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NAME: AEI CONSTRUCTION, INC.

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XX ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
       CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

of

**AEI CONSTRUCTION, INC.**  
(a corporation)

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
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Executed by the undersigned for the purposes of forming a Florida Corporation under Chapter 607, Florida Statutes (1999):

**ARTICLE I. NAME AND ADDRESS**

EFFECTIVE DATE

02/24/2000

The name and address of the corporation is:

**AEI CONSTRUCTION, INC.**  
1745 Ridgewood Avenue  
Holly Hill, Florida 32117

**ARTICLE II. DURATION AND COMMENCEMENT**

This corporation shall exist perpetually and shall commence on the date of execution and acknowledgment of these Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE III. PURPOSES**

This corporation is organized for the following purposes:

1. To own, operate and manage a woman owned minority construction based business with emphasis on hazardous environmental clean-up, site preparation and levee and canal construction in Florida, other states of the United States and in foreign countries.
2. To hire and/or train personnel to carry out these purposes.
3. To rent, lease, purchase and/or own facilities and equipment which are sufficient for the conduct and/or operation of the purposes of the corporation.
4. To transact any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated or organized under the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE IV. CAPITAL STOCK**

This corporation is authorized to issue 1000 shares of Five Dollar (\$5.00) per share par value common stock which shall be designated common shares, all of which shall be the same class.

## **ARTICLE V. VOTING RIGHTS**

Except as otherwise provided by law, the entire voting power for the election of Directors and for all other purposes shall be vested exclusively in the holders of the outstanding common shares of this corporation. The holder of each outstanding common share shall be entitled to one (1) vote per share unless otherwise provided in the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE VI. MANAGEMENT**

The business of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors chosen by the Shareholders or the Shareholders may elect to have the corporation managed by the Shareholders acting as Directors, in which case the terms shall be used interchangeably herein, pursuant to Chapter 607, Florida Statutes (1997).

## **ARTICLE VII. INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE**

The street address of the initial Registered Agent of this corporation is The Blackstone Building, 233 East Bay Street, Suite 930, Jacksonville, Florida 32202, and the name of the initial Registered Agent of this corporation at that address is **C. HOLT SMITH, III.**

## **ARTICLE VIII. INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

This corporation shall have one (1) Director initially, the number of which may be increased or decreased from time to time according to the By-Laws of this corporation, but shall never be less than one (1) Director. The name and address of the initial Director of this corporation are:

GABRIELLE BENIGNI	1745 Ridgewood Avenue
	Holly Hill, FL 32117

## **ARTICLE IX. INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation is:

GABRIELLE BENIGNI	1745 Ridgewood Avenue
	Holly Hill, FL 32117

## **ARTICLE X. AMENDMENT**

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment to them, and any right conferred upon the Shareholders is subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscribing Incorporator has hereunto set his hand and seal this 24 day February, 2000 for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

  
GABRIELLE BENIGNI

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF DUVAL

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, an officer duly authorized in the state aforesaid and in the county aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared **GABRIELLE BENIGNI**, who executed the foregoing instrument as Incorporator of **AEI CONSTRUCTION, INC.**, a corporation named herein, and acknowledged before me that she executed the same as such Incorporator, in the name of and on behalf of the said corporation. She is ☒ personally known to me or ☐ has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification and did (did not) take an oath.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, this 24th day of February, 2000.

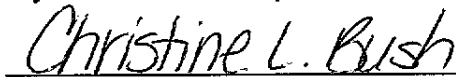
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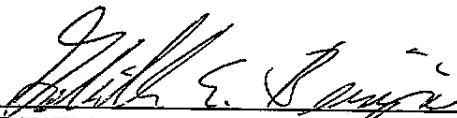
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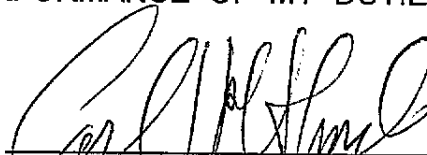
First, that **AEI CONSTRUCTION, INC.**, desiring to organize or qualify under the laws  
of the State of Florida, with its principal place of business at 1745 Ridgewood Avenue,  
Holly, State of Florida, has named C. HOLT SMITH, III, located at The Blackstone Building,  
233 East Bay Street, Suite 930, City of Jacksonville, State of Florida, 32202, as its Agent  
to accept service of process within Florida.

**AEI CONSTRUCTION, INC.**

By:   
GABRIELLE BENIGNI, President/Secretary

DATED: February 24, 2000

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE  
ABOVE STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS  
CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY, AND I FURTHER  
AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO  
THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES.

  
C. HOLT SMITH, III  
Registered Agent

DATED: February 24, 2000