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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

L. E. RICE & CO.

I, the undersigned, being of legal age and a natural person. do hereby subscribe to, acknowledge and file the following Article: of Incorporation for the purpose of creating a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I NAME and PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The name of this corporation shall be: L. E. RICE & CO., and the principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be: 444 Brickell Avenue, Suite 51, Miami, Florida 33131.

ARTICLE II DURATION

This corporation shall commence its existence immediately upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation and shall exist perpetually thereafter unless sooner dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

This corporation may engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE IV CAPITALIZATION

The capital stock authorized, the par value thereof, and the characteristics of such stock shall be as follows:

Number of SharesAuthorized	Par Value Per Share	Class of <u>Stock</u>
100	\$.10	Common

The consideration for all of the said stock shall be payable in cash, property, real or personal, labor or services in lieu of cash, at a just valuation to be fixed by the Board of Directors of the corporation.

ARTICLE V INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The initial registered office of this corporation shall be at: 8100 N.W. 68th Street, Miami, Florida 33166, with the privilege of having its offices and branch offices at other places within or without the State of Florida. The initial registered agent at that address shall be: Beatriz Rice-Bel.

ARTICLE VI INITIAL DIRECTORS

The number of directors may be increased or decreased, but shall be not less than one, as specified by the shareholders from time to time. At any time, the shareholders may, by a majority vote, determine that the corporation be managed by the shareholders.

The names and addresses of the initial directors of the corporation, who shall hold office for the first year or until their successors are duly elected and qualified, shall be:

<u>Name</u>

Address

Elizabeth Rice-Figarola

6325 S.W. 82nd Avenue Miami, FL 33143

Laura Riera Rice

4149 Ventura Avenue Coconut Grove, FL 33133

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is: Elizabeth Rice-Figarola, 6325 S.W. 82nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33143.

ARTICLE VIII DIRECTOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No contract or other transaction between this corporation and any other corporation, and no act of this corporation, shall in any way be affected or invalidated by the fact that any of the directors of this corporation are pecuniarily or otherwise

interested in, or are directors or officers of, such other corporation. Any director individually, or any firm of which any director may be a member, may be a party to, or may be pecuniarily or otherwise interested in, any contract or transaction of this corporation, provided that the fact that such director or such firm is so interested shall be disclosed or shall have been known to the Board of Directors or a majority thereof, and any director of this corporation who is also a director or an officer of such other corporation, or who is so interested, may be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors of this corporation which shall authorize any such contract or transaction, with like force and effect as if such director were not such a director or officer of such other corporation, or not so interested.

ARTICLE IX NO SHAREHOLDER LIABILITY

The private property of the shareholders shall not be subject to payment of the corporate debts in any extent.

ARTICLE X INDEMNIFICATION

This corporation shall indemnify its officers, directors and employees to the fullest extent permitted by law, either now or hereafter in effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned, being the Incorporator hereinbefore named, for the purpose of forming a corporation to do business both within and without the State of Florida, under the laws of Florida, make and file these Articles of Incorporation, hereby declaring and certifying that the facts herein stated are true, and hereunto set my hand and seal this Life day of September, 1996.

Elizabeth Rice-Figarola,

Incorporator

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

In compliance with the laws of the State of Florida, the following is submitted:

L. E. RICE & CO., desiring to organize or qualify under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal place of business at 444 Brickell Avenue, Suite 51, Miami, State of Florida, has named Beatriz Rice-Bel, 8100 N.W. 68th Street, Miami, County of Dade, State of Florida, as its statutory Resident Agent to accept service of process within Florida.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Having been named the statutory Resident Agent to accept service of process for the above corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby acknowledge that I am familiar with the obligations imposed upon a Registered Agent by Section 607.0505 of the Florida Statutes and I agree to accept the same and to act as Registered Agent, and to comply with the provisions of Florida law relative to keeping the registered office open.

Beatriz Rice-Bel, Registered Agent

DATED: this 28th day of September, 1996.

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