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November 2, 2005

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RE: STRICKLEN GROUP CORPORATION

**Dear Ladies:**

Enclosed herewith for filing are Articles of Incorporation for the above-captioned corporation. A copy of the Articles of Incorporation is also enclosed to be certified and returned to the undersigned.

Our firm's check in the amount of \$78.75 is enclosed to cover the following costs:

Filing Fee	\$ 35.00
Certified Copy	8.75
Registered Agent Form	<u>35.00</u>

**Total \$ 78.75**

**Please return the certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation to the undersigned attorney, Cynthia Crofoot Rignanese.**

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

**CYNTHIA CROFOOT RIGNANESE, ESQUIRE**

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Enclosures

xc: Molly Stricklen

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
STRICKLEN GROUP CORPORATION  
(a corporation for profit)**

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The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation for profit under the provisions of the Florida Business Corporation Act, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The name of this corporation is **STRICKLEN GROUP CORPORATION**.

**ARTICLE II  
DURATION**

This corporation shall have perpetual duration. The corporate existence shall begin with the date and time of the filing of these Articles of Incorporation by the Florida Department of State.

**ARTICLE III  
PURPOSES AND POWERS**

This corporation is organized for the purpose of transacting any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Florida Business Corporation Act.

The corporation shall have all the rights, privileges and powers now or hereafter available to corporations for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE IV  
CAPITAL STOCK**

This corporation is authorized to issue 1,000 shares of \$1.00 par value common stock which shall be designated "common shares". Said stock shall be issued as "small business corporation" stock in accordance with the plan or plans under the provisions of Section 1244 of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore:

- a. After this Corporation has elected to be an S Corporation, none of the shareholders of this Corporation, without the written consent of the other shareholders of this Corporation shall take any action, or make any transfer or other disposition of the shareholders' shares of stock in the Corporation, which will result in the termination or revocation of such election to be an S Corporation, as provide in Sub-Chapter S of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- b. Once the Corporation has elected to be an S Corporation, each share of stock issued by this Corporation shall contain the following legend:

"THE SHARES OF STOCK REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED IF SUCH TRANSFER WOULD VOID THE ELECTION OF THE CORPORATION TO BE TAXED AS A SMALL BUSINESS CORPORATION UNDER SUB-CHAPTER S OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED."

**ARTICLE V**  
**PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The address of the principal office is 1670 Estes Road, Alturas, Florida 33820, and the mailing address of the corporation shall initially be 1670 Estes Road, Alturas, Florida 33820.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The street address of the corporation's initial registered office is 1670 Estes Road, Alturas, Florida 33820, and the name of its initial registered agent at that office is **MARY F. STRICKLEN**.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**MANAGEMENT OF THE CORPORATION'S AFFAIRS**

All corporate powers shall be exercised by, or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed under the direction of, the board of directors of the corporation.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**OFFICERS**

The officers of the corporation shall consist of a president, a secretary and a treasurer, and such other officers as may be authorized by the bylaws. The officers shall be elected by the board of directors. An officer need not be a resident of the State of Florida nor a shareholder of the corporation.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**INITIAL OFFICERS**

The names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as officers of the corporation until the first election of officers by the board of directors are as follows:

<b><i>President/Secretary/Treasurer:</i></b>	<b>MARY F. STRICKLEN</b>
	<b>1670 Estes Road</b>
	<b>Alturas, Florida 33820.</b>

**ARTICLE X**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors of the corporation shall be one. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the bylaws, but shall never be less than one. Members of the board of directors need not be residents of the State of Florida nor shareholders of the corporation. The directors shall be elected at the first annual shareholders' meeting and at each annual shareholders' meeting thereafter, and shall hold office, in the manner set forth in the bylaws. Directors shall be removed and vacancies filled in the manner provided in the bylaws.

The name and address of each person who shall serve as a member of the initial board of directors are as follows:

**MARY F. STRICKLEN**  
**1670 Estes Road**  
**Alturas, Florida 33820.**

**ARTICLE XI**  
**NAME AND ADDRESSES OF INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator of this corporation is as follows:

**MARY F. STRICKLEN**  
**1670 Estes Road**  
**Alturas, Florida 33820.**

**ARTICLE XII**  
**BYLAWS**

The initial bylaws for the corporation shall be made and adopted by the board of directors of the corporation and may thereafter be amended, altered, or rescinded only in accordance with the provisions of the bylaws or the Florida Business Corporation Act, or any successor thereto.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**MEETINGS OF THE SHAREHOLDERS**

Annual and specially called meetings of the shareholders of this corporation shall be held as provided in the bylaws.

**ARTICLE XIV**  
**QUORUM AT SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING**

A majority of the shares entitled to vote, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the shareholders of the corporation.

**ARTICLE XV  
AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES**

The corporation reserves the right to amend these Articles of Incorporation, from time to time, in any and as many respects as may be desired, in accordance with the manners and procedures provided by the Florida Business Corporation Act, or any successor thereto.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned, for the purpose of forming this corporation for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 1st day of November, 2005.

**Signed, sealed and delivered  
in the presence of:**

Roxie D. Henderson  
**Witness**  
**Printed Name:** Roxie D. Henderson

Mary F. Stricklen  
**MARY F. STRICKLEN,**  
**as Incorporator**

[Signature]  
**Witness**  
**Printed Name:** Cynthia Crofoot Rignanesse

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF POLK**

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation was acknowledged before me this 1st day of November, 2005, by **MARY F. STRICKLEN**, who personally appeared before me, is personally known to me, or who has produced Florida Driver's License as identification.



Roxie D. Henderson  
**Printed Name:** ROXIE D. HENDERSON  
**Notary Public/affix notarial seal**

**STRICKLEN GROUP CORPORATION**  
**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above named corporation, at the place designated, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent, and state that I am familiar with, and accept, the obligations provided for registered agents in the Florida Business Corporation Act.

***Dated:*** November 1, 2005.

  
MARY F. STRICKLEN