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March 20, 2000

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RE: <u>HARD ASSET INVESTMENTS, INC.</u> ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Dear Clerk:

Please find enclosed original and one copy of Articles of Incorporation to be filed for HARD ASSET INVESTMENTS, INC., and check in the amount of \$78.75 filing fee. Please file the original Articles and return true copy to this office in the return envelope enclosed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

For the Firm

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF HARD ASSET INVESTMENTS, INC.

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ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the Corporation is: HARD ASSET INVESTMENTS, INC.

ARTICLE II PURPOSES

This Corporation is organized for the purpose of transacting any and all lawful business for which corporations may be formed under Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE III STOCK

The maximum number of shares this Corporation is authorized to issue is 1000, all of which shall be Common Shares. All Common Shares shall be identical with each other in every respect and the holders thereof shall be entitled to one vote for each share on all matters on which shareholders have the right to vote.

ARTICLE IV REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation is 2425 E. Commercial Blvd., Suite 400, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308 and the name of the initial registered agent at that address is Sherri Simpson, Esq.

ARTICLE V DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

This Corporation shall have one director initially. The number of directors may be increased or diminished from time to time as provided in the Bylaws, but shall never be less than one. The name and address of the initial directors and officers of this Corporation are:

Brian Lunsford, President

8521 SW 30 Street Davie, Florida 33328

ARTICLE VI INCORPORATOR

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The name and address of the incorporator of this Corporation is:

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Sherri Simpson, Esq.

2425 E. Commercial Blvd., Suite 400 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308

ARTICLE VII ADDRESS

The principal office and mailing address of the Corporation is: 8521 SW 30 Street, Davie, Florida 33328.

ARTICLE VIII INDEMNIFICATION

This Corporation shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless and insure its officers and directors to the fullest extent permitted by law either now or hereafter.

ARTICLE IX PERPETUAL EXISTENCE

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence unless sooner dissolved as provided by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 17th day of March, 2000.

Sherri Simpson Esq.,

Incorporator

ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for **HARD ASSET INVESTMENTS**, **INC.** at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, the undersigned is familiar with and accepts the obligations of that position pursuant to F.S. 607.0501(3)

Sherri Simpson, Esq., Registered Agen