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## FLORIDA PROFIT CORPORATION OR P.A.

**Bench Concept Corporation** 

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

## **BENCH CONCEPT CORPORATION**



The undersigned, has executed the following documents as Incorporator of the above named Corporation, a Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, and all rights and obligations of the undersigned as Incorporator, and those of the Corporation, are to be determine in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, and for said purposes, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE I

The name of this Corporation shall be Bench Concept Corporation

#### ARTICLE II

The Corporation shall commence existence upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation by the Department of State, State of Florida, and shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE III

The Corporation may transact any and all lawful business for which Corporations may be incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida and engaged in any trade or business which can, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, be advantageously carried on in connection with or auxiliary to the foregoing business. The Corporation shall also be authorized to engaged in such other business activities as may be necessary or permissible for its operation, and without limiting the preceding, the Corporation may:

- 1. Transact any and all lawful business;
- Said Corporation shall furthermore have the following additional powers:

TO have perpetual succession by its corporate name;

TO sue and be sued, complain, and defend in its Corporate name in all actions or proceedings;

TO have a Corporate seal, which may be altered at the will of the Directors and to use the same by causing it, or a facsimile, to be impressed, affixed, or in any other manner reproduced;

TO purchase, take, receive, lease, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use and otherwise deal in and with real or personal property or any interest therein wherever situated;

TO sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, create a security interest in, lease, exchange, transfer, and otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property and assets;

TO lend money to, and use its credit to assist, its officers and employees in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida;

TO purchase, take, receive, subscribe to, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose of, and otherwise use and deal in and with shares or any interest in or obligations of, other domestic or Foreign Corporations, associations, partnerships, or individuals, for direct or indirect obligations of the United States or any other government, state, territory, governmental district or municipality or of any instrumentality thereof;

TO enter into contracts and guaranties and incur liabilities, or money at such rate of interest that the Corporation may determine, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage or pledge of all or any of its property, franchises, and income;

TO lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds, and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds, so loaned or invested;

TO conduct its business, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted by the appropriate laws of the State of Florida governing Corporations, for the administration;

TO make donations for the public welfare or for charitable, scientific, or educational purposes;

TO pay pensions and establish pension plans, profit sharing plans, stock bonus plans, stock option plans, and other incentive plans for any or all of its Directors, Officers, and Employees and for any or all of the Directors, Officers and Employees of its Subsidiaries;

TO be a promoter, incorporator, partner, member, associate, or manager of any corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise;

TO have and exercise all powers necessary to affect its purposes;

TO indemnify any person who buy reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Director, Officer, Employee or Agent of the Corporation to the full extent as permitted by Florida Law;

#### ARTICLE IV

The aggregate number of shares, which the Corporation shall have the authority to issue, is one million six hundred thousand (1 600 00 000) shares of which 250 000 will be of Common Stock (Class "A") having a par value of \$1.00 per share, 750 000 will be of Preferred Stock (Class "B") having a par value of \$1.00 per share two hundred thousand (200,000) Class «C» preferred shares with a nominal or par value of \$1.00 each, two hundred thousand (200,000) Class «D» preferred shares with a nominal par value of \$1.00 each, two hundred thousand (200,000) Class «E» preferred shares with a nominal par value of \$1.00 each. All such shares shall be of a single class and of equal right and power.

The rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attaching to the said Class «A» common shares, Class «B» preferred shares, Class «C» preferred shares, Class «D» preferred shares and Class «E» preferred shares are as follow:

- a. The holders of the Class « A » common shares shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each share held by them at all meetings of shareholders except meetings at which only shareholders of a specified class of shares, other than the Class "A" common shares, are entitled to vote, and they shall be entitled to notice of all meetings of shareholder of the corporation.
- b. Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Florida Business Corporation Act, the Class "B" preferred shares shall not carry any right to vote nor shall the holders thereof be entitled to notice of or to attend shareholders meetings.

- c. The Class "A" common shares and Class "B" preferred shares shall, subject to the rights of the Class "C" preferred shares, Class "D" preferred shares and Class "E" preferred shares, be entitled at all times and for time to time, in the sole, absolute and unfettered discretion of the directors, to an unfixed non-cumulative dividend in any amount. Each Class "A" common share and Class "B" preferred share shall rank pari passu with respect to any such dividend.
- d. The Class "A" common shares and the Class "B" preferred shares shall rank part passu in every other respect, and the holders of such Class "A" common shares and Class "B" preferred shares, shall, subject to the rights of the holders of the Class "C" preferred shares, Class "D" preferred shares and Class "E" preferred shares, be entitled to receive the remaining property of the corporation upon a dissolution.
- e. For purposes of these presents, the term "Redemption Amount" shall mean:

In the case of a Class "C" preferred share, Class "D" preferred share and Class "E" preferred share, and amount equal to the consideration for which each such share had been issued or in the event such share had been issued in consideration of property or past services, an amount equal to the fair equivalent of money that the corporation would have received if such shares had been issued for money, and

- f. Each Class "C" preferred share, Class "D" preferred share and Class "E" preferred share shall, in priority to the Class "A" common shares and Class "B" preferred shares, carry the right, in the discretion of the directors, to a fixed monthly non cumulative preferential dividend in the case of the Class "C" preferred shares, Class "D" preferred shares, Class "E" preferred shares in an amount equal to one half (1/2) of one percent (1%) of the amount of the consideration for which each share had been issued or in the event such share has been issued in consideration of property or past services, in an amount equal to one half (1/2) of one percent (1%) of the amount of the fair equivalent of money that the corporation would have received if such share had been issued for money;
- g. Each Class "C" preferred share, Class "D" preferred share, Class "E" preferred share, shail, in priority to the Class "A" common shares and Class "B" preferred shares, carry the right in the event of the liquidation or winding-up of the corporation, to the repayment of an amount equal to the "Redemption Amount".

- h. In the event that only part of the amount of the consideration received by the corporation for any share issued by the corporation is added to the stated capital account for the Class or Series of shares of which such share forms part, such share shall be deemed to have been issued for the full amount of the consideration received therefore for all purposes other than stated capital but including dividends, redemptions, purchases, liquidation and dissolution. If shares of the corporation are issued in payment of a dividend, the declared amount of the dividend stated as an amount of money shall be added to the stated capital account maintained for the shares of the class or series issued in payment of the dividend.
- i. The Class "C" preferred shares, Class "D" preferred shares, Class "E" preferred shares, shall not carry the right to any further participation in profits or assets.
- j. The holders of the Class "C" preferred shares and Class "E" preferred shares shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each share held by them at all meetings of shareholders except meetings at which only holders of a specified class of shares, other than the Class "C" preferred shares and Class "E" preferred shares are entitle to vote, and they shall be entitled to notice of all meetings of shareholders of the corporation.
- k. Excepted as otherwise specifically provided in the Florida Business Corporation Act, the Class "D" preferred shares, Class "F" preferred shares and Class "G" preferred shares, shall not carry any right to vote nor shall the holders thereof be entitled to notice or to attend shareholders' meetings.
- I. Each Class "C" preferred share, Class "D" preferred share, Class "E" preferred share, shall be redeemable, at the option of the corporation, for a price equal to the "Redemption Amount". The corporation may redeem all or any part of the Class "C" preferred shares, Class "D" preferred shares, Class "E" preferred shares, at any time at the option of the directors of the corporation, upon a prior notice of seven days, without the consent of the holders thereof, and if the whole amount of the then outstanding Class "C" preferred shares, Class "D" preferred shares, Class "E" preferred shares, shall be so redeemed, the shares to be redeemed shall be selected pro rata by lot or in any other manner as the directors may determine.

- m. Each Class "E" preferred share should be redeemable, at the option of the holder of such share, for a price equal to the "Redemption Amount".
- n. The Class "C" preferred shares, Class "D" preferred shares, Class "E" preferred shares, shall rank puri pussu and every other respect.
- o. No shareholder shall be entitled to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any share or shares in the capital stock of the corporation, or any securities thereof, without either:
  - the previous express sanction of the holders of the majority of the Class "A" common shares, Class "C" preferred shares and Class "E" preferred shares in the capital stock of the corporation at that time and expressed by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Class "A", Class "C" and Class "E" shareholders or by an instrument in writing signed by the holders of a majority of the Class "A" common shares, Class "C" preferred shares and Class "E" preferred shares in the capital stock of the corporation at that time;

or

ii) the previous express lawful sanction of the board of directors of the corporation at a duly constituted meeting of the board, or in lieu thereof the previous express sanction of the directors of the corporation as evidenced by the lawful adoption of a resolution to that effect.

#### <u>ARTICLE V</u>

The Initial Board of Directors shall consist of a total of 1 persons whose names and addresses are as follows:

Name:

Yves Saint-Pierre, President

Address:

644 Waterside Drive, Hypoluxo FL 33462

Name:

Yves Saint-Pierre, Secretary / Treasurer

Address:

644 Waterside Drive, Hypoluxo FL 33462

#### **ARTICLE VI**

The Officers of the Corporation shall be the following individuals with their respective positions:

President:

Name: Yves Saint-Pierre

Secretary / Treasurer:

Name: Yves Saint-Pierre

#### ARTICLE VII

The address of the principle office of this Corporation is: 1001 North Federal Highway, Suite 201, Hallandale, FL 33009, and the mailing address for the said Corporation shall be the same.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

The name and street address of the incorporator of this Corporation is as follows:

Name:

Yves Saint-Pierre

Address:

644 Waterside Drive, Hypoluxo FL 33462

#### ARTICLE IX

Nothing in these Articles of Incorporation shall be taken to limit the power of this Corporation.

### ARTICLE X

The effective date of this Corporation shall be the filing date of these Articles of Incorporation in accordance with the Florida Statute governing Corporations.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 04<sup>th</sup> day of January 2001;

Yves Saint-Pierre

Incorporator

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE AND NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

The following is submitted in compliance with the Florida Business Corporation Act:

Bench Concept Corporation is a Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, with its registered office located at: 1001 North Federal Highway, Suite 201, in the City of Hallandale, in the County of Broward, State of Florida 33009, and has named Mrs. Elena M. Perez, as agent to accept service of process within this State at the office specified in his acceptance below.

Elena M. Perez

Agent

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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## ACCEPTANCE:

I hereby agree, as Registered Agent of Bench Concept Corporation, to accept Service of Process at my office located at: 1001 North Federal Highway, Suite 201, City of Hallandale, County of Broward, Florida 33009, opened during the hours prescribed by Florida Statutes;

I furthermore agree to post my name, and any other officers of said Corporation authorized to accept service or process, at the Florida designated address, in some conspicuous place in said office as required by law.

Elena M. Perez

Registered Agent

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