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SECRETANT OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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

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SUBJECT: <u>NEWCASTLE FUNDING CORPORATION</u>

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

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& Certificate of

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

In compliance with Chapter 607 and/or Chapter 621, F.S. (Profit)

NAME ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be: NEWCASTLE FUNDING CORPORATION

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The Principal place of business/mailing address is: 999 BRICKELL AVENUE, SUITE 703 MIAMI, FLORIDA 33131

<u>ARTICLE III</u> *PURPOSE*

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is: ANY ACT PERMITTED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

ARTICLE IV SHARES

The number of shares of stock is: ONE THOUSAND (1000)

ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS/DIRECTORS (optional)

The name(s), address(es) and title(s): JON E RUSSELL, PRESIDENT/SECRETARY 5831 N.E. 21 TERRACE FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33308

ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is: JON E RUSSELL 999 BRICKELL AVENUE, SUITE 703 MIAMI, FLORIDA 33131

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is: JON E RUSSELL 5831 NE 21ST TERRACE FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33308

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, Lam familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

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