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October 21, 2002

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

Re: Incorporation

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Dear Madam/Sir:

Enclosed please find the duly executed original and one copy of Articles of Incorporation as changed pursuant to your also enclosed letter.

Please return a certified copy of the Articles to my ST. PETERSBURG address.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Ega Ashcraft

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORID

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Jim Smith Secretary of State

October 16, 2002

EDELGARD G. ASHCRAFT, ESQ. 11 - 42ND ST. N. SUITE 204 ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33713

SUBJECT: THE INTERNATIONAL ROD END STORE, LTD., INC.

Ref. Number: W02000029892

We have received your document for THE INTERNATIONAL ROD END STORE, LTD., INC. and your check(s) totaling \$122.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

We regret that we were unable to contact you by phone. Please return the corrected document with a letter providing us with an address and telephone number where you can be reached during working hours.

The use of the abbreviation "Ltd." does not clearly indicate that this is a corporation instead of a partnership. Therefore, please remove the abbreviation "Ltd." from the corporate name."

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.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6972.

Doris Brown Document Specialist New Filings Section

Letter Number: 102A00057689

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE INTERNATIONAL ROD END STORE, INC.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this corporation is THE INTERNATIONAL ROD END STORE INC.

ARTICLE II - DURATION

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

This corporation is organized for the purpose of transacting any and all lawful business.

ARTICLE IV - CAPITAL STOCK

This corporation is authorized to issue one thousand (1,000) shares of \$1.00 par value common stock.

ARTICLE V - PRINCIPAL OFFICE, REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The principal office of this corporation shall be 8338-36th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, Florida 33710, and the name and address of the initial registered agent of this corporation is Rudolf G. Swoboda, 8338-36th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710.

ARTICLE VI - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The initial Board of Directors shall consist of 1 member. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by vote of the stockholders, but in no case shall the number of directors be less than 1. The name and address of the directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is:

Rudolf G. Swoboda, 8338-36th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710.

ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the person signing these Articles is:

Rudolf G. Swoboda, 8338-36th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710.

ARTICLE VIII - INDEMNIFICATION

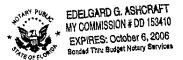
This corporation may indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 21st day of October, 2002.

Rudolf G. Swoboda

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF PINELLAS)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 21st day of October, 2002.



Notary Public

Edelgard G. Ashcraft

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned hereby accepts the foregoing appointment as registered agent of THE INTERNATIONAL ROD END STORE, INC. and states that he is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations provided for in Section 607.0505, Florida Statutes.

Rudolf G. Swoboda Registered Agent

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