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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
BRANCH INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, INC.**

These Articles of Incorporation are executed by the undersigned for the purpose of forming a corporation pursuant to the Florida Business Corporation Act, as particularly set forth in Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes.

**ARTICLE 1
NAME AND ADDRESS**

The name of this corporation shall be BRANCH INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, INC. The initial principal business address of the corporation is 3980 Fowler Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901.

**ARTICLE 2
DURATION**

The corporation shall commence upon the filing of these Articles and shall have perpetual existence thereafter.

**ARTICLE 3
PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is the transaction of any and all lawful business for which a corporation may be incorporated under the Florida Business Corporation Act, as the same may from time to time be amended.

**ARTICLE 4
CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

The aggregate number of shares of capital stock which this corporation shall have the authority to issue shall be one million (1,000,000) shares of common stock, all of the same class and each having a par value of One Dollar (\$1.00). Nine hundred ninety thousand (990,000) of the authorized shares shall be designated as non-voting common stock and ten thousand (10,000) of the authorized shares shall be designated as voting common stock; with the exception of voting rights, the shareholders shall have identical rights in all other respects.

**ARTICLE 5
INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT & OFFICE**

The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at its initial registered office, and the street address of its initial registered office, are as follows:

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NAME

ADDRESS

DAVID M. PLATT

1648 Periwinkle Way, Suite B
Sanibel, Florida 33957

ARTICLE 6
DIRECTORS

The business and the affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, which shall be elected by the shareholders and serve as provided in the Bylaws. The number of the members of the Board of Directors may either be increased or decreased from time to time by the Bylaws, but shall never be less than one (1).

ARTICLE 7
BYLAWS

The power to adopt, alter, amend, or repeal bylaws shall be vested in both the Board of Directors and the shareholders. Bylaws adopted, altered, amended, or repealed by the shareholders of the corporation may not be repealed, altered, amended, or readopted by the Board of Directors if the shareholders so provide.

ARTICLE 8
SHAREHOLDERS' AGREEMENT

In the event a Shareholders' Agreement exists and there are any inconsistencies in terms between these Articles of Incorporation and the Shareholders' Agreement, the terms of the Shareholders' Agreement will control.

ARTICLE 9
INCORPORATOR

The name and the address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

NAME

ADDRESS

WILLIAM O. BRANCH

3980 Fowler Street
Fort Myers, Florida 33901

These Articles of Incorporation have been executed this 15th day of December, 2006.


WILLIAM O. BRANCH, Incorporator

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ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION AS REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for this corporation, at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, I hereby accept the appointment, understand my duties as registered agent, and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.



DAVID M. PLATT, Registered Agent

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