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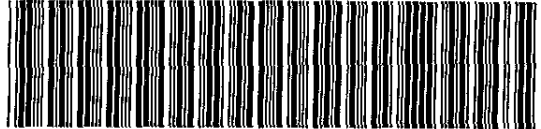
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Department of State
Division of Corporations
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SUBJECT: The Reuse Center of the Inshore Coast, Inc.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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FROM: DEBORAH COGOSSI
Name (Printed or typed)

774 SE ALBATROSS AVENUE
Address

PT. ST. LUCIE FLA 34983
City, State & Zip

561-248-3417 772-344-1096
Daytime Telephone number

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

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
FOR
THE REUSE CENTER OF THE TREASURE COAST, INC.**

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The undersigned incorporator, being a natural person competent to contract, hereby adopts these Articles of Incorporation in order to form a not-for-profit corporation without stock under the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of this Corporation is The Reuse Center of the Treasure Coast, Inc., (hereafter referred to as the Corporation).

**ARTICLE II
COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION**

This Corporation shall commence upon execution of these Articles and shall exist to perpetuity.

**ARTICLE III
PURPOSE AND POWERS**

Section 3.1 Purposes

The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are as follows:

- a. The purpose of this Corporation is to operate exclusively for literary, educational, charitable and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. More specifically, but without limitation, this Corporation has the purpose of providing reuse centers, and a program whereby usable byproducts are collected and redistributed to educators, teachers, parents, therapists, schools, preschools, senior citizen service agencies, and other community organizations as inexpensive or free educational, therapeutic, scientific, or creative learning materials with the multiple goals of saving industries, citizens, and the environment the cost and dilemma of waste disposal while at the same time providing much needed educational materials to the community and education systems. This Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to and operated exclusively for nonprofit purposes.

- b. To receive, maintain and accept as assets of the Corporation, any property, whether real, personal or mixed by way of gift, bequest, devise or purpose, from any person, firm, trust or corporation, to be held, administered and disposed of in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation;
- c. *But no gift, bequest, devise or purchase of any such property shall be received or made and accepted if it is conditioned or limited in such manner or shall require the disposition of income or principal to any organization other than a charitable organization or for any purpose other than charitable purposes which would jeopardize the Federal Income Tax exemption of this organization pursuant to Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.*
- d. To cooperate with other charitable organizations, through grants and otherwise, which are working to preserve the environment, to promote quality education for all ages, and benefit the community through unity and mutual goals.
- e. To form coalitions with community service agencies, school districts, senior services, and cultural organizations to improve the quality of life and education in the community.

Section 3.2 Powers

To accomplish the foregoing purposes the Corporation shall have all corporate powers permitted under Florida law, including the capacity to contract, bring suit and be sued. No part of the income of the Corporation shall be distributed to the members, directors, and/or officers of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV OFFICES

The principal and registered office of the Corporation shall be located in St. Lucie County, Florida. The Corporation may have offices at such other places within the State of Florida as the Board of Directors from time to time may determine, or as the affairs of the Corporation may require.

ARTICLE V INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The Corporation's initial Registered Office and initial Registered Agent shall be:

Deborah Cogossi
774 S. E. Albatross Avenue
Pt. St. Lucie, Florida 34983

ARTICLE VI
DATE RESPECTING DIRECTORS

Section 6.1

The affairs and property of the Corporation shall be managed and governed by a Board of Directors composed of not less than three (3) persons who shall be elected as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

Section 6.2

The initial directors are as follows:

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| Deborah Cogossi | Jacquie Burgess | Pat Hickman |
| 774 SE Albatross Avenue | 3958 Oak Hammock Lane | 3250 NW 160 th St. |
| Pt. St. Lucie, Fla 34983 | Ft. Pierce, Fla 34951 | Okeechobee, Fla 34972 |

ARTICLE VII
OFFICERS

Section 7.1

The names of the officers who shall serve until the first election are as follows:

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| President: | Jacquie Burgess 3958 Oak Hammock Lane Ft. Pierce, Fla 34951 |
| Vice President: | Pat Hickman 3250 NW 160 th Street Okeechobee, Fla 34972 |
| Secretary: | Irma Naylor 268 SW Biltmore Avenue Pt. St. Lucie, Fla 34983 |
| Treasurer: | John Young 3109 SW Edwards Avenue Palm City, Fla 34990 |

ARTICLE VIII
BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the Corporation may be made altered, amended, or rescinded by vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors present at a regular meeting of such Board or at a special meeting called for such purpose.

ARTICLE IX
LIMITATION OF POWERS

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

ARTICLE X
INDEMNIFICATION

This Corporation shall indemnify any officer, director, employee, or agent, and any former officer, director, employee, or agent to the full extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation shall only be made by adoption at a meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of those directors present, or by proxy, at such meeting.

ARTICLE XII
DISSOLUTION AND LIMITATION

Section 12.1

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all assets of the Corporation to an organization, or organizations, organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education, literary, religious or scientific purposes which are themselves an exempt organization, or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code Of 1986, as amended or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law or to the federal government or state or local government for an exclusive public purpose, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Section 12.2

In the event of dissolution, no part of the Corporation's assets shall inure to the benefit of any officer, director or member of the Corporation.

Section 12.3

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has made and subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation on this 15 day of AUGUST, 2003.

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF DADE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, a Notary Public duly authorized to take acknowledgements, personally appeared Deborah Cogossi, to me known to be the person described as a subscriber in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and she acknowledged before me that she executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 15 day of AUGUST, 2003.

(notary seal)



Lesia J. Murphy
MY COMMISSION # DD134173 EXPIRES
July 16, 2006
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 7-16-06

REGISTERED AGENT

The Corporation's initial Registered Office and initial Registered Agent at that address shall be:

Deborah Cogossi

774 SE Albatross Avenue
Pt. St. Lucie, Fla 34983

ACCEPTANCE

I hereby accept appointment as Registered Agent of the above named Corporation, and agree to serve as such until the Directors of the Corporation shall have named my successor and the proper department of the State of Florida notified therefore.

Deborah Cogossi
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