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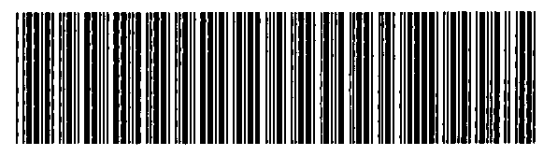
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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

**SUBJECT:** GEAR International - Global Environmental Aquifer Research, 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:** Dr. Michael E. Bowen, ENG.D/Ph.D.  
Name (Printed or typed)

12145 SE 133rd Terrace  
Address

Ocklawaha, L 32179-5120  
City, State & Zip

352-817-5393  
12145 SE 133rd Terrace Phone number

PawsFIChapter@aol.com  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Corporations

August 12, 2011

DR. MICHAEL E. BOWEN, ENG.D/PH.D  
12145 SE 133RD TERRACE  
OCKLAWAHA, FL 32179-5120

SUBJECT: G.E.A.R. INTERNATIONAL - GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL AQUIFER  
RESEARCH, INC.  
Ref. Number: W11000042206

We have received your document for G.E.A.R. INTERNATIONAL - GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL AQUIFER RESEARCH, INC. 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 an application and submitting the appropriate fees to this office.

Please return the corrected original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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Valerie Herring  
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## ARTICLES of INCORPORATION

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

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### ARTICLE – I (NAME)

The name of the not-for-profit corporation shall be:

**Global Environmental Aquifer Research, Inc.**

### ARTICLE – II (PRINCIPAL OFFICE)

Principal Street Address

Mailing Address

12145 SE 133<sup>rd</sup> Terrace  
Ocklawaha, FL 32179-5120

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### ARTICLE – III (PURPOSE)

The enabling law for this corporation is organization pursuant to the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act. This corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for educational, research, volunteer public service, and scientific pursuits, leading to resource conservation and rehabilitation, and not for pecuniary profit. The corporation is a public not for profit organization within the defined section 340.299, Florida Statutes, and as such, is organized and operated exclusively to receive, hold, invest, and administer assets and property, and to make expenditures for the benefit of obtaining the goals of Global Environmental Aquifer Research, Inc. Additional purposes for this organization shall include those goals broadly outlined in Article III (a) of these articles.

WHEREAS, man-made phosphates, nitrates, nitrites, and nitrides are a threat to world aquifers and a sustainable world water supply, a primary emphasis of this corporation will include, but not be limited to, public education and significant research regarding protection, conservation, and rehabilitation of global aquifers. Particular emphasis will be given to education and research into, and the creation of, educational and technical methodologies,

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protocols and innovations to mitigate for removal or introduction-prevention of man-made nitrates from rivers, streams lakes, ponds, creeks, estuaries, oceans and aquifers.

The corporation shall provide means by which discoveries, innovations and the work products of officers, directors, board members, general members, affiliates and volunteers of Global Environmental Aquifer Research, Inc., may be patented, developed, applied and utilized in order that the results of such research shall be made available to the public, and that any proprietary funds be made available from such discoveries, innovations, inventions, processes and work products for further use by the corporation. Volunteer opportunities and rights of general membership shall be available to interested individuals sharing the organization's goals without regard to race, religion or sexual preference.

**ARTICLE – III [a] (REQUIRED PURPOSE CLAUSE for IRS 501 (c) (3) FILING)**

This organization, (Corporation), is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of section 501 (C) (3) OF THE Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under said code section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

No part(s) of the net earnings of the organization, (Corporation), shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the organization shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in the furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except as provided in section 501 (h) of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1986, and the organization shall not participate in, or

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intervene in any political campaign, including the publishing or distribution of statements on behalf of, or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a), by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or, (b), by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any corresponding section of any future tax code.

**ARTICLE – IV (MANNER of ELECTION)**

Initially, Officers and Directors shall be as indicated in Section-V of these Articles of Incorporation, and thereafter, the office of Treasurer and/or Secretary shall be voted upon annually by a simple majority of the board of directors. The offices of President, Vice President and Executive Director shall be elected/re-elected bi-annually by a simple majority of members of the board of directors. After initial first-term elections, all officers shall serve their respective terms at the pleasure of the board of directors with a two consecutive term limit, not including the initial term.

**ARTICLE – V (INITIAL OFFICERS and/or DIRECTORS)**

Dr. Michael E. Bowen, Eng.D./Ph.D.  
**PRESIDENT**  
12145 SE 133<sup>rd</sup> Terrace  
Ocklawaha, FL 32179-5120

Sandy G. Bowen  
**TREASURER**  
12145 SE 133<sup>rd</sup> Terrace  
Ocklawaha, FL 32179-5120

Dr. Cecil Verdaz, Ph.D.  
**VICE PRESIDENT**  
12145 SE 133<sup>rd</sup> Terrace  
Ocklawaha, FL 32179-5120

Dr. Julie Anne Cezsic, Ph.D.  
**SECRETARY**  
12145 SE 133<sup>rd</sup> Terrace  
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Dr. Michael E. Bowen, Eng.D./Ph.D.  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
12145 SE 133<sup>rd</sup> Terrace  
Ocklawaha, FL 32179-5120

**ARTICLE VI – (REGISTERED AGENT)** The name and street address of the Florida Registered Agent is:

Dr. Michael E. Bowen, Eng.D./Ph.D.  
**REGISTERED AGENT**  
12145 SE 133<sup>rd</sup> Terrace  
Ocklawaha, FL 32179-5120

**ARTICLE – VII (INCORPORATOR)** The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Dr. Michael E. Bowen, Eng.D./Ph.D.  
**INCORPORATOR**  
12145 SE 133<sup>rd</sup> Terrace  
Ocklawaha, FL 32179-5120

**ARTICLE VIII - (ADOPTION of BYLAWS)**

The By-Laws of the Corporation shall be adopted at the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors and may be adopted, altered, amended, or repealed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board, or by all Directors signing a written statement manifesting their intention that the By-Laws be so treated.

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**ARTICLE IX – (TERM of EXISTENCE)**

This corporation shall commence to exist upon the date of approval and certificate issuance by the governing entity in the State of Florida, and shall have perpetual existence unless dissolved pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida and these Articles of Incorporation, including the broadly defined protocol defined in Article-X of these Articles of Incorporation, titled, DISSOLUTION.

**ARTICLE – X (DISSOLUTION)**

Upon the dissolution and winding up of this organization, (Corporation), after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, any remaining assets shall then be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, association, or corporation organized and operated exclusively for the purposes specified in section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and which has established its tax-exempt status under that section or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine, and which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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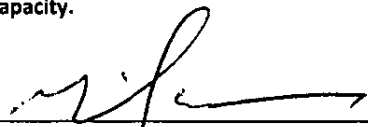
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**REGISTERED AGENT AFFIRMATION:**

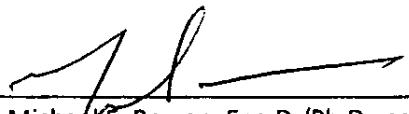
Having been named as Registered Agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as Registered Agent and agree to act in this capacity.

  
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Dr. Michael E. Bowen, Eng.D/Ph.D., as Registered Agent

8-23-2011  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**AFFIRMATION by INCORPORATOR:**

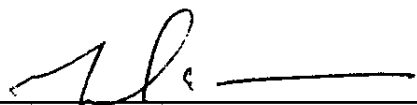
I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false state information submitted to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

  
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Dr. Michael E. Bowen, Eng.D./Ph.D., as Incorporator

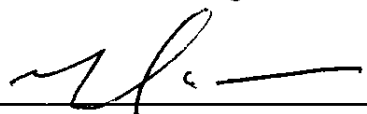
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**ADOPTION of ARTICLES of INCORPORATION**

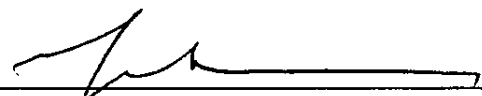
I, the undersigned, hereby certify that there are no members entitled to vote on these Articles of Incorporation. I further attest that these Articles of Incorporation were duly adopted by the Board of Directors on this the 27th day of August, 2011

  
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Dr. Michael E. Bowen, Eng.D./Ph.D. – PRESIDENT

8-23-2011  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

  
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Dr. Michael E. Bowen, Eng.D./Ph.D. – REGISTERED AGENT

8-23-2011  
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Dr. Michael E. Bowen, Eng.D./Ph.D. – INCORPORATOR

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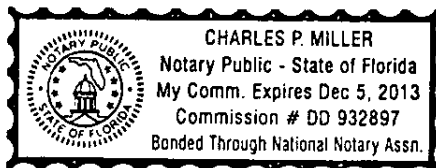
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NOTARY PUBLIC

Before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the State of Florida, comes the above captioned Signatory, Dr. Michael E. Bowen, who having properly and lawfully identified himself to me, did execute and subscribe to these Articles of Incorporation as Indicated.

(SEAL)



Charles P. Miller  
Notary Public (Signature)

8/23/11  
DATE

CHARLES P. MILLER  
Notary Public (PRINT NAME)

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