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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION 96 SEP 30 AH BI 34 OF THE HAITIAN RECOVERY EXPEDITION - 1996, ISCARY DF STATE (A Limited Lightility Company) TALLAHASSEE, FLORID

The undersigned, desiring to form a limited liability company under the Florida Limited Liability Company Act, Chapter 608.401, et seq., Florida Statutes (the "Act") do sign, acknowledge and deliver in duplicate to the Secretary, Florida Department of State these Articles of Organization.

ARTICLEI

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Name

The name of the limited liability company (hereinafter referred to as the "company") shall be The Haltian Recovery Expedition - 1996; L.C., whose address is 806 Westwind Lane, Fern Park, Florida 32730

ARTICLE 11.

Period of Duration

The period of duration for the Limited Liability Company shall be from the date of filing these Articles with the Florida Division of Corporations through October 31, 1997, unless extended as provided in the Operating Agreement and Regulations.

ARTICLE III

Business of the Company

This Company is authorized to conduct all lawful businesses within and without the State of Florida and as authorized pursuant to Sections 60.401, et. acq., Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE IV

Management

The Limited Liability Company is to be managed by a manager, or managers and the names and addresses of such managers who are to serve as managers are:

> Historical Research and Recovery Company Managing Director 806 Westwind Lane Fern Park, Florida 32730 Attn: Robert M. Jenkins

ARTICLE X

Cumulative Voting

The right of members to cumulative voting in the election of managers is expressly prohibited.

ARTICLE XI

Indemnification of Managers

A manager of the Company shall not be liable to the Company or its' members for monetary damages for an act of omissionin in the manager's capacity as a manager, except that this Article X does not eliminate or limit the liability of a manager to the extent the manager is found liable for (i) a breach of the manager's duty of loyalty to the Company or its members, (ii) an act or omission not in good faith that constitutes a breach, of duty of the manager to the Company) or an act of omission that involved intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law, (iii) a transaction from which the manager received an improper benefit, whether or not the benefit resulted from an action taken within the scope of the manager's office; or (iv) an act or omission for which the liability of a manager is expressed provided by an applicable statute. Any repeat or amendment of this Article X by the members of the Company shall be prospective only and shall not adversely affect any limitation on the Hability of a manager of the Company existing at the time of such repeal or amendment. In addition to the circumstances in which the manager of the Company is not liable as set forth in the preceding sentences, the manager shall not be liable to the fullest extent permitted by any provision of the statutes of Florida hereafter enacted that further limits the liability of a manager or of a director of a corporation.

ARTICLE XII

Distributions in Kind

The Company may distribute assets in-kind as provided in the Operating Agreement and Regulations of the Company.

ARTICLE XIII

Miscellaneous

Power of Attorney and Amendment.

The Chairman of the Board of Managers, the Managing Director and/or Manager-Finance, severally, and their successors shall be, and by these presents hereby are appointed the true and lawful attorneys-in-fact for the Members and their respective assignees, and each of them with full power and authority for them in their names to execute, acknowledge or swear to and file Amendments of these Articles of Organization and other Company documents as follows: (1) To amend these Articles in any respect to subsitute a Chairman of the Board of Managers, Managing Director of Finance Manager (other) than through a merger or reorganization of the Managing Members or to decrease or diminish the duties, liabilities or responsibilities of the Chairman of the Board og Managers, Managing Director or Finance Manager or to increase the liability of any Member in any respect.

(2)

Deeds, notes, mortgages, security instruments of any kind and nature, leases, contracts and such other

instruments as may be necessary to carry on the business of the Company as set forth in Article III hereto, provided that no such instrument shall increase the personal liability of any Member herein; and

(3)

All documents that may be required to effectuate the dissolution and termination of the Company.

It is expressly intended by each of the Members that the foregoing power of attorney is coupled with an interest. The foregoing power of attorney shall be intervocable except upon dissolution and survive the delivery or assignment by any of the Members of the whole or any portion of their membership interest and when the assignee has executed a power of attorney coupled with an interest and the foregoing power of attorney of the assignor Member shall survive the delivery of such assignment for the sole purpose of enabling the Chairman of the Board of Managers or Finance Manager to make, execute, deliver, acknowledge and file any and all instruments necessary to effectuate such substitution. It is understood that the Chairman of the Board of Managers or Finance Manage may require that the assignee execute a similar power of attorney as a condition of his admission as a substitute Member.

<u>Gender.</u> The masculine/feminine and neuter genders have been used interchangeably in these Articles and each may be considered to refer to the other if appropriate.

Binding Effect. These Articles shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto, their legal representatives, transferees, successors, survivors, heirs and assigns.

<u>Doplicate Originals.</u> For the convenience of the parties hereto, any number of counterparts hereof may be executed, and each such counterpart shall be deemed to be an original instrument.

<u>Construction.</u> These Articles shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. The titles of the Sections and Subsections herein have been inserted as a matter of convenience of reference only and shall not control or affect the meaning of construction of any of the terms or provisions herein.

Entire Agreement These Articles and the Operating Agreement and Regulations of the Company are intended by the parties hereto to be the final expression of their agreement and is the complete and exclusive statement of the terms of such agreement notwithstanding any representations or statements of the contrary heretofore made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have entered into, executed and made these Articles of Organization as of the day first above written,

> Registered Agent: Robert M. Jankins I HEREBY ACCEPT my nomination as Registered Agent

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mbers: Robert M. Jenkins and Jan Robert Berrover (tenants by entireties) B٧

Members: Historical Research and Recovery, a Florida Company authorized to do business in Florida

By: An Authorized Officer

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF SEMINOLE

> BEFORE ME, <u>ANDEN</u> A Notary Public, on the <u>7</u> day of <u>1996</u>, in and for Seminole County, State of Florida, personally appeared Robert M. Jenkinsof the WITNESS my hand and official seal on this <u>7</u> day of <u>5</u> 1996.

> Historical Research and Recovery Company and Robert M. Jenkins and Jan Robert Berroyer as Members, as tenants by entrieties, who, being personally known to me and they being first sworn by me, upon their oath acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Articles of Orginization of the Haitian Recovery Expedition

-1996 L.C., freely and voluntarily for the purposes therein stated.



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Registered Office and Registered Agent

The resident office of the Company in this State shall be 806 Westwind Lune, Fern Park, Florida 32730 and the Registered Agent shall be Roburt M. Jonking. 806 Westwind Lane, Fern Park, Florida 32730

ARTICLE VI

Admission of Additional Members

The right of the remaining members to admit additional members and the terms and conditions of the admissions shall be as set forth in the Operating Agreement and Regulations of the Company.

ARTICLE VII

Members Rights to Continue Business

The right of the rejoining members of the limited liability company to continue the business on the death, retirement, resignation, expulsion, insanity, bankruptcy, or dissolution of a member or the occurrence of any other event which terminates the continued membership of a member in the Limited Liability Company shall be as set forth in the Operating Agreement and Regulations of the Company.

ARTICLE VIII

Actions Without Meetings

Any action required by the Act or the Florida Business Corporation Act to be taken at any annual or special meeting of members, or any action which may be taken at any annual or special meeting of members, may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice, and without a vote, provided that aconsent or consents in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by the holder or holders of membership interests having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to take such action at a meeting at which the holders of all membership interests entitled to vote on the action were present and voted. Frompt notice of the taking of any action by the members without a meeting by less than unanimous written consent shall be given to those members who did not consent in writing to the action.

ARTICLE IX

Preemptive Rights

No member shall have a preemptive right to acquire any membership interests or securities of any class that may at any time be used, sold or offered for sale by the Company.

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THE HAITIAN RECOVERY EXPEDITION - 1996, L.C.

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF SEMINOLE

2,

The undersigned member or authorized representative of a member of The Haitian Recovery Expedition - 1996, L.C. deposes and says:

- The above named limited liability company has at least two members. The total amount of cash contributed by the, member(s) is \$1 000. 1.1

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- 3. If any, the agreed value of property or services other than cash contributed by members is \$49,000. A description of the property is attached as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereio.
- 4. The total amount of cash or property or services anticipated to be contributed by member(s) is i.
- \$2,050,000. This total includes amounts from 2 and 3 above.

Authorized Member

(Robert M. Jenkins, President)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this $\frac{\partial 7}{\partial M}$ by <u>KOMERT M. $\frac{\partial N}{\partial M}$ </u>, who is personally known to me one day of , 1996, Contraction of the second ALC: NO DECK

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EXHIBIT "A" to Affidavit Articles of Organization Articles of Organization SECRETARY OF STATE The Haitian Recovery Expedition 1996, L.CALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The property and services consists of technical know how and service structure and mobilization of a sophisticated marine salvage operation on fifteenth (15th) and sixteenth (15th) century sunker Spanish galleons and other related maritime losses with a value of at least \$65,000, and are subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture as defined in Section 83 of the Internal Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations thereunder. - 1