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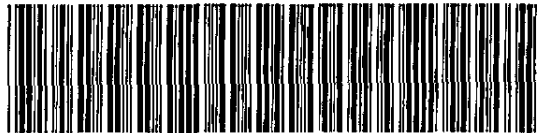
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December 27, 2004

Division of Corporations
Florida Department of State
409 E. Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

**Re: Merger of The Laminate Store International, Inc. and Household
Express, Inc.**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of the above-named corporations are Articles of Merger, with the Plan of Merger attached, and a check in the amount of \$70 in payment of the filing fee.

Also enclosed is an additional copy of the Articles of Merger. Please stamp the copy to indicate receipt and return it to us in the enclosed, self-addressed stamped envelope.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 202-434-1663 or 410-822-4448. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

Helen P. Starr

Enclosures

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January 6, 2005

Ms. Darlene Connell
Department of State
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Merger of The Laminate Store International, Inc. and Household Express, Inc.

Dear Ms. Connell:

Enclosed are the first pages of each of the Plan of Merger and Articles of Merger in connection with the merger of the above-named Florida corporations, with the changes you requested in our telephone conference today.

I will very much appreciate your substituting these two revised pages for the originals and completing the recording of the filing, effective January 1, 2005, as originally requested.

Thank you very much for your patience and attention in this matter. If there are further questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-434-1663 or 410-822-4448.

Sincerely,



Helen P. Starr

ARTICLES OF MERGER
HOUSEHOLD EXPRESS, INC.
INTO
THE LAMINATE STORE INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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FIRST: Pursuant to § 607.1105 of the Florida Corporations Statute, The Laminate Store International, Inc. ("Laminate") and Household Express, Inc. ("Household") hereby agree to merge Household into Laminate (the "Merger") effective January 1, 2005 (the "Effective Date").

SECOND: Laminate and Household are each organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida. Laminate will be the successor corporation in the Merger and will continue to operate as a Florida corporation under the name The Laminate Store International, Inc.

THIRD: Household was incorporated on August 23, 1993 in the State of Florida.

FOURTH: The principal office of Laminate in the State of Florida is located in the County of Hillsborough, and the principal office of Household in the State of Florida is located in the County of Hillsborough.

FIFTH: The Plan of Merger was duly advised, authorized and approved by the Board of Directors of each of Laminate and Household by resolutions dated December 24, 2004, and by all of the shareholders of each of Laminate and Household entitled to vote thereon. All actions were taken in accordance with the law of the State of Florida and the Articles of Incorporation of these corporations.

SIXTH: There will be no amendments or changes to the Articles of Incorporation of Laminate, as the successor corporation, in connection with this Merger.

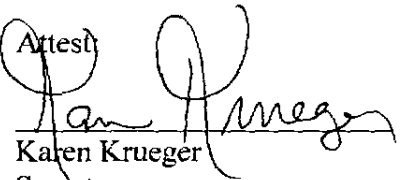
SEVENTH: The total number of shares of stock of all classes which Laminate has the authority to issue is 1,000 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, and which Household has the authority to issue is 5,000 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00.

EIGHTH: On the Effective Date, each share of Household common stock which is outstanding prior to the Effective Date shall, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of the holder thereof, be canceled and no payment shall be made in respect therefor.

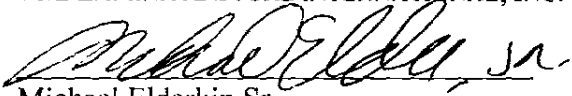
NINTH: The Plan of Merger is Exhibit A hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these Articles of Merger are signed in accordance with § 607.0120 of the Florida Corporations Statute in the name and on behalf of the corporate parties by the President of Laminate and President of Household and their respective corporate seals hereunto affixed and attested by the Secretary of each corporation as of the 24th day of December 2004.

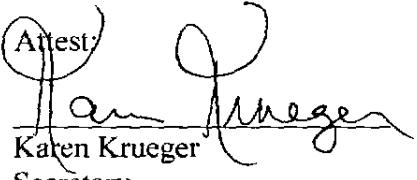
Attest:


Karen Krueger
Secretary

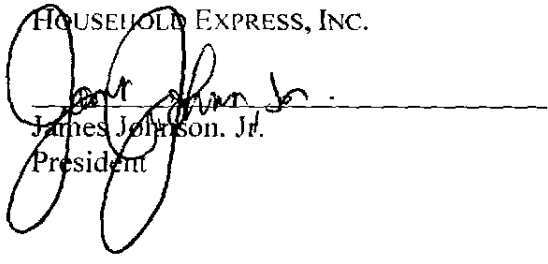
THE LAMINATE STORE INTERNATIONAL, INC.


Michael Elderkin Sr.
President

Attest:


Karen Krueger
Secretary

HOUSEHOLD EXPRESS, INC.


James Johnson, Jr.
President

PLAN OF MERGER
OF
HOUSEHOLD EXPRESS, INC.
(A FLORIDA CORPORATION)
WITH AND INTO
THE LAMINATE STORE INTERNATIONAL, INC.
(A FLORIDA CORPORATION)

PLAN OF MERGER dated as of December 24, 2004 between Household Express, Inc., a Florida corporation ("Household"), and The Laminate Store International, Inc. ("Laminate"), a Florida corporation.

WHEREAS, Household and Laminate have agreed to merge Household with and into Laminate (the "Merger") pursuant to § 607.1101 of the Florida Corporations Statute; and

WHEREAS, the respective Boards of Directors of Household and Laminate deem it advisable and in the best interests of each corporation that the Merger be consummated upon the terms and conditions set forth herein.

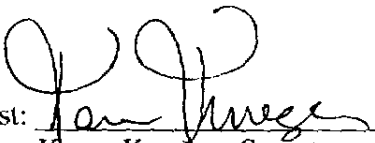
NOW, THEREFORE, to effect the Merger and in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the parties hereto do hereby prescribe the terms and conditions of the Merger and the manner of carrying the same into effect as follows:

1. GENERAL. Household and Laminate shall effect the Merger on the terms and conditions set forth in this Plan of Merger.
2. EFFECT. On the Effective Date (as defined in paragraph 7), Household shall be merged with and into Laminate, which shall be the surviving corporation and the separate existence of Household shall cease, with the effect provided in § 607.1106 of the Florida Corporations Statute.
3. NAME. The name of the surviving corporation shall be The Laminate Store International, Inc. and Household shall relinquish all rights to the name Household Express, Inc.
4. ARTICLES. The Articles of Incorporation of Laminate shall be and remain the Articles of Incorporation of Laminate until further amended as provided therein and in accordance with applicable law.
5. BYLAWS. On the Effective Date, the Bylaws of Laminate as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Date shall be and remain the Bylaws of Laminate until altered, amended or repealed as provided therein and in accordance with applicable law.

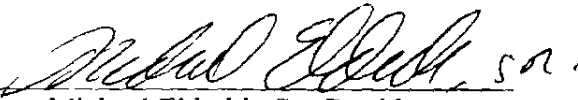
6. DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS. The directors and officers of Laminate on the Effective Date shall be the persons who are then serving as the directors and officers of Laminate, and they shall hold office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified or until their earlier resignation or removal.

7. EFFECTIVENESS. Articles of Merger shall be filed with the State of Florida so that the Merger shall become effective as of January 1, 2005 (the "Effective Date").

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Plan of Merger has been executed as of the day and year first above written.

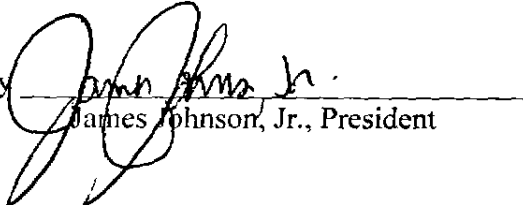
Attest: 
Karen Krueger, Secretary

THE LAMINATE STORE INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By 
Michael Elderkin Sr., President

Attest: 
Karen Krueger, Secretary

HOUSEHOLD EXPRESS, INC.

By 
James Johnson, Jr., President