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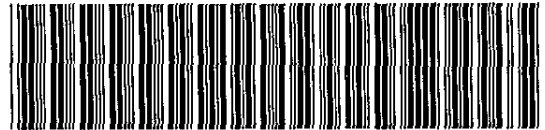
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BIOTECH LEADERSHIP CONSORTIUM, INC.

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The undersigned, acting as incorporators of this Corporation not for profit pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt the following articles of incorporation and state as follows:

I.
NAME

The name of this Corporation is "BioTech Leadership Consortium, Inc." The initial address of the corporation is Post Office Box 880931, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34988-0931.

II.
DURATION

The period of the duration of this Corporation is perpetual unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon filing with the Secretary of State.

III.
PURPOSE

The purposes for which this Corporation is created and maintained shall be exclusively for the promotion of social welfare and no activities which are not permitted by an organization exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, shall be permitted.

The Corporation shall have the power and authority:

- (1) To gather, analyze and disseminate data and information relating to the economic and other benefits to Palm Beach County and the State of Florida deriving from the expansion of the biotechnology industry;
- (2) To encourage industry and governmental leaders to cooperate in the development of public-private partnerships to facilitate the location of biotechnology companies and scientists within Palm Beach County and the State of Florida;
- (2) To serve as a core organization to bring together representatives of biotechnology interests and other citizens who have the common goal of ensuring a responsible and controlled development of the biotechnology industry within the State of Florida;
- (3) To conduct fundraising activities for the production of revenues adequate to carry out the purposes of the Corporation.
- (4) To disseminate to the public, government, civic organizations and other non-profit and business entities information relating to the issues in which the corporation has an interest.

IV.
MEMBERS

The members Board of Directors shall initially consist of the incorporators and such other persons as may be selected in accordance with the By-laws. The By-laws shall describe the rights of members. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, Directors, officers or other private persons.

V.
REGISTERED AGENT

The street address and city of the registered office of the Corporation is:

Ronald G. Meyer
2544 Blairstone Pines Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

The name of the registered agent at such address is Ronald G. Meyer, Esquire.

VI.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The number of persons constituting the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be not less than three nor more than twenty. Directors shall be elected or appointed, or serve *ex-officio*, in accordance with the By-laws of the Corporation. The By-laws may also provide for the selection of such officers as are deemed necessary or desirable.

VII.
INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

All officers and directors of this Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including attorney's fees (including appellate proceedings) reasonably incurred in connection with any proceeding or settlement thereof in which they may become involved by reason of holding such office as provided in the By-laws. The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of all officers and directors against any liability asserted against them or incurred by them in their capacity as officers and directors or arising out of their status as such.

VIII.
NON-STOCK BASIS

This Corporation is organized on a non-stock basis.

IX.
DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the Corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the federal, state or local government for exclusively public purposes.

X.
INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the original incorporators of this Corporation are as follows:

Ken Pruitt
Post Office Box 880931
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

Ron Klein
3333 S. Congress Ave.
Suite 305A
Delray Beach, FL 33445

Jeff Atwater
814 U.S. 1, Ste. 210
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33408

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the incorporators of this Corporation, have executed these articles of incorporation on the date below indicated.



KEN PRUITT
Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 25th day of January, 2005, by Ken Pruitt, who is personally known to me OR who has produced a valid Florida Driver's License as identification (strike through one).



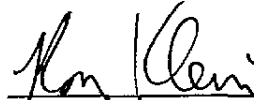
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Notary: RONALD G. MEYER
PRINTED NAME

My Commission Expires:



Ronald G. Meyer
MY COMMISSION # DD031193 EXPIRES
August 18, 2005
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.



RON KLEIN
Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 24th day of January, 2005, by Ron Klein, who is personally known to me OR ~~who has produced a valid Florida Driver's License as identification (strike through one).~~


NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary: RONALD G. MEYER
PRINTED NAME

My Commission Expires:



Ronald G. Meyer
MY COMMISSION # DD031193 EXPIRES
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JEFF ATWATER
Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 24th day of January, 2005, by Jeff Atwater, who is personally known to me OR ~~who has produced a valid Florida Driver's License as identification (strike through one).~~


NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary: RONALD G. MEYER
PRINTED NAME

My Commission Expires:



Ronald G. Meyer
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ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated Corporation, at the place designated in these articles of incorporation, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I agree to comply with the provisions of Section 48.091, Florida Statutes relative to keeping open said office for service of process.



RONALD G. MEYER
Registered Agent

Date: January 25, 2005

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