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RE: Equicap Investments, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed herewith are the Articles of Organization for Equicap Investments, Inc., along with the filing fee of \$78.75. Please forward proof of the filing of these Articles to this office.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

s*x*mcerely

Carmen C. Ferreira

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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EQUICAP INVESTMENTS, INC.

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

The undersigned incorporator hereby files these Articles of Incorporation in order to form a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

### ARTICLE I NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CORPORATION

The name of the Corporation shall be EQUICAP INVESTMENTS, INC. (the "Corporation"). The initial address of the Corporation shall be 1 Brickell Square, 801 Brickell Ave., 9th Floor, Miami, FL 33131.

### ARTICLE II NATURE OF BUSINESS

The general nature of the business and activities to be transacted and carried on by the Corporation are to transact all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Florida General Corporation Act, as hereafter amended and supplemented, and any successor statute thereto, as thereafter amended and supplemented.

The general purposes specified in the foregoing clauses of this Article, unless expressly limited, shall not be limited nor restricted by reference to, or inference from, any provisions in this or any other article of these Articles of Incorporation, shall be regarded as independent purposes and shall be construed as powers as well as purposes.

#### ARTICLE III STOCK

The authorized capital stock of the Corporation shall consist of 500 shares of Common Stock with a par value of \$1.00 per share.

### ARTICLE IV INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator of the Corporation is as follows:

Abol F. Helmy 1 Brickell Square 801 Brickell Ave., 9th Floor Miami, Florida 33131

### ARTICLE V TERM OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall exist perpetually unless dissolved according to law.

#### ARTICLE VI ADDRESS OF REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation in the State of Florida shall be 1 Brickell Square, 801 Brickell Ave., 9th Floor, Miami, FL 33131. The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation at the above address shall be Abol F. Helmy.

#### ARTICLE VII NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

The business of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of not fewer than one (1) but not more than three (3) persons, the exact number to be determined from time to time in accordance with the By-Laws, and until such time as the By-Laws have been adopted, the Board of Directors shall consist of one (1) person.

### ARTICLE VIII INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The names and street addresses of the members of the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation, who shall hold office until the First Annual Meeting of Shareholders, and thereafter until their successors are elected and have qualified, are as follows:

Name and Address

<u>Office</u>

Abol F. Helmy
1 Brickell Square
801 Brickell Ave. 9th Floor
Miami, Fl. 33131

President/Vice-president Secretary/Treasurer

### ARTICLE IX BY-LAWS

The Board of Directors shall adopt By-Laws for the Corporation. The By-Laws may be amended, altered or repealed by the Shareholders or Directors in any manner permitted by the By-Laws.

### ARTICLE X FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Corporation shall not be required to file a balance sheet and a profit and loss statement in its registered office. This provision shall be deemed to have been ratified by the shareholders each fiscal year hereafter unless a resolution to the contrary has been adopted by the shareholders not later than four (4) months after the close of such year.

### ARTICLE XI AMENDMENT

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in any manner now or hereafter provided for by law and all rights conferred upon shareholders hereunder are granted subject to this reservation.

### ARTICLE XII COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The existence of the Corporation shall, in accordance with Florida law, commence on January 2, 2002.

### ARTICLE XIII PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS

The corporation elects to grant preemptive rights to its shareholders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above-named incorporator signed these Articles of Incorporation this 28th day of December, 2001.

Bv:

Abol F. Helmy Incorporator

### CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE

In compliance with Florida Statutes Sections 48.091 and 607.0501, the following is submitted:

Equicap Investments, Inc., desiring to organize as a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, has designated 1 Brickell Square, 801 Brickell Ave., 9th Floor, Miami, FL 33131 as its initial Registered Office and has named Abol F. Helmy located at said address, as its initial Registered Agent.

By:

Abol F. Helmy Incorporator

Having been named Registered Agent for the above-stated corporation, at the designated Registered Office, the undersigned hereby acknowledges that he is familiar with the obligations of such position and accepts said appointment and agrees to comply with the provisions of Florida Statutes Section 48.091 relative to keeping open said office.

By:

Abol F. Helmy Registered Agent

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