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CUSTOMER: Douglas J. Burns, Esq GOVAN, BURNS & JONES 6500 Central Avenue

St. Petersburg, FL 33707

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NAME: DESOTO GROUP, INC.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

XXXXX ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
\_\_\_\_\_ CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

PLEASE RETURN THE FOLLOWING AS PROOF OF FILING:

XXXXXX CERTIFIED COPY
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\_\_\_\_\_ CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

CONTACT PERSON: Clint Fuhrman

EXAMINER'S INITIALS:



# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF DESOTO GROUP, INC.

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The undersigned subscriber, she being a natural person, it, FLORDA competent to contract for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

#### ARTICLE I

NAME OF BUSINESS: The name of the proposed corporation shall be DESOTO GROUP, INC.

#### ARTICLE\_II

NATURE OF BUSINESS: The general nature and purpose of business to be transacted, promoted and carried on by the corporation is to engage in any activity or business now or hereafter authorized and permitted under the laws of the United States and the State of Florida to be done or exercised by corporations organized for profit.

#### ARTICLE\_III

INITIAL CAPITAL: The amount of capital with which this corporation shall begin business is Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$500.00).

#### ARTICLE\_IV

CAPITAL STOCK: The total number of shares of stock which this corporation shall have authority to issue is One Thousand (1,000) shares of common stock, said stock having a par value of One Dollar (\$1.00) per share.

#### ARTICLE V

TERM OF EXISTENCE: This corporation shall have a perpetual term of existence, commencing upon receipt of these Articles by the Secretary of State.

#### ARTICLE\_VI

ADDRESS OF BUSINESS: The initial address of the principal office of the proposed corporation in the State of Florida shall be:

485 Quail Forest Blvd., Apt. 406 Naples, Florida 33942

#### ARTICLE VII

DIRECTORS: The number of Directors of this corporation shall be no more than five (5) and no less than one (1) Director. The names and addresses of the Directors who shall hold office for the first year of existence of the corporation or until a successor or successors are elected or appointed and who have qualified are:

RUBY R. QURASHI 485 Quail Forest Blvd., Apt. 406 Naples, Florida 33942

#### ARTICLE VIII

SUBSCRIBER: The name and address of the Subscriber of this corporation is:

RUBY R. QURASHI 485 Quail Forest Blvd., Apt. 406 Naples, Florida 33942

#### ARTICLE IX

REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE: **DESOTO GROUP, INC.**names and designates DOUGLAS J. BURNS, the Registered Agent and
also establishes 6500 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida

33707, as its Registered Office within the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 607.164 Florida Statutos.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber to this instrument, Articles of Incorporation of DESOTO GROUP, INC., does place her hand and sual this 50th day of November, 1996, at St. Potersburg, Florida.

In the presence of:
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WITNESS DAWY, BOSWELL
Kirke Ventrag
WITNESS LINDA NY, FRAY
STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PINELLAS

NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF FLORIDA

Printed Name: Linda I. likeida

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My Commission expires:



#### ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

I, DOUGLAS J. BURNS, 6500 Contral Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida 33707, do hereby accept appointment as Registered Agent of DESOTO GROUP, INC., together with the duties and responsibilities attaching to such appointment.

DOUGLAS J. BURNS

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PINELLAS

known or has produced \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as identification and who [did] [did not] take an oath, and known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to and before me that he executed the said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and seal this MO

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