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Secretary of State
Registration Section
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: **Empire Resources, LLC**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed is an original and one copy of the Articles of Organization for Empire Resources, LLC, together with a check in the amount of \$155.00. This check represents payment for the following costs:

Filing Fees	\$100.00
Certified Copy	30.00
Registered Agent	25.00
	<u>\$155.00</u>

Please file the enclosed Articles of Organization immediately and return the certified copy to the undersigned by regular mail.

Sincerely,

SHUTTS & BOWEN LLP

Jeanne M. Battles
Jeanne M. Battles, CLAS
Certified Legal Assistant
Real Estate Specialist

Enclosures
cc: Mark L. Pateman, Esquire

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ARTICLE I - Name

EMPIRE RESOURCES, LLC

(In accordance with section 608.408(3), Florida Statutes,
the execution of this affidavit constitutes an affirmation under
the penalties of perjury that the facts stated herein are true.)

REGISTERED AGENT ACCEPTANCE

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated limited liability company at the address designated in this certificate pursuant to the provisions of Section 608.415, Florida Statutes, the undersigned hereby agrees to act in this capacity, and further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete discharge of its duties.

Taylor D. Abel P.E. 4/24/2000
TAYLOR D. ABEL, P.E.

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

FILING FEES:

\$100.00 Filing Fee for Articles of Organization
\$25.00 Designation of Registered Agent
\$30.00 Certified Copy (OPTIONAL)
\$5.00 Certificate of Status (OPTIONAL)