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State of Florida Department of State Corporate Division Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: HOWARD & SONS, INC.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above referred corporation. Please file the original, certify the copy and return the certified copy to me at your earliest convenience.

I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$122.50 covering the following:

> \$ 35.00 - filing fee 52.50 - certified copy 35.00 - registered agent designation \$122.50

> > Sincerely,

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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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### HOWARD & SONS, INC.

The undersigned subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation, natural persons competent to contract, hereby form a corporation for profit, under Chapter 607, Florida Statutes, and do hereby certify that it has become such corporation under and pursuant to the following Articles of Incorporation.

# ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is "HOWARD & SONS, INC."

#### ARTICLE II Duration

The corporation shall have perpetual existence, commencing on January 1, 1997.

### ARTICLE III General Purpose Clause

The general nature of the business or businesses to be transacted by the corporation is that of operating a crane service company and to receive any contracts or assignments of contracts therefore or related thereto or connected therewith and to deal in and deal with any materials, equipment, devices or wares or anything incidental to or required for or useful in connection with the above that can be advantageously carried on in conjunction with and incidental to any of the matter aforesaid. This corporation shall also have the power to transact any lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated to do under Chapter 607, Florida

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Statutes and amendments or supplements thereto, and any other Florida Statutes relating to corporations for profit.

#### ARTICLE IV Capital Stock

The corporation is authorized to issue one hundred (100) shares of One Cent (\$0.01) par value common stock which shall be designated as common shares.

# ARTICLE V Initial Registered Office and Agent

The address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 1309 Palm Boulevard, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address will be Laurie K. Howard. The principal office address of this corporation is 1309 Palm Boulevard, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456.

### ARTICLE VI Initial Board of Directors and Officers

The company shall have three (3) directors initially. The executive positions (officers) of the directors are set forth hereinbelow and the respective offices held. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time as provided by the by-laws adopted by the stockholder. The names and addresses of the initial director and officer is:

RONALD G. HOWARD, President 1309 Palm Boulevard Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 LAURIE K. HOWARD, Vice-President 1309 Palm Boulevard Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

DAVID S. HOWARD, Secretary/Treasurer 1309 Palm Boulevard Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

### ARTICLE VII Incorporators

The names and addresses of the incorporators signing these articles are:

Ronald G. Heward 1309 Palm Beulevard Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

Laurie K. Howard 1309 Palm Boulevard Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

David S. Howard 1309 Palm Boulevard Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

# ARTICLE VIII By-Laws

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal the by-laws shall be vested in the board of directors and shareholders.

# ARTICLE IX Initial Shareholders

Shares of capital stock of this corporation shall be issued initially to the following person and in the amount set opposite his name:

Ronald G. Howard 50 shares common stock
Laurie K. Howard 40 shares common stock
David S. Howard 10 shares common stock

## ARTICLE X

This corporation shall have all the corporate powers enumerated in the Florida General Corporation Act, but it may not mortgage or pledge any or all of its property or assets without shareholder approval.

#### ARTICLE XI Amendment

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these articles of incorporation or any amendment hereto by a majority vote of the board of directors and any right conferred upon the shareholders is subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporators have executed these Articles of Incorporation on the <u>35 th</u> day of November, 1996.

HOWARD & SONS, INC.

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RONALD G. HOWARD Incorporator

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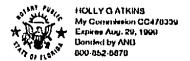
DAVID S. HOWARD, Incorporator

State of Florida County of Gulf

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this <u>35tl</u> day of November, 1996, before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized in the State and County aforesaid to take acknowledgments and administer oaths, personally appeared <u>RONALD G. HOWARD</u>, <u>LAURIE K. HOWARD</u> and <u>DAVID S</u>, HOWARD, who are <u>personally known</u> to me or who produced <u>David</u>.

howard produced 38 their as identification, the incorporators signing the articles in the above corporation and they acknowledged before me that the proposed Articles of Incorporation is the free act and deed of the incorporators and that the facts therein set are truly set forth and that they desire to associate themselves pursuant to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of becoming a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herounto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Port St. Joo, Florida, in the State and County aforesaid on the day and year first above written.



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

First, that HOWARD & SONS, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, at Port St. Joe, Gulf County, Florida, has named LAURIE K. HOWARD, 1309 Palm Boulevard, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, 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 the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provision of said act relative to keeping open said office.

LAURIE K. HOWARD

Registered Agent

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