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**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION  
OF  
ATOCHA MARGARITA EXPEDITION - 1997, L.C.  
(a Limited Liability Company)**

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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.

**ARTICLE I**

**Name**

The name of the limited liability company (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") shall be Atocha Margarita Expedition - 1997, L.C., whose address is 200 Greene Street, Key West, Florida 33040.

**ARTICLE II**

**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 December 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 608.401, et. seq., 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:

Crystals Recovery, Inc. *F-95-5706*  
Managing Director  
200 Greene Street  
Key West, Florida 33040  
Attn: Melvin A. Fisher or Kane Fisher

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Registered Office and Registered Agent**

The resident office of the Company in this State shall be 200 Greene Street, Key West, Florida 33040 and the Registered Agent shall be Crystals Recovery, Inc, 200 Greene Street, Key West, Florida 33040.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **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 remaining 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 a consent 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. Prompt 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 IV**

### **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.

## **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 omission in the manager's capacity as a manager, except that this Article XI 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 expressly provided by an applicable statute. Any repeal or amendment of this Article XI by the members of the Company shall be prospective only and shall not adversely affect any limitation on the liability 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 except to substitute a Chairman of the Board of Managers, Managing Director or Manager-Finance (other than through a merger or reorganization of the Managing Member) or to decrease or diminish the duties, liabilities or responsibilities of the Chairman of the Board of Managers, Managing Director or Manager-Finance 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 irrevocable 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 Manager-Finance 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 Manager-Finance may require that the assignee execute a similar power of attorney as a condition of his admission as a substitute Member.

**Gender.** The masculine and neuter gender has 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.

**Duplicate Originals.** 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.

**Construction.** 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.

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

Registered Agent: Crystals Recovery, Inc.

I HEREBY ACCEPT my nomination as Registered Agent.  
Crystals Recovery, Inc.

By: Melvin A. Fisher  
An Authorized Officer

Members: Melvin A. Fisher and Dolores E. Fisher  
(tenants by entireties)

By: Melvin A. Fisher  
Melvin A. Fisher

By: Dolores E. Fisher  
Dolores E. Fisher

Members: Crystals Recovery, Inc.

By: Melvin A. Fisher  
An Authorized Officer

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF MONROE

BEFORE ME, JUDITH A. GRACER a Notary Public, on the 16 day of OCTOBER, 1996, in and for Monroe County, State of Florida, personally appeared Melvin A. Fisher as Officer of the Registered Agent and Member, Crystals Recovery, Inc., and Melvin A. Fisher and Dolores E. Fisher as Member, as tenants by entireties, who, being personally known to me and they, being first duly sworn by me, upon their oath acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Articles of Organization of Atocha Margarita Expedition - 1997, L.C., freely and voluntarily for the purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on this 16 day of OCTOBER, 1996.

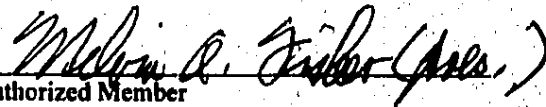
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OF  
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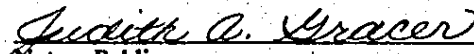
The undersigned member or authorized representative of a member of Atocha Margarita Expedition - 1997, L.C. deposes and says:

1. The above named limited liability company has at least two members.
2. The total amount of cash contributed by the member(s) is \$1,000.
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 hereto.
4. The total amount of cash or property or services anticipated to be contributed by member(s) is \$1,800,000. This total includes amounts from 2 and 3 above.

  
Authorized Member  
Crystals Recovery, Inc. (Melvin A. Fisher, President)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 16 day of OCTOBER, 1996, by Melvin A. Fisher, who is personally known to me and who did take an oath.

OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL  
JUDITH A GRACER  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION NO. CC427271  
MY COMMISSION EXP. DEC. 18, 1998

  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires: December 18, 1998

**EXHIBIT "A" to Affidavit  
Articles of Organization  
Atocha Margarita Expedition -1997, L.C.**

The property and services consists of technical know how and services for the structure and mobilization of a sophisticated marine search and salvage operation on the Atocha, Margarita, and other circa 1622 shipwrecks with a value of at least \$49,000, and are subject to a "substantial risk of forfeiture" as defined in Section 83 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations thereunder.