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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: SOUTH EASTERN EYEGLASS RECYCLING (SEER), INCORPORATION (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

\$70.00 \$78.75 \$87.50 \$\$87.50 \$\$Filing Fee & Certificate of & Certificate of & Certificate Copy & Certificate & ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: JOHN A. GEHRIG

Name (Printed or typed)

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WINTER PARK, I-L 32792

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(407) 678 8396

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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.



Secretary of State

June 13, 2003

JOHN A. GEHRIG 2025 SUSSEX RD WINTER PARK, FL 32792

SUBJECT: SOUTH EASTERN EYEGLASS RECYCLING, INCORPORATED Ref. Number: W03000017029

We have received your document for SOUTH EASTERN EYEGLASS RECYCLING, INCORPORATED and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Entities may file using only the entity's name. Please delete any reference to the "doing business as name" in your document. If you wish to register your fictitious name, you may do so by filing the enclosed application and submitting the appropriate fees to this office.

Please return the original and one copy of 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) 245-6933.

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF SOUTH EASTERN EYEGLASS RECYCLING, INC.

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The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under HESSEE FLORIDA Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Florida Statutes Chapter 617, makes and adopts the following articles of incorporation.

ARTICLE 1. Name. The name of the corporation is as follows:

SOUTH EASTERN EYEGLASS RECYCLING, INC.

- ARTICLE 2. Address. The address of the principal office and the mailing address of the corporation is 2025 Sussex Road, Winter Park, FL 32792.
- ARTICLE 3. Initial Registered Office and Agent. The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 2025 Sussex Road, Winter Park, FL 32792. The name of its initial registered agent is John A. Gehrig.
- ARTICLE 4. No Members. The corporation shall not have members and shall not issue membership certificates. The corporation shall not issue shares of stock.
- ARTICLE 5. Not For Profit. The corporation is a not for profit corporation under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. No part of the income or assets of the corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its directors or officers, except to the extent permissible under these articles, under law and under 26 USCA Section 501[c] {3) (referred to below as "code"). If the corporation ever has members, no member shall have any vested right, interest or privilege in or to the assets, income or property of the corporation and no part of the income or assets of the corporation shall be distributable to or for the benefit of the members, except to the extent permissible under these Articles, under law and under 26 USCA Section 501 [c] (3).
  - ARTICLE 6. Duration. The duration of the corporation is perpetual.
- ARTICLE 7. Purposes. The corporation is organized, and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes, including but not limited to the collection, rehabilitation and distribution of recycled eyeglasses, the sponsorship and participation in humanitarian efforts devoted to sight, sight care and sight improvement, and all other forms of humanitarian relief efforts.

ARTICLE 8. Powers. Solely for the above purposes, the corporation shall have the following powers:

- A. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida on nonprofit corporations, including but not limited to those set forth in Florida Statutes Chapter 617 and the following powers: to acquire by bequest, devise, gift, grant, donation, contribution, purchase, lease or otherwise any property of any sort or nature without limitation as to its amount or value, and to hold, invest, reinvest, manage, use, apply, employ, sell, expend, disburse, lease, mortgage, convey, option, donate or otherwise dispose of the property and the income, principal and proceeds of the property.
- B. To engage in and transact any other lawful activity, solely in furtherance of the above purposes, for which non-profit corporations may be incorporated under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, and any successor or amendment to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.
- C. To do any other things as are incidental to the powers of the corporation or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish the purposes of the corporation.

ARTICLE 9. Limitation. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure directly or indirectly to the benefit of or be distributable to its directors or officers, but the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 7 (Purposes) of these Articles.

ARTICLE 10. Tax Exempt Status. It is intended that the corporation shall have and continue to have the status of a corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation., 26 USCA Section 501(a) as an organization described in USCA Section 501(c)(3) and which is other than a private foundation as defined in 26 USCA Section 509. These articles shall be construed accordingly, and all powers and activities of the corporation shall be limited accordingly. The corporation shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation to such an extent as would result in the loss of exemption under 26 USCA Section 501(c)(3), All references in these articles to sections of the Internal Revenue Code shall be considered references to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as from time to time amended, and to the corresponding provisions of any similar law subsequently enacted.

ARTICLE 11. Dissolution. On the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, distribute all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for charitable, scientific or educational purposes in such manner and to such qualified organization or organizations as the board of directors shall determine. Any of the assets not so distributed shall be distributed in accordance with the direction of any court having jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for the above purposes of the corporation or to a qualified organization or organizations as the court shall determine. For purposes of this article, an organization is a "qualified organization" only, if at the time of receiving the assets, it is operated exclusively for the purposes described in 26 USCA Section 170(c)(1) or 26 USCA Section 170(c)(2)(B) and is described in 26 USCA Section 509(a)(1), (2) or (3).

ARTICLE 12. Board of Directors. There shall be a board of directors consisting of at least three individuals. The initial directors are elected by the incorporator. After that, each director shall be elected by a majority vote of the board of directors in the manner and at the times set forth in the bylaws. Any director may be removed by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the board of directors.

ARTICLE 13. Officers. The officers of the corporation may consist of a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and any other officers and assistant officers as may be provided for in the bylaws or by resolution of the board of directors. Each officer shall be elected by majority vote of the board of directors (and may be removed by majority vote of the board of directors) at such a time and in such a manner as may be prescribed by the bylaws or by law.

ARTICLE 14. Incorporator. The name and street address of the incorporator is as follows:

JOHN A. GEHRIG, 2025 Sussex Road, Winter Park, FL 32792

ARTICLE 15. Bylaws. The bylaws of the corporation are to be made and adopted by the board of directors, and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the board of directors.

ARTICLE 16. Amendment. The corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these articles of incorporation or any amendment to them.

ARTICLE 17. Indemnification and Civil Liability Immunity. The corporation shall indemnify each director and officer, including former directors and officers, to the fullest extent allowed by law, including but not limited to Florida Statutes Chapter 617. It is intended that the corporation be an organization the officers and directors of which are immune from civil liability to the extent provided under Florida Statutes Chapter 617 and other similar laws.

ARTICLE 18. Commencement of Corporate Existence. The date when corporate existence shall commence is that date upon which these Articles are accepted for filing by the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

IN WITNESS, the undersigned incorporator has signed these articles of incorporation on June 27, 2003.

JOHN A. GEHRAG Incorporator

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## SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation organized under the not for profit corporation laws of the State of Florida submits the following statement in designating the registered office and registered agent of the corporation in the State of Florida.

1. Name of the corporation:

SOUTH EASTERN EYEGLASS RECYCLING, INC.

2. Name and address of the registered agent and office:

John A. Gehrig 2025 Sussex Road Winter Park, FL 32792

I, the undersigned person, having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this statement, 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.

Dated: June 27, 2003

John A. Gehrig 2025 Sussex Road

Winter Park, FL 32792

Registered Agent