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Secretary of State Division of Corporations 409 E. Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re:

Corporate Filing - JAMES E. DECKER INVESTMENTS, INC.

A Florida Corporation

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find the Articles of Incorporation for JAMES E. DECKER INVESTMENTS, INC., a Florida Corporation, together with a check in the amount of \$78.75 payable to the Secretary of State for the filing fee and for a certified copy of the Articles. I would appreciate your filing these papers as soon as possible and returning the certified copy to my office address as shown above at your very earliest convenience. I would also request that you fax to my office at 727/822-1499 a note showing that the Corporation has been filed.

Thank you for your courtesy and attention in this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely yours,

LARRY L. DILLAHUNTY, P.)

Larry L. Dillahunty, Esquire

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 

## JAMES E. DECKER INVESTMENTS, INC.

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE !

## NAME

The name of the Corporation is JAMES E. DECKER INVESTMENTS, INC.

#### **ARTICLE II**

## **DURATION**

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual.

#### **ARTICLE III**

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Corporation is to transact any lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Florida General Corporation Act.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

## **CAPITAL STOCK**

The aggregate number of shares that the corporation is authorized to issue is One Thousand (1,000) shares, all of which shall be common shares having a par value of One Dollar (\$1.00) per share.

#### **ARTICLE V**

## PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS

Each shareholder of the corporation shall have the right to purchase, subscribe, or receive a right or rights to purchase or subscribe for, at fair market value thereof, a pro-rata

share (as nearly as can be done without issuance of fractional shares) of:

- 1. Any stock that the corporation may issue or sell, whether or not of un-issued shares authorized by the Articles of Incorporation as originally filed or by amendment thereof or out of shares of stock of the corporation acquired by it after the issuance thereof, and whether issued for cash, labor performed, personal property, or real property, or leases thereof; or
- 2. Any obligation that the corporation may issue or sell which is convertible into or exchangeable for any stock of the corporation, or which is attached or pertinent to any warrant or other instrument or instruments conferring on the holder the right to subscribe for or purchase from the corporation any shares of its stock.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS

Before there can be a valid sale or transfer of any of the shares of the corporation by any holder thereof, such holder shall first offer said shares to the corporation and then to the other holders of shares in the following manner:

1. Such offering shareholder shall deliver a notice in writing by mail or otherwise to the secretary of the corporation stating the price, terms, and conditions of such proposed sale or transfer, the number of shares to be sold or transferred, and his intention to sell or transfer such shares. Within twenty (20) days thereafter, the corporation shall have the prior right to purchase such shares so offered at the price and on the terms and conditions stated in the notice; provided, however, that the corporation shall not at any time be permitted to purchase all of its outstanding voting shares. Should the corporation fail to purchase all of the shares so offered at the expiration of the twenty day period, or prior thereto decline to purchase the shares, the Secretary of the corporation shall, within five (5) days thereafter, mail or deliver to each of the other shareholders of record a copy of the notice given by the shareholder to the secretary. Such notice may be mailed to them at their last known address as such address may appear on the books of the corporation. Within ten (10) days after the mailing or delivering of the copies of the orders to the shareholders, any such shareholder or shareholders desiring to acquire any part or all of the shares referred to in the notice shall deliver by mail, or otherwise, to the Secretary of the corporation a written offer or offers, expressed to be acceptable immediately, to purchase a specified number of such shares at the price and on the terms and conditions stated in the notice. Each such offer shall be accompanied by the purchase price therefore with authorization to pay such price against delivery of the shares.

- 2. If the total number of shares specified in the offers to purchase exceeds the number of shares to be sold or fransferred, each offering shareholder shall be entitled to purchase such proportion of such shares as the number of shares of the corporation which he holds bears to the total number of shares held by all shareholders desiring to purchase the shares.
- 3. If all the shares to be sold or transferred are not disposed of under such apportionment, each shareholder desiring to purchase shares in a number in excess of his proportionate share as provided above, shall be entitled to purchase such proportion of those shares which remain thus undisposed of, as the total number of shares which he holds bears to the total number of shares held by all the shareholders desiring to purchase in excess of those to which they are entitled under such apportionment.
- 4. If within said twenty (20) day period, the offer or offers to purchase aggregate less than the number of shares to be sold or transferred, the shareholder desiring to sell or transfer such shares shall not be obligated to accept any such offer or offers and may dispose of all of the shares referred to in his notice to any person or persons whomsoever; provided, however, that he shall not sell or transfer such shares at a lower price or on terms more favorable to the purchaser or transferee than those specified in his notice to the secretary of the corporation.
- 5. Nothing contained in this Article shall restrict the shareholder from transferring shares to immediate family members (spouses, parents, and children only), or to any corporation in which the shareholder or shareholders immediate family members own and maintain a majority interest.

Each share certificate issued shall bear the following legend:

"These shares are held subject to certain transfer restrictions imposed by the Articles of Incorporation, which copy of said Articles may be obtained from the corporation's office."

## **ARTICLE VII**

## PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial principal office of the corporation is c/o 4141 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, Florida, 33813. The name of the initial Registered Agent of the corporation is **JAMES E. DECKER** located at c/o 4141 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, Florida, 33813.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

## DIRECTORS

The business of the Corporation shall be managed by the shareholders of the Corporation rather than by a Board of Directors; provided, however, the shareholders may, by majority vote based on the shares outstanding, create a Board of Directors, with a Board of not less than three (3) and no more than seven (7) members.

## **ARTICLE IX**

## **INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

NAME

**ADDRESS** 

LARRY L. DILLAHUNTY

248 First Avenue North St. Petersburg, FL 33701

## ARTICLE X

## BY-LAWS

The power to adopt, after, amend, or repeal By-Laws shall be vested in the Shareholders.

## **ARTICLE XI**

## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner prayided by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name this \_

day of April, 2000.

LARRY L. DILLAHUNTY - Incorporator

## STATE OF FLORIDA

## **COUNTY OF PINELLAS**

of the time of notarization, who is	gned authority, personally appeared LARRY L. DILLAHUNTY, did take an oath and who is personally known to me, or who as identification, executed the foregoing for the purposes
therein contained.	
	official seal in said County and State the $\frac{1}{2}$ day of <b>April</b> ,
2000.	
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Notary Public / State of Florida at Large Printed Name: Kathleen Mason

My Commission Expires: My Commission Number:



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SECRETARY OF STATE DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS

## STATE OF FLORIDA

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED AND NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE CORPORATION.

> The following is submitted in compliance with Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes

JAMES E. DECKER INVESTMENTS, INC., a Corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office at c/o 4141 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, Florida, 33813, and its mailing address being the same, has named JAMES E. DECKER, located at c/o 4141 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, Florida, 33813, with his residence being the same, as its agent to accept service of process within the State.

OFFICERS:

NAME

**ADDRESS** 

OFFICE

JAMES E. DECKER

c/o 4141 So. Florida Avenue Lakeland, FL 33813

President Secretary/ Treasurer

#### ACCEPTANCE:

I agree, as Resident Agent, to accept service of process, to keep the office open during prescribed hours, to post my name in some conspicuous place in the office, as required by law.