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June 21, 2000

603 Indian Rocks Road Belleair, FL 33756-2056

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Florida Secretary of State Division of Corporations 409 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399 900003301419--3

RE: HOPKINS WHOLESALE WATER TREATMENT AND INSTALLATION, INC.

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am enclosing two original Articles of Incorporation for filing, as well as a check in the amount of \$78.75, for the following:

Profit Corporation filing fee	\$35.00
Registered Agent designation	35.00
Certified copy	<u>8.75</u>

TOTAL \$78.75

Please return the certified copy of the Articles to my office. In the event of any questions or problems, please call.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS W. RUGGLES

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

HOPKINS WHOLESALE WATER TREATMENT AND INSTALLATION, INC.

The undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, a natural person competent to contract, hereby forms a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I Name of Corporation

The name of the corporation shall be:

HOPKINS WHOLESALE WATER TREATMENT AND INSTALLATION, INC.

ARTICLE II Nature of Business

The general nature of the business to be transacted by this corporation is to purchase, sell, distribute and install water treatment systems; and to perform any other activities or business permitted under the laws of the United States and the State of Florida.

ARTICLE III Capital Stock

The maximum number of shares the corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is: 100 shares of Five Dollars (\$5.00) par value all of which shall have the same rights and privileges.

ARTICLE IV Initial Capital

The amount of capital with which this corporation will begin business is not less than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

ARTICLE V Term of Existence

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

ARTICLE VI Principal Place of Business

The initial street address in this state of the principal office of this corporation is: 1630

N. Hercules Avenue, Suite E, Clearwater, Florida 33765 The corporation may from time to time move the principal office to any other address in Florida, and may establish branch offices at such other places within or without the State of Florida as may be determined and deemed expedient.

ARTICLE VII <u>Directors</u>

This corporation shall have two (2) directors initially. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the bylaws but shall never be less than one. The names and addresses of the initial directors of this corporation are:

H. MIKEL HOPKINS 1630 N. Hercules Avenue Suite E Clearwater, FL 33765

CHRISTOPHER M. HOPKINS

1630 N. Hercules Avenue Suite E Clearwater, FL 33765

ARTICLE VIII Subscriber

is:

The name and the street address of the subscriber of these Articles of Incorporation

THOMAS W. RUGGLES, ESQUIRE

603 Indian Rocks Road Belleair, FL 33756-2056

ARTICLE IX <u>Designation of Registered Agent</u>

The initial designation of the Registered Office of this corporation shall be 603 Indian Rocks Road, Belleair, FL 33756, and the Registered Agent shall be **THOMAS W. RUGGLES**, to accept service of process within this State until changed according to law.

ARTICLE X Amendment

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

Every amendment shall be approved by the stockholders by a majority of the stock entitled to vote thereon.

ARTICLE XI <u>Commencement of Corporate Existence</u>

The date that corporate existence shall begin shall be the date of the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the State of Florida.

ARTICLE XII Pre-Emptive Rights

The shareholders of this Corporation shall be entitled to purchase, ratable according to their respective holdings, any shares of the Corporation hereinafter issued or any securities exchangeable are convertible into such shares or any warrants or other instruments evidencing rights or options to subscribe for, purchase or otherwise acquire such shares, but in either case only at such prices and during such period or periods and upon such terms and conditions as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the incorporator above named, has hereunto set his hand and seal this ______ day of June, 2000.

THOMAS W. RUGGLES

STATE OF FLORIDA }
COUNTY OF PINELLAS }

The foregoing document was acknowledged before me on the day of June, 2000, by **THOMAS W. RUGGLES**, who: x is personally known to me, or is not personally known to

as identification. me, who produced **NOTARY PUBLIC** State of Florida at Large Commission Number & Expiration Date: ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT THOMAS W. RUGGLES, does hereby accept the designation of Registered Agent and states that he is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations provided for in 607.0505, Florida Statutes. and day of June, 2000. DATED this ___ THOMAS W. RUGGLES STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS The foregoing document was acknowledged before me on the day of June, 2000, by THOMAS W. RUGGLES, who: Kis personally known to me, or is not personally known to as identification. me, who produced _____ **NOTARY PUBLIC**

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