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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**COWAN, INC.**

The undersigned, each with the capacity to contract, hereby executes and acknowledges these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a general corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Florida as contained in the Florida General Corporation Act, Chapter 607, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act").

**ARTICLE 1. NAME; ADDRESS**

The name of the corporation shall be Cowan, Inc. and the principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be 1865 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, Florida 34293.

**ARTICLE 2. DURATION**

The date of commencement of corporate existence shall be the date the Articles of Incorporation are filed with the State of Florida, and the period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

**ARTICLE 3. PURPOSE AND POWERS**

The general purpose for which the corporation is initially organized is to engage in, conduct and carry on the business of sales and service of medical equipment and supplies; to engage in activities which are necessary, suitable or

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convenient for the accomplishment of that purpose, or which are incidental thereto or connected therewith; and to transact any or all other lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Act, including qualifying for certain tax or retirement advantages available to general corporations. The corporation shall have all the powers specified in Section 607.0302 of the Act.

#### ARTICLE 4. STOCK

The corporation shall have authority to issue 7,500 shares of common stock with a par value of \$1.00 per share. The corporation shall not have the authority to issue shares in series.

#### ARTICLE 5. PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS

5.1 Statement of Preemptive Rights. After the subscription shares have been issued, each holder of shares in the corporation shall have the first right to purchase shares (and securities convertible to shares) of the corporation that may from time to time be issued (whether or not presently authorized), including shares from the treasury of the corporation, in the ratio that the number of shares he holds at the time of issue bears to the total number of shares outstanding exclusive of treasury shares. This right shall be deemed waived by any Shareholder who does not exercise it and pay for the shares preempted within thirty (30) days of receipt of a

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notice in writing from the corporation stating the prices, terms and conditions of the issue of shares and inviting him to exercise his preemptive rights.

5.2 Prohibition of Issue of Shares for Other Than Money or Property. Shares in the corporation shall not be issued for consideration other than money, property or in payment of a debt of the corporation, without the unanimous consent of all Shareholders.

5.3 Restrictions on Transfer of Stock. If any two or more Shareholders or subscribers to stock of the corporation shall enter into any agreement restricting the rights of any of them to transfer, encumber or otherwise dispose of any shares of stock of the corporation held by them, then all share certificates subject to such restrictions shall have a reference to the restrictions placed on the certificate and such stock shall not thereafter be transferred on the corporate books except in accordance with the provisions of such agreement. Stock transferred in violation of any such restrictions shall not be entitled to dividend or voting rights until there has been full compliance with the provisions of any such agreement.

#### ARTICLE 6. INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 1865 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, Florida 34293, and the name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at such address is Debra L. Vaughn.

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**ARTICLE 7. DIRECTORS**

The initial Board of Directors shall consist of one member. The name and address of the person who is to serve as Director until the first annual meeting of Shareholders or until her successors be elected and qualify, or until her earlier resignation, removal from office or death, is as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Debra L. Vaughn	606 Falls of Venice Circle Venice, FL 34292

**ARTICLE 8. INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the incorporator of the corporation is as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Debra L. Vaughn	606 Falls of Venice Circle Venice, FL 34292

**ARTICLE 9. PROVISIONS FOR THE REGULATION****OF THE BUSINESS AND FOR****THE CONDUCT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION**

Meetings of Shareholders and Directors. Meetings of the Shareholders and Directors of the corporation may be held either within or without the State of

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Florida at such place or places as may from time to time be designated in the Bylaws or by resolution of Board of Directors.

Bylaws. The initial Bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Directors. The power to amend or repeal the Bylaws or to adopt new Bylaws shall be in the Shareholders, but the affirmative vote of the holders of three-fourths (3/4) of the shares outstanding shall be necessary to exercise that power. The Bylaws may contain any provisions for the regulation and management of the corporation which are consistent with the Act and these Articles of Incorporation.


Contracts in Which Directors Have an Interest. No contract or other transaction of the corporation with any person, firm or corporation or no contract or other transaction in which the corporation is interested shall be invalidated or affected by (a) the fact that one or more of the Directors of the Corporation is interested in or is a Director or Officer of another corporation, or (b) the fact that any Director, individually or jointly with others, may be a party to or may be interested in the contract or transaction; and each person who may become a Director of the corporation is hereby relieved from any liability that might otherwise arise by reason of his contracting with the corporation for the benefit of himself or any firm, or corporation in which he may be interested.

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Compensation of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to make provision for reasonable compensation to its members for their services as Directors and to fix the basis and conditions upon which this compensation shall be paid. Any Director may also serve the corporation in any other capacity and receive compensation therefrom in any form.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the incorporator(s) of the corporation, executes these Articles of Incorporation and certifies to the truth of the facts herein stated, this 8th day of August, 2000.

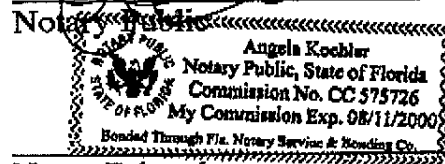
  
Debra L. Vaughn

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public duly commissioned to take acknowledgments and administer oaths in the State of Florida, certify that Debra L. Vaughn, personally known to me or who did produce FL Driver License #V250172559590 as identification, being the incorporator referred to in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, personally appeared before me and swore to the truth of the facts therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 8th day of August, 2000.

My Commission Expires:



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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.

*Debra L. Vaughn*  
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