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SUBJECT: R & A Tobacco Company, Inc.

Enclosed is an original and two (2) copies of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

\$122.50 (filing fee and certified copy)

FROM: J. Alan Welch  
1706 Ellis Street  
Brunswick, Georgia 31520  
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
FOR  
R & A TOBACCO COMPANY, INC.**

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation shall be: **R & A Tobacco Company, Inc.**

**ARTICLE II**

The effective date of said corporation will be January 22, 1997.

**ARTICLE III**

The purpose of the corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under the General Corporation Law of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE IV**

The principle place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

12 Bayberry Drive  
Ormond Beach, Florida 32174

**ARTICLE V**

The number of shares of stock that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is: 1000 shares.

**ARTICLE VI**

The name and address of the initial registered agent is:

John W. Long  
12 Bayberry Drive  
Ormond Beach, Florida 32174

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#### **ARTICLE VII**

The name and street address of the incorporator to these articles of Incorporation is:

J. Alan Welch  
Attorney at Law  
1706 Ellis Street  
Brunswick, Georgia 31520

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors is: 2

#### **ARTICLE IX**

The name and address of the initial board of directors are:

Victor Long  
201 Redfern Village  
St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522

John W. Long  
12 Bayberry Drive  
Ormond Beach, Florida 32174

#### **ARTICLE X**

The liability of the directors of the corporation for monetary damages shall be eliminated to the fullest extent permissible under Florida's law.

The undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this the 21st day of January, 1997.

  
J. Alan Welch

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF  
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 607.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the corporation is : **R & A Tobacco Company, Inc.**
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

**John Long  
12 Bayberry Drive  
Ormond Beach, Florida 32174**

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Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I 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 the accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

  
(Signature)

1/20/97  
(Date)