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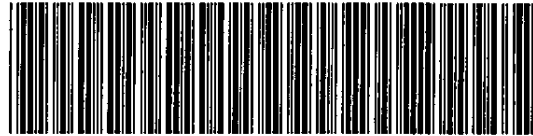
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Re: Florida Ethanol, LLC and East Coast Ethanol, LLC

Dear Sir or Madame:

Enclosed please find, an original Articles of Merger merging Florida Ethanol, LLC into East Coast Ethanol, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and a copy of same. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$50.00 to cover the filing fees. Please accept the original, stamp the copy "filed" and return it to our office in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided herewith.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the enclosed, please contact me at 515-242-2440. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Judd W. Vande Voort

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Enclosures

ARTICLES OF MERGER OF
FLORIDA ETHANOL, LLC
AND
EAST COAST ETHANOL, LLC

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Pursuant to Section 608.4382 of the Florida Limited Liability Company Act, the undersigned hereby adopt this Certificate of Merger and certify as follows:

1. Name and Jurisdiction. The merging entities are Florida Ethanol, LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, and East Coast Ethanol, LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware.

2. Plan of Merger. A Plan of Merger and Agreement of Merger have been approved by the members and Board of Directors of Florida Ethanol, LLC and the sole member and the sole manager of East Coast Ethanol, LLC. The Plan of Merger was duly authorized and approved by each constituent limited liability company in accordance with Chapter 608 of the Florida Statutes Annotated. The executed Plan of Merger and Agreement of Merger are on file at East Coast Ethanol, LLC's principal place of business located at: Attn: Valerie D. Bandstra, BrownWinick, 666 Grand Avenue, Suite 2000, Des Moines, IA 50309. Copies of the Plan of Merger and Agreement of Merger will be furnished by East Coast Ethanol, LLC on request and without cost to any member of East Coast Ethanol, LLC.

3. Agent. East Coast Ethanol, LLC appoints the Georgia Secretary of State as agent whom process in Georgia in any action, suit, or proceeding for the enforcement of an obligation, including any appraisal rights of its members under Section 608.4351-608.43595 of Florida Ethanol, LLC or East Coast Ethanol, LLC may be served. A copy of the process should be mailed to: Attn: Valerie D. Bandstra, BrownWinick, 666 Grand Avenue, Suite 2000, Des Moines, IA 50309

4. Appraisal Rights. East Coast Ethanol, LLC agrees to pay to any members with appraisal rights the amount to which such members are entitled under Sections 608.4351-608.43595.

5. Surviving Entity. The surviving entity is East Coast Ethanol, LLC. The surviving entity shall be governed by the Certificate of Formation of East Coast Ethanol, LLC as in effect immediately prior to the effective date of the merger. East Coast Ethanol, LLC's principal office is located at Attn: Valerie D. Bandstra, BrownWinick, 666 Grand Avenue, Suite 2000, Des Moines, IA 50309.

6. Effective Date. The merger shall be effective on the later of August 31, 2007, or the effective date of the filing of this Certificate of Merger with the Florida Secretary of State.

7. Counterparts. This Certificate of Merger may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same.

21 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Certificate of Merger as of the day of August, 2007.

FLORDIA ETHANOL, LLC

EAST COAST ETHANOL, LLC

By Florida Ethanol, LLC
Name: Leon D. Hatch Jr.
Title: President

By _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

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By _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

EAST COAST ETHANOL, LLC

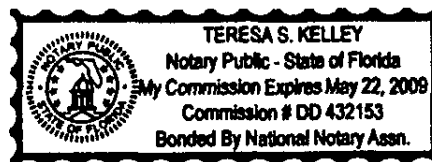
By Randy Hudson
Name: Randy Hudson
Title: Pres/Chr.

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STATE OF Florida)
) ss:
COUNTY OF Suwannee)

On this 29th day of August, 2007, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Florida, personally appeared Leon D. Hatch, Jr., to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he/she is the President of Florida Ethanol, LLC executing the within and foregoing instrument, that no seal has been procured by the said limited liability company; that said instrument was signed on behalf of said limited liability company by authority of its Members; and that the said President as such officer acknowledged the execution of said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said limited liability company, by it and by him/her voluntarily executed.

Teresa S. Kelley
Notary Public in and for the State of _____



STATE OF _____)
) ss:
COUNTY OF _____)

On this ____ day of August, 2007, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of _____, personally appeared _____, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he/she is the _____ of East Coast Ethanol, LLC, executing the within and foregoing instrument, that no seal has been procured by the said limited liability company; that said instrument was signed on behalf of said limited liability company by authority of its Managers; and that the said _____ as such officer acknowledged the execution of said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said limited liability company, by it and by him/her voluntarily executed.

Notary Public in and for the State of _____

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STATE OF _____)
) ss:
COUNTY OF _____)

On this ____ day of August, 2007, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of _____, personally appeared _____, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he/she is the _____ of Florida Ethanol, LLC executing the within and foregoing instrument, that no seal has been procured by the said limited liability company; that said instrument was signed on behalf of said limited liability company by authority of its Members; and that the said _____ as such officer acknowledged the execution of said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said limited liability company, by it and by him/her voluntarily executed.

Notary Public in and for the State of _____

STATE OF Georgia)
) ss:
COUNTY OF Irwin)

On this 29 day of August, 2007, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Georgia, personally appeared Randy Hudson, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he/she is the Pres/Chmn of East Coast Ethanol, LLC, executing the within and foregoing instrument, that no seal has been procured by the said limited liability company; that said instrument was signed on behalf of said limited liability company by authority of its Managers; and that the said Randy Hudson as such officer acknowledged the execution of said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said limited liability company, by it and by him/her voluntarily executed.

Peggy C Hogan

Notary Public in and for the State of _____
Notary Public, Irwin County, Georgia
My Commission Expires Aug. 19, 2010

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