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September 15, 2000

Department of State  
of Corporation  
Corporation Records Bureau  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

EFFECTIVE DATE  
9/14/00

Re: DEBT MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC.  
Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find an original Articles of Incorporation for the above-named corporation.  
In addition, a check in the amount of \$70.00 is enclosed which represents the following fees:

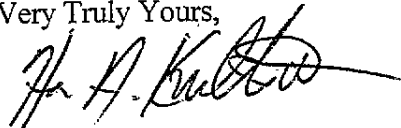
Filing Fee \$35.00  
Registered agent fee: \$35.00

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Please file the original of the enclosed Articles of Incorporation with the State of Florida.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

Very Truly Yours,



Horace A. Knowlton, IV

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

**DEBT MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC.**

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida General Corporation Act, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

**ARTICLE I-NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be:

**DEBT MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC.**

and its principal office and mailing address is:

14024 Clubhouse Circle, Suite 2405, Tampa, Florida 33624

**ARTICLE II - DURATION**

The corporation shall have a perpetual existence and shall begin the date these Articles of Incorporation are filed with the Department of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE III-EFFECTIVE DATE OF CORPORATE EXISTANCE**

This corporation shall have an effective date of existence of September 14, 2000.

**ARTICLE IV - PURPOSE**

The general nature of the business to be transacted by the corporation, or the objects or purposes of the corporation, shall be as follows, to wit:

(a) To engage in any and all activities or businesses permitted by the laws of the State of Florida.

(b) To invest in real estate, mortgages, stocks, bonds, or

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any other type of investments.

(c) To own real and personal property necessary for the transaction of the above business.

(d) In general, to have and exercise all powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida and to do any and all things hereinabove set forth to the same extent as a natural person might or could do.

#### **ARTICLE V - CAPITAL STOCK**

(a) The maximum number of shares which this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any time shall be One Million (1,000,000) shares of common stock having a par value of \$1.00 per share. Each of the said shares of stock shall entitle the holder thereof to one (1) vote at any meeting of the stockholders. All or any part of said capital stock may be paid for in cash, in property or in labor or services at a fair valuation to be fixed by the Board of Directors at a meeting called for such purpose. All stock when issued shall be paid for and shall be nonassessable.

(b) In the election of directors of this corporation, there shall be no cumulative voting of the stock entitled to vote at such election.

#### **ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The initial registered office of this corporation shall be 442 West Kennedy Blvd., Suite 280 Tampa, Florida 33606. Registered Agent of this corporation at such office, shall be

Horace A. Knowlton IV, who upon accepting this designation agrees to comply with Chapter 607, Florida Statutes, as amended from time-to-time with respect to keeping an office open for service of process.

**ARTICLE VII - INITIAL BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS**

The initial Board of Directors shall consist of two (2) members. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time-to-time by vote of the Shareholder as set out in the By-Laws. The name and address of the initial Board is:

Name	Address
Horace A. Knowlton IV	2819 Kimberly Lane Tampa, Florida 33618
Robert W. Paton	14024 Clubhouse Circle Suite 2405 Tampa, Florida 33624

**ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS**


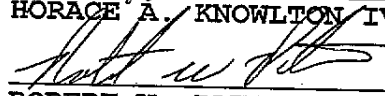
The corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute, and all rights conferred upon the stockholders herein are subject to this reservation.

**ARTICLE IX - INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the persons signing these Articles of Incorporation is:

Horace A. Knowlton IV  
442 West Kennedy Blvd., Suite  
Tampa, Florida 33606

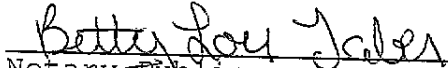
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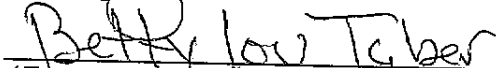
  
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HORACE A. KNOWLTON IV  
  
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ROBERT W. PATON

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION** of **DEBT MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC.** were acknowledged before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000, by **HORACE A. KNOWLTON IV** as incorporator, who is personally known to me or who produced DL as identification.

  
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Notary Public

  
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(Type name of Notary Public)


My Commission Expires:

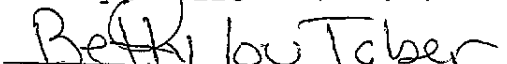
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**BETTY LOU TABER**  
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION # CC960572  
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The foregoing **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION** of **DEBT MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC.** were acknowledged before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000, by **ROBERT W. PATON** as incorporator, who is personally known to me or who produced DL as identification.

  
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Notary Public

  
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(Type name of Notary Public)

My Commission Expires:

**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS**


**BETTY LOU TABER**  
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OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS  
WITHIN THE STATE, NAMING REGISTERED OFFICE  
AND REGISTERED AGENT (AND RESIDENT AGENT)

Pursuant to applicable Florida Statutes, the following is submitted: That **DEBT MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC.** desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its Registered office as indicated in the **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION** at 442 West Kennedy Blvd., Suite 280 Tampa, Florida 33606 has named Horace A. Knowlton IV as its Registered Agent (and Resident Agent).

**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the foregoing corporation at the place designated in these articles, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with Florida Statutes relative to keeping open said office and carrying out the obligations of that position.

  
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**HORACE A. KNOWLTON IV**  
as Registered Agent.

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