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SUBJECT: TALL COTTON, LLC Ref. Number: M00000001520

We have received your document for TALL COTTON, LLC and check(s) totaling \$210.00. However, your check(s) and document are being returned for the following:

The fees to file the articles of merger are as follows:

For each Limited Partnership:

\$52.50

For each Limited Liability Company: 25.00

For each Corporation: 35.00

For each General Partnership: 25.00

All Others:

No Charge

The total fee to file this merger is \$145.00.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6967.

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ARTICLES OF MERGER Merger Sheet

MERGING:

EMERALD GREEN LAWN CARE WEST, INC., P97000045323, EMERALD GREEN LAWN CARE, INC., F96000005544, INTEGRATED TURF MANAGEMENT, LLC,

RUSH TURF MANAGEMENT, LLC

into

TALL COTTON, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company M0000001520

File date: August 3, 2000

Corporate Specialist: Michelle Hodges

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ARTICLES OF MERGER OF EMERALD GREEN LAWN CARE WEST, INC A FLORIDA CORPORATION

EMERALD GREEN LAWN CARE WEST, INC., a Florida Corporation, together with TALL COTTON, LLC, a Georgia Limited Liability Company, INTEGRATED TURF MANAGEMENT, LLC, a Georgia Limited Liability Company, EMERALD GREEN LAWN CARE, INC, a Georgia corporation and RUSH TURF MANAGEMENT, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company, file these ARTICLES OF MERGER, showing as follows:

- 1. The forgoing entities have agree to a Plan of Merger, a copy of which is attached hereto.
- 2. The Plan of Merger was approved by EMERALD GREEN LAWN CARE WEST, INC., a Florida corporation, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 607, Florida Statutes, and the written consent of each shareholder of EMERALD GREEN LAWN CARE WEST, INC. has been obtained.
- 3. The Plan of Merger was approved by all other parties to the Merger in accordance with the applicable laws of the jurisdictions under which such business entities were formed, organized or incorporated.
 - 4. The effective date of this merger shall be the date of filing of these article.
- 5. The surviving entity is Tall Cotton, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company. The principal office of Tall Cotton, LLC is as follows:

3620 Cantrell Industrial Court Suite A Acworth, Georgia 30101

- 6. Tall Cotton, LLC is deemed to have appointed the Secretary of State as its agent for service of process in any proceeding to enforce any obligation or the rights of dissenting shareholders of each domestic corporation that is a party to this merger (to wit, Emerald Green Lawn Care West, Inc.),
- 7. Tall Cotton, LLC has agreed to promptly pay to the dissenting shareholders of each domestic corporation that is a party to the merger the amount, if any, to which they are entitled under Florida Statutes Section 607.1302; provided, however, that each shareholder has consented to this merger, and has agreed to the manner and basis of converting the shares of Emerald Green Lawn Care West, Inc. into their respective membership interests in Tall Cotton, LLC, which is the surviving entity and there do not exist any dissenting shareholders within the meaning of Florida Statute Section 607.1109.

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This 31 day of Man chi EMERALD GREEN LAWN CARE WEST, INC. By: Title: President **Shareholders:** Patrick K. Guy Evan McIntosk TALL COTTON, INC.

PLAN OF MERGER OF TALL COTTON, LLC A GEORGIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Pursuant to a O.C.G.A.§ 14-11-902, TALL COTTON, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company (sometimes referred to herein as "Surviving Business Entity"), INTEGRATED TURF MANAGEMENT, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, and RUSH TURF MANAGEMENT, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company by and through their undersigned members; and EMERALD GREEN LAWN CARE, INC., a Georgia corporation, and EMERALD GREEN LAWN CARE WEST, INC., a Florida corporation, by and through their undersigned shareholders, agree to and adopt this plan of merger, setting forth as follows:

- 1.1 The parties to this Plan of Merger are Tall Cotton, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, Integrated Turf Management, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, Rush Turf Management, LLC. An Alabama limited liability company, Emerald Green Lawn Care, INC., a Georgia corporation, and Emerald Green Lawn Care West, Inc., a Florida corporation. These entities are collectively referred to as the "Merging Business Entities."
- 2.1 Tall Cotton, LLC, shall be the surviving business entity into which the other Merging Business Entities propose to merge. Tall Cotton, LLC's Manager and principal address are as follows:

George Rush 3620 Cantrell Industrial Court Suite A Acworth, Georgia 30101

- 3.1 The terms and conditions of the Merger require the agreement of each shareholder of the merging corporations and each member of the merging limited liability companies to agree and consent to the terms of the Articles of Organization and the Operating Agreement of Tall Cotton, LLC, both dated July 27, 1997. Each such shareholder and member does, by his signature below, certify such consent and agreement.
- 4.1 The manner and basis of converting the interests of the parties in the Merging Business Entities into Membership Interests in Tall Cotton, LLC, the Surviving Business Entity, shall be as follows:
- (a) All of the parties to this Plan of Merger acknowledge that, as of the date hereof, the Merging Business Entities are owned as set forth herein.
 - (1) The outstanding shares of EMERALD GREEN LAWN CARE, INC. are owned in the following manner:

Patrick K. Guy	3,667 shares	(36.367%)
Evan McIntosh	2,666 shares	(26.66 %)
Michael R. Guy	3,167 shares	(31.67%)
Jerry Jackson	500 shares	(5%)

(2) The outstanding shares of Emerald Green Lawn Care West, Inc. are owned in the following manner:

<u>Member</u>	Ownership Interest
Patrick K. Guy	40%
Evan McIntosh	30%
Michael R. Guy	20%
Ronald Grose	10%

(3) The outstanding membership interests in Integrated Turf Management, LLC, are owned in the following manner:

<u>Member</u>	_	Ownership Interest
Patrick K. Guy		50%
George Rush	_	40%
Richard J. Storrs		10%

(4) The outstanding membership interests in Rush Turf Management, LLC are owned in the following manner:

<u>Member</u>	Ownership Interest
George Rush	90%
Richard J. Storrs	10%

(b) The parties hereto have agree to exchange their respective ownership interests in Emerald Green Lawn Care, Inc., Emerald Green Lawn Care West, Inc., Rush Turf Management, LLC and Integrated Turf Management, LLC so that the individuals will have the following membership interests in Tall Cotton, LLC:

<u>Member</u>	Ownership Interest	
Patrick K. Guy	40%	
George Rush	38,5% 38W. Al	
Ronald Grose	10% M//	
Evan McIntosh	3.5%	
Richard J. Storrs	- 396-3,5W R POL	
Michael R. Guy	3 %	
Jerry Jackson	2 %	

This Plan of Merger being executed effective this _____ day of ______, 2000.

(Signatures are set forth on the Next Page)

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned hereby agree, acknowledge and certify that the foregoing Plan of Merger, consisting of _______ pages, excluding the attached Exhibits, constitutes the Plan of Merger of Tall Cotton, LLC, adopted by the Members effective as of the _______ day of ________, 2000.

TALL COTTON, LLC Title: Manager Members: (SEAL) Patrick K. Guy (SEAL) George Rush (SEAL) Ronald (SEAL) McIntosb (SEAL) (SEAL) Richard J. Storrs (SEAL)

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By: Title: Managing Member

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Richard J. Storrs