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RE: Benchmark Homes, Inc.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find the original and one copy each of the Articles of Incorporation and Registered Agent form for filing regarding the above-referenced matter. Please file and return a certified copy to this office.

Also enclosed please find my check in the sum of \$122.50 which represents the following:

Filing fee	\$ 35.00
Certified copies	52.50
Registered agent	35.00

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
MICHAEL Wm MEAD

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Enclosures: a/s

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
BENCHMARK HOMES, INC.

The undersigned subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation, being natural persons, competent to contract, do hereby form a corporation for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I.  
Name

The name of this corporation is:  
BENCHMARK HOMES, INC.

ARTICLE II.  
Nature of Business

The general nature of the business or businesses to be transacted by this corporation is the following: To do any and all acts authorized by the general laws of the State of Florida regardless of said principal purpose.

ARTICLE III.  
Term of Existence

The term of existence of the corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE IV.  
Capital Stock

The maximum number of shares that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is ONE THOUSAND (1,000) SHARES having a nominal or par value of \$1.00 per share.

ARTICLE V.  
Address

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be 105 Auburn Road, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32547, however, the business shall also be conducted at such other places, such other counties, and such other towns or cities within the State of Florida as may from time to time be authorized and directed by the shareholders.

ARTICLE VI.  
Amendment

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every Amendment shall be approved at a stockholder's meeting by the majority of the stockholders entitled to vote thereon.

ARTICLE VII.  
Management of Corporation Affairs

The business of this corporation shall be managed by its stockholders rather than by a Board of Directors. In the management of the business of the corporation, the act of the stockholders representing a majority of the outstanding shares of the corporation entitled to vote, represented in person or proxy, shall be the act of the stockholders. Each stockholder shall be entitled to one (1) vote in person or by proxy for each share of voting stock held by him. A majority of the outstanding shares of the corporation entitled to vote, present in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the stockholders for the management of the business of the corporation.

ARTICLE VIII.  
Officers

The names and addresses of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Office</u>
JON MICHAEL WHITWORTH	105 Auburn Road Fort Walton Beach Florida 32547	President/ Secretary/ Treasurer

ARTICLE IX.  
Subscribers

The names and addresses of the subscribers of these Articles of Incorporation and the number of shares they agree to take are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Shares</u>
JON MICHAEL WHITWORTH	105 Auburn Road Fort Walton Beach Florida 32547	300

ARTICLE X.  
Registered Agent

The Registered Agent of the corporation shall be: JON MICHAEL WHITWORTH, and the street address of the office, place of business or location for the service of process within this State shall be: 105 Auburn Road, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32547.

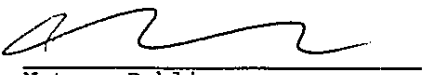
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto executed these presents this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1996.

  
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JON MICHAEL WHITWORTH

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF OKALOOSA

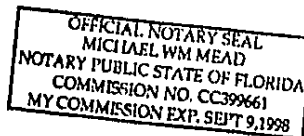
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by JON MICHAEL WHITWORTH, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1996,

X who is personally known to me, or  
\_\_\_\_ who has produced \_\_\_\_\_  
as identification.

  
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Notary Public  
My Commission Expires:

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CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.


In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act:

FIRST: BENCHMARK HOMES, INC.

desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at 105 Auburn Road, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32547, has named JON MICHAEL WHITWORTH, located at 105 Auburn Road, Fort Walton Beach, Okaloosa County, Florida 32547, as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation, at place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

  
JON MICHAEL WHITWORTH

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