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**SUBJECT: A & M STORES, INC.**

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

**A & M STORES, INC.**

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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, specifically Chapter 607, Fla. Stat.

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be:

**A & M STORES, INC.**

**ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business of this Corporation shall be:

**4227 Williams Rd.**

**Tampa, FL 33610**

**ARTICLE III. SHARES**

The maximum number of shares of stock that this Corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is **1,000** shares of common stock having a par value of **\$1.00** per share.

#### **ARTICLE IV. INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The name of the initial Registered Agent of the Corporation shall be: Abdullah Ghaedi, and the street address for the Registered Agent of the Corporation shall be: 4227 Williams Road, Tampa, FL 33610.

#### **ARTICLE V. INCORPORATORS**

The name and addresses of the Incorporators to these Articles of Incorporation are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>SHARES OF COMMON STOCK ISSUED</u>	<u>CONSIDERATION</u>
Abdullah Ghaedi, 4227 Williams Rd. Tampa, FL 33610		1,000	\$1,000.00

#### **ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS**

The names and addresses of the initial officers of the Corporation who shall hold office for the first year of the Corporation, or until their successors are elected or appointed, are:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
President	Abdullah Ghaedi	4227 Williams Rd., Tampa, FL 33610
Secretary	Abdullah Ghaedi	4227 Williams Rd., Tampa, FL 33610
Treasurer	Abdullah Ghaedi	4227 Williams Rd., Tampa, FL 33610

#### **ARTICLE VII. DIRECTORS**

This Corporation shall have one (1) director(s) initially. The names and addresses of the initial members of the Board of Directors are:

<u>DIRECTOR</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Abdullah Ghaedi	4227 Williams Rd., Tampa, FL 33610

#### **ARTICLE VIII. NATURE OF BUSINESS**

This Corporation may engage in, or transact, any or all lawful activities or business permitted under the laws of the United States, the State of Florida, or any other State, Country, Territory or Nation. The specific purpose of this Corporation shall be retail convenience store.

#### **ARTICLE IX. TERM OF EXISTENCE**

This Corporation is to exist perpetually.

#### **ARTICLE X. PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS**

Every shareholder upon the sale for cash of any new stock of this Corporation of the same kind, class, or series as that which he already holds, shall have the right to purchase his pro-rata share thereof at the price at which it is offered to others.

#### **ARTICLE XI. SECTION 1244 PROVISION**

The stock of this Corporation is intended to qualify under the requirements of Section 1244 of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations issued thereunder. Such actions as are necessary will be taken by the appropriate officers to accomplish this compliance.

#### **ARTICLE XII. BY-LAWS**

The initial directors shall submit the proposed by-laws to the shareholders at a meeting to be held for that purpose not more than thirty (30) days following the issuance of the Certificate of Incorporation. Following the adoption of by-laws by unanimous vote of the shareholders, the internal affairs of the corporation are to be regulated and managed in accordance with such by-laws.

#### **ARTICLE XIII. TAX STATUS OF CORPORATION**

It is the intent of the undersigned subscriber that the Corporation shall be treated as a "S" corporation for federal tax purposes.

#### **ARTICLE XIV. NON-REGISTRATION AS SECURITY**

The shares of common stock to be issued to subscriber(s) are not registered under state or federal securities laws. The subscriber(s) represent that it is the intent of the corporation that the shares of common stock issued comply with the applicable private placement exemptions from registration under federal and state law. All stock certificates issued shall bear the legend:

**THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 IN RELIANCE UPON AN EXEMPTION PROVIDED IN THAT ACT AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR TRANSFERRED UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 OR, UNLESS IN THE OPINION OF COUNSEL FOR THE ISSUER, REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THAT ACT.**

The corporation shall only issue shares to individuals that comply with the private placement rules, i.e. Federal Securities Act §4(2) and §517.061, Fla. Stat., and agree:

1. That no offer or sale of stock shall be made to a nonresident of the State of Florida;
2. That no offer or sale of stock shall be made to more than 35 purchasers for a period in excess of 12 months.

3. That no general solicitations or advertisements of an offer or sale of stock shall occur in Florida or any other state;
4. That before any sale of stock, each purchaser shall be given reasonable access to full and fair disclosure of all material information concerning the corporation;
5. That no person shall be paid a commission for the sale of stock or otherwise receive compensation for the sale of stock; and
6. That if sales are made to five or more persons in Florida, the purchasers shall be given a three (3) day right of rescission in accordance with §517.061(11)(a)(5).

The undersigned incorporators acknowledge they have been provided access to all material books and records of the corporation for review, to all material contracts and documents relating to this private offering and have had an opportunity to question all appropriate officers of the corporation concerning the private offering.

The undersigned incorporators agree that they are purchasing their shares for investment and not with the intent to re-sell or distribute shares to the public. In the event that incorporators wish to sell their shares in the future, such sale must qualify and satisfy all federal and state private placement exemptions.

#### **ARTICLE XV. AMENDMENT**

This Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, and any right conferred upon the shareholders is subject to this reservation.

#### **ARTICLE XVI. INFORMAL SHAREHOLDERS ACTION**

The holders of not less than a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of the voting stock of the Corporation may act by written agreement without a meeting, as provided in Sec. 607.0704, Fla. Stat. and the By-Laws.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned have hereunto set their hands and seals on

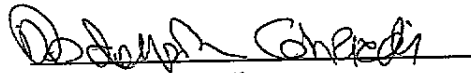
this 15th day of January, 2001.

 (SEAL)

Abdullah Ghaedi  
Incorporator

### ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

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.



Abdullah Ghaedi  
Registered Agent

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