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#### ARTICLES OF MERGER

MERGING
CARLTON SOD SERVICE INC.
(a Florida corporation)
WITH AND INTO
BASS SOD, INC.
(a Florida corporation)



ARTICLES OF MERGER effective as of this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 1998, by and between BASS SOD, INC., a Florida corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Survivor"), and its wholly owned subsidiary, CARLTON SOD SERVICE INC., a Florida corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Merging Corporation"), approved in accordance with Section 607.1104 of the Florida Business Corporation Act ("FBCA").

#### **ARTICLE I**

The respective Boards of Directors of the Merging Corporation and the Survivor, in accordance with their respective Articles of Incorporation and By-laws and Section 607.1104 of the FBCA each adopted resolutions by adopting and approving a Plan of Merger, dated as of December 20. 1998, (the "Plan of Merger"), a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, wherein the Merging Corporation will be merged with and into Survivor ("Merger").

#### ARTICLE II

At the time of approval of the Plan of Merger, the issued and outstanding capital stock of Survivor consisted solely of 1,000 shares of common stock, \$.10 par value per share ("Survivor Common Stock"). Each share of Survivor Common Stock is entitled to one vote and all of such shares of Survivor Common Stock have been affirmatively voted in favor of authorizing, approving, and adopting the Plan of Merger. Such shareholder vote constitutes the requisite shareholder approval as provided in Section 607.1104 of the FBCA. All the issued and outstanding capital stock of Merging Corporation, consisting solely of 1,000 shares of common stock, \$.01 par value per share ("Merging Corporation Common Stock"), is held of record by the Survivor. Each share of Merging Corporation Common Stock is entitled to one vote and all of such shares have been voted, by unanimous written consent, in favor of authorizing, approving, and adopting the Plan of Merger. Such unanimous consent constitutes the requisite shareholder approval as provided in Section 607.1104 of the FBCA.

#### ARTICLE III

Upon the effective date of the merger, the name of the Survivor shall be "Bass-Cariton Sod, Inc."

Bruce M. Rodgers, Esquire Poley & Lardner 100 N. Tampa St. Suite 2800 Tampa, Florida 33601 (813)225-4106 Florida Bar No.: 0908215

The merger shall be effective on the later of December 31, 1998, or when articles of merger are filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

BASS SOD, INC.

Edwin H. Rohde President Edwin H. Robde tis: President

CARLTON SOD SERVICE INC.

Edwin H. Rohde, III Vice President

By: Vice President

Exhibit A

#### PLAN OF MERGER

THIS PLAN OF MERGER ("Plan of Merger"), dated as of December 30, 1998, and effective as of December 31, 1998 by and between Bass Sod, Inc., a Florida corporation ("BSI"), and its wholly owned subsidiary, Carlton Sod Service Inc., a Florida corporation ("CSSI").

#### WITNESSETH:

- A. WHEREAS, the authorized capital stock of the CSSI consists of 1,000 shares of Common Stock, \$.10 par value per share ("Company Common Stock") and 1,000 shares of Company Common Stock are issued and outstanding on the date hereof.
- B. WHEREAS, the authorized capital stock of BSI consists of 1,000 shares of common stock, \$.10 par value per share ("BSI Stock"), of which 1,000 shares are issued and outstanding on the date hereof and all of which shares are owned of record and beneficially as follows:

Edwin H. Rohde,III	250 shares
Nathan L. Rohde	250 shares
John D. Rohde	250 shares
Lisa Rohde Harris	250 shares

- C. WHEREAS, upon the Effective Date of this Plan of Merger (December 31, 1998), CSSI will merge with and into BSI and BSI shall be the surviving corporation (the "Merger") pursuant to Section 607.1104 of the Florida Business Corporation Act, ("FBCA").
- D. WHEREAS, the Boards of Directors of BSI and CSSI deem it in the best interests of their respective corporations and shareholders that CSSI be merged with and into the BSI, with the BSI being the surviving corporation, and each such Board of Directors has approved this Plan of Merger, has authorized its execution and delivery, and has directed that this Plan of Merger and the Merger be submitted to its respective shareholders for approval.
- NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the agreements herein contained, the parties hereto adopt and agree to the following agreements, terms and conditions relating to the Merger and the mode of carrying the same into effect:

#### ARTICLE I

#### The Merger

1.01 The Merger. CSSI will be merged with and into BSI in accordance with Section 607.1104 of the FBCA.

1.02 <u>Effective Time of the Merger</u>. The articles of merger ("Articles of Merger") shall be duly prepared and executed by BSI and the CSSI and thereafter delivered to the Secretary of State of the State of Florida for filing as provided in Section 607.1101 of the FBCA. The Merger shall become effective on December 31, 1998 ("Effective Time").

## 1.03 Effects of the Merger.

- (a) At the Effective Time, (i) the separate existence of CSSI shall cease and CSSI shall be merged with and into the BSI as provided in Section 607.1104 of the FBCA (after the Merger BSI will sometimes be referred to as the "Surviving Corporation" and CSSI and BSI shall collectively be referred to as "Constituent Corporations", (ii) the articles of incorporation of BSI in effect as of the Effective Time shall be the articles of incorporation of the Surviving Corporation; (iii) the by-laws of BSI in effect as of the Effective Time shall be the by-laws of the Surviving Corporation; (iv) the officers of the Surviving Corporation shall remain the same as those of BSI in effect as of the Effective Time; and (v) the members of the Board of Directors of the Surviving Corporation, effective as of the Effective Time shall be the same as those of BSI prior to the Merger (in each case until such time as their respective successors are duly elected or their earlier resignation, death, retirement or termination):
- In accordance with Section 607.1106 of the FBCA, at and after the Effective Time, the Surviving Corporation shall possess all the rights, privileges, powers and franchises of a public as well as of a private nature, and be subject to all the restrictions, disabilities and duties of each of the Constituent Corporations; and all rights, privileges, powers and franchises of each of the Constituent Corporations, and all property, real, personal and mixed, and all debts due to either of the Constituent Corporations on whatever account, as well as for stock subscriptions and all other things in action or belonging to each of the Constituent Corporations, shall be vested in the Surviving Corporation; and all property, rights, privileges, powers and franchises, and all and every other interest shall be thereafter as effectually the property of the Surviving Corporation as they were of the Constituent Corporations, and the title to any real estate vested, by deed or otherwise, in either of the Constituent Corporations shall not revert or be in any way impaired; but all rights of creditors and all liens upon any property of either of the Constituent Corporations shall thenceforth attach to the Surviving Corporation, and may be enforced against it to the same extent as if said debts and liabilities had been incurred by it. Any action or proceeding, whether civil, criminal or administrative, pending by or against either Constituent Corporation shall be prosecuted as if the Merger had not taken place, and the Surviving Corporation may be substituted as a party in such action or proceeding in place of any Constituent Corporation.
- (c) In addition to the effects of the Merger described in Section 1.03 above, at and after the Effective Time, the Surviving Corporation shall remain incorporated in Florida and shall change its name to "Bass-Carlton Sod, Inc." and retain the same purpose as stated in its current articles of incorporation.

#### ARTICLE II

# Effect of the Merger on the Capital Stock Of the Constituent Corporations

- 2.01 Effect on Company Common Stock. Since BSI is the sole Shareholder of CSSI, as of the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action by or on the part of the Shareholders or any other party all shares of CSSI Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall no longer be outstanding and shall automatically be cancelled and retired and shall cease to exist.
- 2.02 <u>Effect on BSI Stock</u>. As of the Effective Time, the 1,000 shares of BSI Stock validly issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time will remain validly issued and outstanding and unaffected by the Merger.

BASS SOD, INC.

Edwin H. Rohde, President

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CARLTON SOD SERVICE INC.

Edwin H. Rohde III, Vice President

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