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Enclosed is a "Name Approval Request" form to be filled out and sent to the address indicated on the form. If the proposed name is approved by the Division of Banking, resubmit the document and approval letter to the Division of Corporations for filing.

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Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find Articles of Incorporation for East Coast Investment Banking Corp. for filing with the state of Florida. The \$78.75 fee is enclosed.

Please send confirmation to 120 N. U.S. Highway One, #100, Tequesta, FL 33469.

Yours truly,

Vicki J. Lavache

Vicki J. Lavache

Enclosure

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
EAST COAST GROUP INVESTMENTS, 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.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be East Coast Group Investments ^{Inc.} The principal place of business shall be 120 N. U.S. Highway one, #100, Tequesta, FL 33469.

ARTICLE II. NATURE OF BUSINESS

The Corporation may engage in or transact all lawful activities or businesses permitted under the laws of the United States, the State of Florida, or any other state, country, territory or nation.

ARTICLE III. CAPITAL STOCK

The total number of shares of capital stock which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is 50,000,000 shares of Common Stock with a par value of \$.001 per share.

None of the shares of Common Stock shall be entitled to any preference over any other shares of such stock.

ARTICLE IV. REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation shall be 120 N. U.S. Highway One, #100, Tequesta, Florida 33469 and the name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation at that address is Vicki J. Lavache.

ARTICLE V. TERM OF EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall exist perpetually.

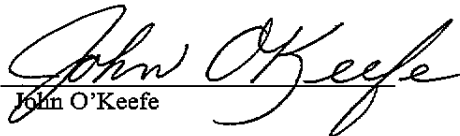
ARTICLE VI. DIRECTORS

The Corporation shall have up to seven (7) directors to be elected in accordance with the Bylaws of the corporation. The name and address of the initial member of the Board of Directors is John O'Keefe, 120 N. U.S. Highway One, Suite #100, Tequesta, Florida 33469.

ARTICLE VII. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is John O'Keefe, 120 N. U.S. Highway One, Tequesta, Florida 33469.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set his hand and seal on this 2nd day of July 2001.


John O'Keefe

**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS
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The following is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes:

EAST COAST GROUP INVESTMENTS, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its registered office address, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, as 120 N. U.S. Highway One, #100, Tequesta, Florida 33469, has named VICKI J. LAVACHE as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated Corporation at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provisions of Chapter 48.091, F.S., relative to keeping open said office.

Vicki J. Lavache
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