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NAME: MEIER METAL SERVICENTERS, INC.

XXXX QUALIFICATION (TYPE: CO)

PLEASE RETURN THE FOLLOWING AS PROOF OF FILING:

XX CERTIFIED COPY
XX PLAIN STAMPED COPY
XX CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

CONTACT PERSON: Christine Lillich

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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. Meier Metal Servicenters, 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. Michigan
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated)
3. 38-2614040
(FEI number, if applicable)
4. 6/27/85
(Date of incorporation)
5. Perpetual
(Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. 12/31/99 ✓
(Date first transacted business in Florida.) (SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.)
7. 1471 E. Nine Mile Road
Hazel Park, Michigan 48030
(Current mailing address)
metals processing and distribution.
8. _____
(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: Corporation Service Company
Office Address: 1201 Hays Street
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.

Corporation Service Company

By: Deborah Scherdy
(Registered agent's signature)

Authorized agent

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: See attached officers/directors rider

Address: _____

Vice Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

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

President: See attached officers/directors rider

Address: _____

Vice President: _____

Address: _____

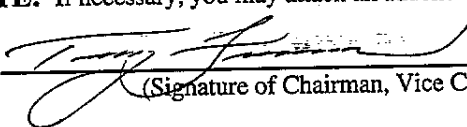
Secretary: _____

Address: _____

Treasurer: _____

Address: _____

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. Terry L. Freeman, Vice President
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

Directors, Officers Rider

Meier Metal Servicecenters, Inc.

Monday, December 13, 1999

DIRECTORS

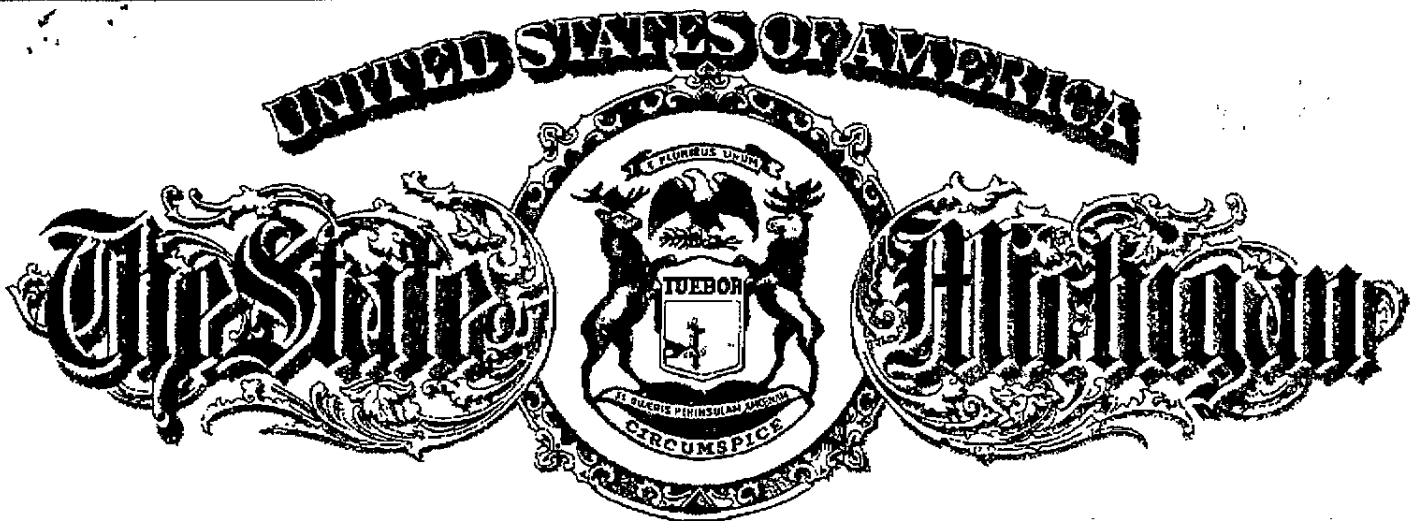
Jon Goreham
J. Michael Kirksey

Director
Director

OFFICERS

Jon Goreham
Terry L. Freeman
J. Michael Kirksey
Aaron Verant
Keith St. Clair
John A. Hageman

President
Vice President/ Asst. Treasurer
Vice President
Controller/Secretary/Treasurer
Asst. Treasurer/ Asst. Secretary
Assistant Secretary



Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services

Lansing, Michigan

This is to Certify That

MEIER METAL SERVICENTERS, INC.

*was validly incorporated on June 27, 1985, as a Michigan profit corporation,
and said corporation is validly in existence under the laws of this State.*

*This certificate is issued to attest to the fact that the corporation is in good standing
in this office as of this date and is duly authorized to transact business or conduct
affairs in Michigan and for no other purpose. It is in the usual form, made by me
as the proper officer, and is entitled to have full faith and credit given it in every
court and office within the United States.*

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*In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed the Seal of the Department,
in the City of Lansing, this 21st day
of December, 1999.*

, Director