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# To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed an original copy and one (1) photo copy of Delou Africa, Inc.'s Articles of Incorporation and a check in the amount of \$78.75 for the filing fees. Please forward our certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation to the address above.

Sincerely,

Njen Plato-Dioubate

# **COVER LETTER**

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

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ARTICLE I

NAME

• Delou Africa, Inc.

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ARTICLE II

**DURATION** 

• The duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

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ARTICLE III

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

11054 SW 159 Terrace Miami FL 33157

ARTICLE IV

**PURPOSE** 

This corporation is a non-profit corporation organized under chapter 617, Florida statutes. It is not organized for the private gain of any person. Delou Africa, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, and educational purposes, 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, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, more specifically providing an ongoing platform to showcase and educate the rich traditions of Africa through dance, drum/music, songs and history influenced by the African Diaspora. We bridge gaps in our diverse community by facilitating, educational and artistic programs that provides opportunities for expression, growth and appreciation in a supportive and nurturing environment. The Corporation is organized as a not-forprofit organization cultivating and preserving African culture. We provide year round community dance and drum/music classes, educational workshops with world renowned artiste; aurally and visually striking performances and ballets, other activities includes Traditional African instrument making and maintenance, along with costume designing. We attract and maintain an International outreach for cultural exchanges in our community and South Florida.

- A. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations.
- B. Provided, however, that the corporation shall not engage in any action which is not permitted to be carried on by nonprofit corporations under section 501(c) (3) and 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, or officers, but the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to reasonable compensation to these people for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its stated purposes.

#### ARTICLE V

**MANNER OF ELECTION** 

 The Board shall elect its own members at its annual meeting in accordance with the bylaws

#### ARTICLE VI

#### INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS

• The initial Board of Directors shall have seven (7) members (The Board of Directors will be elected as stated in the bylaws.) The number of directors may be raised or lowered by amendment of the bylaws but shall in no case be less than three (3). The officers may also serve as Directors of the Corporation. Each Officer shall be elected by the Board of Directors (and may be removed by the Board of Directors) and shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and other officers as may be elected or appointed by the Board of Directors from time to time. The name and address of each initial Board of Director and Officer of the Corporation is as follows:

# **INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Njeri Plato-Dioubate
 12721 Adventure Drive
 Riverview FL 33579

• Vivienne Crawford 11054 SW 159 Terrace

Miami FL 33157

Folayan Griffiths
 12721 Adventure Drive

Riverview FL 33579

• Chipo Baker 12721 Adventure Drive

Riverview FL 33579

Nicole Deas
 12721 Adventure Drive

Riverview FL 33579

Kimra Kone 12721 Adventure Drive

Riverview FL 33579

• Tandrea Carter 12721 Adventure Drive

Riverview FL 33579

#### **OFFICERS**

Njeri Plato-Dioubate 12721 Adventure Drive (President) Riverview FL 33579

• Folayan Griffiths 12721 Adventure Drive (Vice President) Riverview FL 33579

• Vivienne Crawford 11054 SW 159 Terrace (Treasurer) Miami FL 33157

• Chipo Baker 12721 Adventure Drive (Secretary) Riverview FL 33579

# ARTICLE VII

# INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

Vivienne Crawford

11054 SW 159 Terrace Miami FL 33157

ARTICLE VIII

**INCORPORATOR** 

• Nieri Plato-Dioubate

12721 Adventure Drive Riverview FL 33579

ARTICLE IX

**EFFECTIVE DATE** 

• The effective date of the corporation will be January 1, 2010

#### ARTICLE X

#### NONSTOCK BASIS

• The Corporation is organized (and shall be operated) on a non stock basis within the meaning of the Florida Not for Profit Corporation act, and shall not have the power to issue shares of any type or class of stock, by may issue membership certificates if so provided by the bylaws.

#### ARTICLE XI

# LIABILITES FOR DEBTS

• Neither the members nor the members of the Board of Directors or officers of the Corporation shall be liable for the debts of the Corporation.

# ARTICLE XII

### **ADMENDMENT**

• These articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by them to the members, and approved at a members meeting by a majority of the members as stated in bylaws.

#### ARTICLE XIII

#### **DISSOLUTION**

• Upon dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of by Court of Competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Njeri Plato Dioubate
Incorporator

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In WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed these Articles of Incorporation on this December 19, 2009

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE

Mjeri Plato-Dioubate & Vivenne Crawford who is personally known to me or who has produced FLORINA Drivers Liscenseas identification.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: March 02, 2013



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