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

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SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_ e Merchant Group, Inc.  
(proposed corporate name)

Enclosed please find an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation for the above corporation and check in the amount of \$ 78.75.

FROM:

Ryan P. Ford  
Name  
16450 Northdale Oaks Drive  
Address  
Tampa, Fl., 33624  
City, State, & Zip  
( 727 ) 515-1188  
Telephone Number

Note: Additional copy of articles is needed only when certified copy is requested.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

e Merchant Group, Inc.

The undersigned incorporator(s), for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Business Corporation Act, hereby adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be:

e Merchant Group, Inc.

**ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

16450 Northdale Oaks Drive  
Tampa, Fl., 33624

**ARTICLE III CAPITAL STOCK**

The number of shares of stock that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is:

500 shares @ \$1.00 per share.

**ARTICLE IV INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND ADDRESS**

The name and address of the initial registered agent is:

Ryan P. Ford  
16450 Northdale Oaks Drive  
Tampa, Fl., 33624

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**ARTICLE V INCORPORATOR(S)**

The name(s) and street address(es) of the incorporator(s) to these Articles of Incorporation is(are):

Ryan P. Ford  
16450 Northdale Oaks Drive  
Tampa, Fl., 33624

The undersigned has(have) executed these Articles of Incorporation this

6 day of April, ~~10~~ 2000.

x  / President  
Signature/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature/Title

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Signature/Title

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION**  
**REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 607.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the state of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the state of Florida.

1. The name of the corporation is: e Merchant Group, Inc.

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Ryan P. Ford

(NAME)

16450 Northdale Oaks Drive

(P.O. BOX **NOT** ACCEPTABLE)

Tampa, Fl., 33624

(CITY/STATE/ZIP)

SIGNATURE 

(corporate officer)

TITLE President

DATE 4/5/2000

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

SIGNATURE 

DATE 4/6/00

REGISTERED AGENT FILING FEE: \$35.00