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SUBJECT: BRICKELL BANKING & FINANCE, INC.

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We have received your document for BRICKELL BANKING & FINANCE, INC.. However, the document has not been filed and is being returned for the following:

Written approval and clearance of the terms BANK, BANKER, BANC, BANKING TRUST COMPANY, BANCSHARES, SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS BANK or CREDIT UNION must be obtained from the Division of Banking, pursuant to section 655.922(2a), Florida Statues.,

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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BRICKELL CREDIT & FINANCE, INC.

<u>ARTICLE I - NAME</u>

The name of the corporation is BRICKELL CREDIT & FINANCE, INC.

ARTICLE II - DURATION

This Corporation is to exist perpetually.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

This Corporation is organized to engage in any act or business permitted under the laws of the United States of America and the State of Florida.

ARTICLE IV - CAPITAL STOCK

This corporation is authorized to issue 7,500 shares of common stock with a par value of one dollar (\$1.00) per share.

ARTICLE V - 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 prorata share thereof (as nearly as may be done without issuance of fractional shares) at the price at which it is offered to others.

ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENTS

The street address of the initial registered office and principle place of business of this corporation is 444 Brickell Avenue # 729 Miami, Florida 33131 and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Lindsay Dunkley.

ARTICLE VII - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have Two (2) director initially.

The number of directors may either be increased or diminished from time to time by the bylaws, but shall never be less than one (1). the name and address of the initial director of this corporation is:

NAME

ADDRESS

Naeem H. Shah (President)

444 Brickell Avenue # 729 Miami, Florida 33131

ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is:

NAME

ADDRESS

Lindsay Dunkley

444 Brickell Avenue # 729 Miami, Florida 33131

ARTICLE IX - BYLAWS

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal bylaws shall be vested in the board of directors.

<u>ARTICLE X - INDEMNIFICATION</u>

The corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT

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

Executed by the undersigned Incorporator this O2th, day of February 2001.

STATE OF FLORIDA) : SS COUNTY OF DADE)

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation was acknowledged before me this O2th day of February, 2001, by Lindsay Dunkley.

Lindsay Dunkley

NOTARY PUBLIC State of Florida at Large

My Commission Expires:

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICES OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 48.091, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

FIRST: THAT BRICKELL CREDIT & FINANCE, INC. DESIRING TO ORGANIZE OR QUALIFY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, WITH IT'S PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AT COUNTY OF DADE, STATE OF FLORIDA, HAS NAMED LINDSAY DUNKLEY 444 BRICKELL AVENUE # 729 MIAMI, FLORIDA 33131 AS ITS AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA.

SIGNATURE:

LINDSAY DUNKLE

TITLE:

INCORPORATOR

DATE:

FEBRUARY 02. 2001

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY, AND I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES.

SIGNATURE:

LINDSAY DUNKLEY

DATE:

FEBRUARY 02, 2001

