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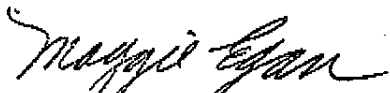
Dear Ms. Connell:

Pursuant to your letter of July 13, 1999 regarding the above referenced electronic filing, enclosed are the revised articles of amendment together with a letter from the Department of Banking and Finance approving the use of the name Mercantile Bank Leasing, Inc.

Please let me know if there is anything additional you need regarding the name change for this corporation.

Very truly yours,

HARRIS, BARRETT, MANN & DEW, L.L.P.



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ME/s

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July 13, 1999

LIBERTY LEASING CORPORATION
5440 MARINER ST
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TAMPA, FL 33609US

SUBJECT: LIBERTY LEASING CORPORATION
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We received your electronically transmitted document. However, the document has not been filed. Please make the following corrections and refax the complete document, including the electronic filing cover sheet.

Written approval and clearance of the terms BANK, BANKER, BANC, BANKING, TRUST COMPANY, BANCSHARES, SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS BANK, or CREDIT UNION must be obtained from the Division of Banking and Finance, pursuant to section 655.922(2a), Florida Statutes. The address is:

Division of Banking
Director's Office
101 E. Gaines St.
Fletcher Bldg., 6th Floor.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0350
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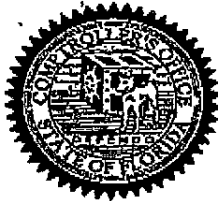
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July 14, 1999

Mr. Barry K. Miller
Secretary/Treasurer
Gulf West Banks, Inc.
425 22nd Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33704

Dear Mr. Miller:

Re: "Mercantile Bank Leasing, Inc."

Reference is made to your letter/fax dated July 14, requesting approval of the above-referenced corporate name which will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of Gulf West Banks, Inc.

As Section 655.922(2)(a), Florida Statutes, exempts a financial institution, holding company or its subsidiaries from the prohibition against using the word "bank", "banker", "banking", "trust company", "savings and loan association", "savings bank", or "credit union" in its corporate name, the Division of Banking will not object to the use of the above corporate name being registered to transact business in the state of Florida.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Art Simon".

Art Simon
Director
Division of Banking
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cc: Karon Beyer, Chief
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TO
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OF
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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.1006, Florida Statutes, this Florida profit corporation adopts the following articles of amendment to its articles of incorporation.

FIRST: Amendment adopted:

"ARTICLE I. NAME" is deleted in its entirety and the following Article is adopted to replace it:

Amended Article:

"ARTICLE I. NAME"

The name of the corporation shall be:

MERCANTILE BANK LEASING, INC.

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be 5440 Mariner Street, Suite 204, Tampa, Florida, 33609.

SECOND: If an amendment provides for an exchange, reclassification or cancellation of issued shares, provisions for implementing the amendment if not contained in the amendment itself, are as follows:

THIRD: The date of each amendment's adoption: July 9, 1999.

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FOURTH: Adoption of Amendment:

The amendment was approved by the shareholders. The number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.

Signed this 9th Day of July, 1999.

Signature


(By the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, President
or other officer if adopted by the shareholders)

Douglas Winton
Typed or printed name

Chairman
Title

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