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Re: Article of Incorporation of  
Block Island Trading Co.

Gentlemen:

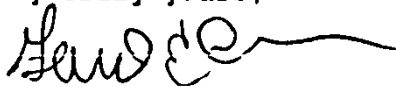
Please find enclosed the following documents in connection with the above-captioned matter.

1. Original and one copy of Articles of Incorporation.
2. My trust account check in the amount of \$122.50 representing the following: Filing Fee: \$35.00; Certified copy: \$52.50 and Registered Agent Fee: \$35.00 for a total of \$122.50.

Please return to the undersigned one (1) certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,



GERALD E. COWEN

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
BLOCK ISLAND TRADING CO.

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KELLY A. LEONE, a natural person, competent to contract, does hereby make, acknowledge and file in the Office of the Secretary of the State of Florida, for the purpose of forming a corporation for profit in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida and pursuant to the Florida General Corporate Act, these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I

NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of the Corporation shall be BLOCK ISLAND TRADING CO. The principal office and mailing address of the Corporation is 1017 Lincoln Street, Hollywood, FL 33019.

ARTICLE II

GENERAL PURPOSE

The general purposes for which this Corporation is organized are:

A) To buy, sell, trade, and manufacture of gem and semi-precious stones; and employ personnel for the purpose of or in connection with said business in every kind or character, and to do any and all things necessary and proper to effect such purpose.

B) To carry on business at any place or places within the jurisdiction of the United States, and in any and all foreign countries, and to undertake, contract for or carry on any lawful business incidental to or in aid of, or advantageous in pursuance

of, any of the objects or purposes of the Corporation.

C) To engage in and transact any lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under Florida law. No other purpose limits this general purpose in any way.

### ARTICLE III

#### **AUTHORIZED CAPITAL STOCK**

The maximum number of shares that this Corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any time shall be One thousand (1,000) shares of common stock, all of a single class; such shares to be of One Dollar (\$1.00) par value each, all of which shares shall be issued fully paid and non-assessable. Each of said shares of common stock shall entitle the holder thereof to One (1) vote at any meeting of the stockholders. No holder of common stock shall be entitled to any right of cumulative voting.

The capital stock of this Corporation may be paid for in lawful money of the United States of America, or in property, labor or services at a fair and just valuation to be fixed by the stockholders, at any regular or special meeting of this Corporation.

### ARTICLE IV

#### **PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS**

The Corporation elects to have pre-emptive rights, pursuant to Section 607.0630 Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

### ARTICLE V

#### **INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE**

The name of the initial Registered Agent of this Corporation is KELLY A. LEONE, and the street address of the initial Registered

Agent is 1017 Lincoln Street, Hollywood, FL 33019; but this Corporation shall have the power to move the registered office or to change the name of the registered agent to any other person or location in the State of Florida that may be deemed expedient.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The number of initial Directors of this Corporation shall be One (1). The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time, in accordance with the By-Laws, but shall never be less than One (1) nor more than Three (3). The names and street addresses of the member of the first Board of Directors and officers who, unless otherwise provided by the By-Laws or removed as provided herein, shall hold office for the first year of existence of this Corporation, or until their successors are elected or appointed and have qualified, shall be:

<u>DIRECTORS</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>
KELLY A. LEONE	1017 Lincoln Street Hollywood, FL 33019	President/Director

#### ARTICLE VII

##### INCORPORATOR AND SUBSCRIBER

The name and street address of the Incorporator and Subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation is:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
KELLY A. LEONE	1017 Lincoln Street Hollywood, FL 33019

### ARTICLE VIII

#### INDEMNIFICATION

This Corporation shall indemnify any officer, incorporator or director, including former officers, incorporators and directors, to the full extent permitted by law, including, but not limited to, Florida Statutes, Section 607.0850, as amended from time to time.

Nothing contained herein shall prevent the stockholders from purchasing such insurance policies or other manner of indemnification as they may deem proper. The foregoing Right of Indemnification shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, all other rights to which any director or officer or stockholder may be entitled to as a matter of law or otherwise.

### ARTICLE IX

#### BY-LAWS

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal the By-Laws of this Corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors and the stockholders. However, the stockholders may repeal or change any By-Law adopted by the Board of Directors, and the stockholders may prescribe in any By-Laws made by them that such By-Law not be altered, amended or repealed by the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE X

#### AMENDMENT

This Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment thereto, in the manner provided by law, and any and all rights conferred upon the stockholders of the Corporation are

subject to this reservation. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by them to the stockholders, and approved at a stockholders' meeting by at least a majority of the stock entitled to vote thereon, unless all the directors and all the stockholders sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment to these Articles of Incorporation be made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned, as Incorporator and Subscriber, have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1996.

  
KELLY A. LEONE

STATE OF FLORIDA     )  
                              : ss  
COUNTY OF BROWARD    )

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, appeared KELLY A. LEONE, described in and who executed the above and foregoing Articles of Incorporation of BLOCK ISLAND TRADING CO.; who is personally known to me (or who produced drivers license identification), and acknowledged before me that she executed the same for the purposes therein expressed, and who did take an oath.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1996, in the County and State aforesaid.


My Commission Expires:

  
NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF FLORIDA



**ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION  
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

I, the undersigned person, having been named as Registered Agent, and to accept service of process for the above-stated Corporation at the place designated in this statement, hereby accept the appointment as Registered Agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as Registered Agent.

  
KELLY A. LEONE

DATED: December 21, 1996

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