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August 9, 2000

Secretary of State  
Corporate Division  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee, FL 32304

Re: Flooring U.S.A., Inc. (new incorporation)

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are the following documents in connection with the above-referenced filing of a new corporation:

1. Articles of Incorporation (original and one copy)
2. Check for \$78.75, for:
  - (a) filing fee of \$35.00
  - (b) certified copy fee of \$8.75
  - (c) registered agent fee of \$35.00

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Please file the original Articles and return a certified copy to the undersigned.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

MATTHEW D. ELLROD, P.A.

*Matthew D. Ellrod*

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MDE/me

Encl: as noted

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AUTHORIZATION BY PHONE TO  
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**FLOORING U.S.A., INC.**

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The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation under the Florida general corporations act, adopts the following articles of incorporation for that corporation.

1. NAME: The name of this corporation is FLOORING U.S.A., INC.

2. DURATION: The period of its duration is perpetual.

3. PURPOSE: The purpose is to engage in retail sales and any other lawful business permitted under the laws of the United States and Florida.

4. CAPITAL STOCK: The corporation is authorized to issue 100 shares, all of one class, at \$1.00 par value.

5. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT: The name and address of the initial registered office and agent of this corporation are:

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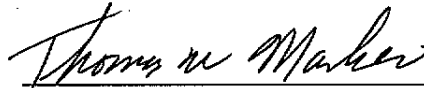
6. INCORPORATOR: The name and address of the incorporator signing these articles of incorporation are:

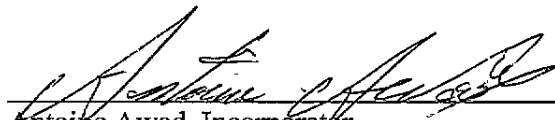
Thomas Marker, 6166 Krista Drive, Spring Hill, FL 34609  
Antoine Awad, 3139 Elkridge Drive, Holiday FL 34691

7. PRINCIPAL OFFICE: The street and mailing address of the principal office of the corporation are:

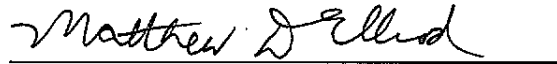
6607 U.S. 19  
New Port Richey, FL 34652

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these articles of incorporation this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000.

  
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Thomas Marker, Incorporator

  
Antoine Awad, Incorporator

I hereby certify that I am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for FLOORING U.S.A., INC.


  
Matthew D. Ellrod, Registered Agent

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF PASCO

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000, by THOMAS MARKER and ANTOINE AWAD, who produced FLA. DRIV. LIC. as identification, as incorporators for FLOORING U.S.A., INC., a Florida corporation.



Matthew D. Ellrod  
MY COMMISSION # CC935203 EXPIRES  
August 5, 2004  
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.

  
MATTHEW D. ELLROD, Notary Public

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