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August 11, 2005

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

Dear Ladies/Gentlemen:

Enclosed for filing with the Secretary of State are the original and one copy of Articles of Incorporation of Kalb & Associates, Inc., together with my firm check in the amount of \$78.75 to cover the filing fee and the cost of a certified copy. Once the Articles of Incorporation have been filed, I would appreciate your certifying one of the enclosed copies and returning it to me.

If you have any questions or need any additional information concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely yours,

James L. Ade

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Enclosures

cc: Charles R. Kalb

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August 25, 2005

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

Dear Ladies/Gentlemen:

Enclosed for filing with the Secretary of State are the original and one copy of Articles of Incorporation of Kalb Branch, Inc., together with a copy of your letter dated August 15, 2005, stating you had kept my firm check in the amount of \$78.75 to cover the filing fee and the cost of a certified copy. Once the Articles of Incorporation have been filed, I would appreciate your certifying one of the enclosed copies and returning it to me.

If you have any questions or need any additional information concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely yours,

James L. Ade

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cc: Charles R. Kalb



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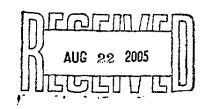
Glenda E. Hood Secretary of State

August 15, 2005

JAMES L. ADE, P.L. 841 PRUDENTIAL DR., STE. 1400 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207

SUBJECT: KALB & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Ref. Number: W05000038529



We have received your document for KALB & ASSOCIATES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name designated in your document is unavailable since it is the same as, or it is not distinguishable from the name of an existing entity.

Please select a new name and make the correction in all appropriate places. One or more major words may be added to make the name distinguishable from the one presently on file.

#### Adding "of Florida" or "Florida" to the end of a name is not acceptable.

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.

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF KALB BRANCH, INC.

#### ARTICLE I.

#### NAME

The name of this corporation is KALB BRANCH, INC.

#### ARTICLE II.

#### **PURPOSE**

This corporation is organized for the purpose of rendering compliance and branch manager services for Independent Financial Advisors in accordance with the rules and regulations of the National Association of Securities Dealers, the Securities and Exchange Commission and American Express Financial Advisors, Inc. and engaging in and transacting all other business not in conflict with said purpose as may be permitted under the laws of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE III.

#### PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The initial principal office and mailing address of this corporation is 6817 Southpoint Parkway, Suite 1103, Jacksonville, Florida 32216.

#### ARTICLE IV.

#### COMMENCEMENT OF EXISTENCE

The existence of the corporation shall commence on the date of the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE V.

#### CAPITAL STOCK

This corporation is authorized to issue One Thousand (1,000) shares of common stock with a par value of One Cent (\$0.01) per share, which shares shall be and hereby are designated as "Common Shares." Without action by the shareholder(s), any or all of the authorized shares may be issued by this corporation from time to time for such consideration as may be fixed by the board of directors of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE VI.

#### INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The initial registered office of this corporation in the state of Florida is 6817 Southpoint Parkway, Suite 1103, Jacksonville, Florida 32216, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Charles R. Kalb. The board of directors may, from time to time, change the registered agent or move the registered office to any other address in Florida.

#### ARTICLE VII.

#### **INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator of this corporation is:

Charles R. Kalb 6817 Southpoint Parkway, Suite 1103 Jacksonville, Florida 32216

#### ARTICLE VIII.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Either the shareholder(s) or board of directors may repeal, amend, or adopt bylaws for the corporation, pursuant

to these articles, except that the shareholder(s) may prescribe in any bylaw made by them that such bylaw shall not be altered, repealed, or amended by the board of directors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator, being a natural person competent to contract, has hereunto set his hand this 21 day of August, 2005.

Charles R. Kalb, Incorporator

### CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT OF KALB BRANCH, INC.

Pursuant to Section 607.0501, Florida Business Corporation Act, Charles R. Kalb, located at 6817 Southpoint Parkway, Suite 1103, Jacksonville, Florida 32216, having been named as registered agent to accept service of process upon KALB BRANCH, INC., hereby accepts the appointment as registered agent, agrees to act in that capacity, and agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of his duties as registered agent, acknowledging hereby that he is familiar with and accepts the obligations of his position as registered agent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate in Jacksonville,

Duval County, Florida on this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2005.

Charles R. Kalb, Registered Agent

SECRETARY OF STATE