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DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND FINANCE STATE OF FLORIDA TALLAHASSEE 32399-0350

June 12, 2000

Alison W. Miller Steams Weaver Miller Weissler et al Museum Tower 150 West Flagler Street Miami. Florida 33130

Dear Ms. Miller:

Re: "BankAtlantic Financial Ventures II, Inc."

"BankAtlantic Financial Ventures II, Ltd."

Reference is made to your latter/fax dated June 8, requesting approval of the above-referenced corporate names. You request approval of the names BankAtlantic Financial Ventures II, Inc., which will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of BFC Financial Corporation, a savings bank holding company which controls BankAtlantic Bancorp, the parent of BankAtlantic, F.S.B., and BankAtlantic Financial Ventures II, Ltd., which will be the Limited Partnership.

As Section 655.922(2)(a), Florida Statutes, exempts a financial institution, holding company or its subsidiaries from the prohibition against using the word "bank", "banker", "banking", "trust company", "savings and loan association", "savings bank", or "credit union" in its corporate name, the Division of Banking will not object to the use of the above corporate name being registered to transact business in the state of Florida.

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Alex Hager Director

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cc: Karon Beyer, Chief Bureau of Corporate Records Secretary of State's Office

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OF

BANKATLANTIC FINANCIAL VENTURES II, INC.

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ARTICLE I - NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of this corporation is BANKATLANTIC FINANCIAL VENTURES II,

INC. (the "Corporation"). The address of the principal office and the mailing address of the

Corporation is 1750 East Sunrise Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The Corporation is organized for the purpose of transacting any and all lawful business.

ARTICLE III - CAPITAL STOCK

The aggregate number of shares which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is One Thousand (1,000) shares of common stock, all of which are to have a par value of One Cent (\$.01) per share. The Board of Directors shall fix the consideration to be received for each share. Such consideration shall consist of any tangible or intangible property or benefit to the Corporation, including cash, promissory notes, services performed or written promises to perform services and

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shall have a value, in the judgment of the directors, equivalent to or greater than the full par value of the shares.

ARTICLE IV - INITIAL REGISTERED

OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation and the name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation at such office is:

<u>Name</u>

<u>Address</u>

Alison W. Miller

2200 Museum Tower 150 West Flagler Street Miami, Florida 33130

<u>ARTICLE V - COMMENCEMENT</u>

The Corporation shall commence on the date on which these Articles of Incorporation are filed with the Secretary of State.

ARTICLE VI - INCORPORATOR

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

<u>Name</u>

<u>Address</u>

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<u>ARTICLE VII - BYLAWS</u>

The power to alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws shall be vested in each of the Board of Directors and the shareholders of the Corporation.

<u>ARTICLE VIII - INDEMNIFICATION</u>

The Corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director of the Corporation, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENT

The Corporation reserves to its shareholders the right to amend or repeal any provisions now or hereafter contained in these Articles of Incorporation. Any rights which these Articles may confer upon the Corporation may be modified or canceled by a vote of the shareholders to amend or repeal said Articles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this __/5_ day of June, 2000.

Alison W. Miller, Incorporato

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ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

OF

REGISTERED AGENT

I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent contained in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and state that I am familiar with and accept the obligations of Section 607.0501 of the Florida Statutes.

Alison W. Miller, Registered Agent

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