida Statutes. The registered agent must sign accepting the designation as required by Florida Statutes.

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

Trevor Brumbley Document Specialist

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA



P.O. Box 149 (Zip Code 37162) 503 North Hillcrest Drive • Shelbyville, TN 37160 (615) 242-6632 • (931) 684-7962 FAX (931) 684-7968

November 2, 1999

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

Re: W99000024317

Dear Ms. Brumbley:

In response to your letter to Mrs. Holly Rittenberry, dated October 21, 1999, I submit the following information to you. Hopefully, this information is sufficient for us to obtain a certificate of authority to transact business in Florida.

The nature of our business is the subcontracting of steel work in commercial and industrial buildings. We ALWAYS work for a licensed general contractor on any project.

Our tax records will clearly show that we first worked in Florida in the year 1990 and our CPA firm prepared a tax return for that year which we filed. If you look at the attached copy of the tax return for the year ended 8/31/90, you will see that it is marked "initial return". Since one of the pieces of information our CPA firm routinely requires from us is a list of jobs by state, we feel very confident that this information about the date of our first work in Florida is correct.

Over the last nine years, we have worked on a total of three projects in the state of Florida. Tax returns were filed to pay taxes in each of the years we worked as well as other years. A copy of those returns is attached.

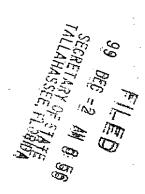
At the time we first worked in Florida, the company was literally a "mom and pop" operation that tried as hard as we could to comply with the laws of each state in which we worked. The company had no full time treasurer or compliance person; instead, the company leaned on our CPA firm to file whatever we needed to file. Failure to obtain a certificate to transact business in Florida was an unintentional oversight with no ill motive on the part of the company as evidenced by the fact that we paid our corporate taxes returns for the years involved.

We respectfully request you to accept our application for a certificate to transact business in Florida and to waive the civil penalties for our failure to obtain this certificate previously. If further information is needed, we will be glad to provide it to you.

Sincerely

Barry D. Cooper, Treasurer

attachments





### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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

### FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL

TO FAX NUMBER: (931) 684-7968

Please deliver the following pages to:

NAME: Barry D. Cooper

**COMPANY: Cooper Steel** 

CITY/STATE: Shelbyville, Tennessee

SENDER:

Gerard T. York, Esq.,

**Assistant General Counsel** 

(850) 414-5536

DATE/TIME:

11/16/99 4:55 PM

NUMBER OF PAGES (including transmittal sheet):2

FROM FAX:

850/922-5763 (Suncom 292-5763)

COMMENTS: This communication is subsequent to our telephone conversation of this date. Assuming Cooper Steel has transacted business in Florida since 1990, annual report fees and statutory penalties which could be assessed against your company under section 607.1502(4), Florida Statutes would be \$10526.25.

To avoid litigation, we would offer to settle the issue of annual report fees and foreign non-qualified penalties from Cooper Steel for the sum of \$2526.25 reflecting

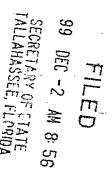
annual report fees from 1990 of \$1526.25 and statutory penalties assessed in a lump sum of \$1000.00.

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 Cooper Steel a Certificate of Authority to transact business in Florida. If your company is interested in accepting this offer, please mail the check to this attorney at: Office of General Counsel, LL-10, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250.

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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# Department of State

### Memorandum Office of the General

### Counsel

TO:

File

FROM:

Gerard York, Assistant General Counsel

DATE:

November 29, 1999

RE:

Cooper Steel Fabricators, Inc.

Based on my review of the file and the payment received from the corporation, it is my recommendation that this file be closed. Corporation has previously paid annual report fees from 1990 of \$1526.25 and statutory penalties for the same period of \$1000.00 assessed in a lump sum to avoid litigation. Accordingly, it is recommended that this 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.

1. <u>Cooper</u>	's Steel Fabricators Inc
(Name of corp	poration; must include the word "INCORPORATED", "COMPANY", "CORPORATION" or
words or abbro	eviations of like import in language as will clearly indicate that it is a corporation instead of a or partnership if not so contained in the name at present.)
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2. <u>lennes</u>	
(State or count	ry under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)
4. Augus	
⊃ (D)	ate of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6 Joh t	o begin November 1999
(Date first trans	sacted business in Florida. If corporation has not transacted business in Florida, insert "upon qualification.")
•	(SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.)
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7. a. <u>303</u>	North Hillcrest Dr. Shelbyville, TN 37160 (Principal office address)
<b>n</b> = 7	
b. P.O. I	30x 149 Shelbyville, TN 37162-0149
	(Current mailing address)
8. <u>Str</u> u	ictural Steel Erection
(Purpose	e(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in state of Florida)
9. Name and str	reet address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box NOT acceptable)
- 1, mile 4110 <u>501</u>	est address of Plotida Tegistered agent. (1.0. Box of Mail Drop Box MOT acceptable)
Name:	Corporation Service Company
	7.00 <b>9</b>
Office Address:	1201 Hays Street
	Tallahassee 32301
	Tallanassee , Florida Zip code)
0. Registered a	agent's acceptance:
Having been name	ed as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated
n this application	, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this canacity. I further agree to
and accept the obl	rovisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with ligations of my position as registered agent.
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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.

(Registered agent's signature)
Laura R. Dunlap, as it's agent

12. Names and business addresses of officers and/or directors:			
A. DIRECTORS			
· Chairman:			
Address:			
Vice Chairman:			
Address:			
Director:			
Address:			
Director:			
Address:			
B. OFFICERS			
President: J. Kenneth Cooper			
Address: P.O. Box 149		:	
Shelbyville, TN 37162-0149			
Vice President: Gary K. Cooper	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	9	
Address: P. O. Box 149	>=	<u> </u>	
Shelbyville TN 37162-0149	- jng	2 1	
Secretary: Faye W. Cooper	357	<del>2</del>	
Address: P.O. Box 149		7) D	
Shelbyville TN 37162-0149			
Treasurer: Barry D. Cooper			
Address: P.O. Box 149			
Shelbyville	-		
NOTE: If negessary, you may attach an addendum to the application listing additional officers and/or directors.			
13. (Signature of Chairman Vice Chairman on one off and listed in much at	0.64		
(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)			
14. Sarry D. Coper I reasurer (Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)			

Secretary of State Corporations Section James K. Polk Building, Suite 1800 Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0306

ISSUANCE DATE: 10/08/1999
REQUEST NUMBER: 99281501
TELEPHONE CONTACT: (615) 741-6488

CHARTER/QUALIFICATION DATE: 08/28/1978 STATUS: ACTIVE CORPORATE EXPIRATION DATE: PERPETUAL CONTROL NUMBER: 0055684 JURISDICTION: TENNESSEE

COOPER STEEL AT: H. RITTENBERRY PO BOX 149 SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160 REQUESTED BY: COOPER STEEL AT: H. RITTENBERRY PO BOX 149 SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160

#### CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE

I, RILEY C DARNELL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT "COOPER'S STEEL FABRICATORS, INC.

IS A CORPORATION DULY INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAW OF THIS STATE WITH DATE OF INCORPORATION AND DURATION AS GIVEN ABOVE;
THAT ALL FEES, TAXES, AND PENALTIES OWED TO THIS STATE WHICH AFFECT THE EXISTENCE OF THE CORPORATION HAVE BEEN PAID;
THAT THE MOST RECENT CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED HAS BEEN FILED WITH THIS OFFICE; AND
THAT ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION HAVE NOT BEEN FILED; AND
THAT ARTICLES OF TERMINATION OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE HAVE NOT BEEN FILED

FOR: REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE

COOPER STEEL FABRICATORS, INC. P.O. BOX 257 503 N. HILLCREST

SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160-0000

ON DATE: 10/08/99

RECEIVED:

\$20.00

FEES

\$0.00

TOTAL PAYMENT RECEIVED:

RECEIPT NUMBER: 00002558305 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00184221

RILEY C. DARNELL

SECRETARY OF STATE