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Port Charlotte Steak Company, L.L.C.

Casselberry Steak Company, L.L.C.

Dear Brenda:

Enclosed please find the following documents for filing in your office in connection with the above-referenced foreign limited liability companies:

Port Charlotte Steak Company, L.L.C.

- Application by Foreign Limited Liability Company for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida;
- Certificate of Designation of Registered Agent/Registered Office; 2.

Original Certificate of Existence; 3.

4. Power of Attorney; and

5. Filing fee check in the amount of \$160.00.

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It is my understanding that you will file the above documents upon your receipt of them. If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact me at 402-474-6900, Ext. 6191.

Very truly yours,

Patti A. Dittmann Corporate Paralegal

Enclosures

APPLICATION BY FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 608.503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO REGISTER A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

| | Port Charlotte Steak Company (Name of fo | reign lim | | company) | | | _ |
|-----|---|-------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 2. | Nebraska | 3 | 91-2 | 113918 | | | |
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| 5. | April 6, 2001 | | | • • | | APR | SON |
| • | (Date first transacted business in Florid | la. (See se | ections 608.5 | 01, 608.502, | and 817.155, F.S.) | — R6 | 유글 |
| 7. | 124 West 25th Street, Suite Cl | | | | | | COR |
| | Kearney, NE 68447 | | <u> </u> | | | PM 12: | ORAI |
| | (Street a | ddress of | principal of | fice) | · | <u> </u> | — <u>≨</u> |
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| | Attached is an original certificate of existence, no more jurisdiction under the law of which it is organized. (A pl | than 90 da | rys old, duly | | v the official baying | custody of | recor |
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CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 608.415 of 608.507, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO DESIGNATE A REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

| 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is: Port Charlotte Steak Company, L.L.C. | | |
|--|-------------|------------------------|
| 2. The name and the Florida street address of the registered agent and office are: | 0 8 | DIVISION |
| Corporation Service Company (Name) | 0 | ON OF CO |
| 1201 Hays Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301 Florida street address (P.O. Box NOT ACCEPTABLE) | PM 12: 3 | OF STATE RPORATIONS |
| FL City/State/Zip | | NS. |

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated limited liability company at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent as provided for in Chapter 608, F.S..

(Signature) RRIAN COURTNEY, ASST. V.P.

\$ 100.00 Filing Fee for Application

\$ 25.00 Designation of Registered Agent

\$ 30.00 Certified Copy (optional)

\$ 5.00 Certificate of Status (optional)

LOCATION:

STATE OF



NEBRASKA

United States of America, State of Nebraska

SS.

Department of State Lincoln, Nebraska

I, John A. Gale, Secretary of State of Nebraska do hereby certify;

the attached is a true and correct copy of the Articles of Organization of

PORT CHARLOTTE STEAK COMPANY, L.L.C.

with its registered office located in LINCOLN, Nebraska, as filed in this office on April 2, 2001.

I further certify that said limited liability company is in existence as of this date.

In Testimony Whereof,

I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska on April 2, in the year of our Lord, two thousand one.

SECRETARY OF STATE



DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY

I. James K. Gardner, a resident of Kearney, Nebraska, do hereby designate and appoint John C. Miles of Lincoln, Nebraska, my attorney in fact to undertake and execute all of the acts and deeds necessary and related to the following transactions:

- The purchase of assets related to the operation of Whiskey Creek 1. Restaurants in Port Charlotte and Casselbury, Florida from Merchants Capital Corporation;
- The redemption of stock in Wild West, Inc. held by all shareholders of 2. that corporation other than the undersigned;

My attorney in fact shall have the power and authority to act on my behalf with respect to these transactions in the execution of any and all purchase agreements, promissory notes, guarantys, employment agreements, agency agreements and any other documents which my attorney in fact determines to be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the above-referenced transactions.

The authority granted herein shall include the ability to act for me in my personal capacity and in my capacity as a shareholder, officer and director of Wild West, Inc.

PURPOSE

I intend that the power and authority of my attorney be liberally construed in order to fulfill the purpose of the appointment which is to create a simple and flexible mechanism to finalize the transactions referred to herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed and acknowledge this instrument this 54h day of April, 2001. STATE OF NEBRASKA

COUNTY OF LANCASTER

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 5th day of April, 2001 by James K. Gardner.

GENERAL NOTARY-State of Nebraska PATTI A. DITTMANN My Comm. Exp. Nov. 23, 2004