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Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

#### Gentlemen:

I am enclosing my check for \$70.00 to cover the cost of filing the enclosed articles of incorporation for WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY TESTING LABORATORIES, INC., a Florida corporation.

Please return the copy, indicating the filing information. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Myrtice R. Stallo-Myrtice R. Waldo, Esq.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION** 

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OF

# WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY TESTING LABORATORIES, INC.

The undersigned, acting as Incorporator of a corporation under the Florida General Corporation Act, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

ARTICLE!

NAME

The name of this corporation is **WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY TESTING LABORATORIES, INC.** 

ARTICLE II

**DURATION** 

The period of its duration is perpetual. The corporation shall commence existence on February 2, 1997.

ARTICLE III

**PURPOSE** 

The general nature and purposes of business to be transacted, promoted, and carried on by the corporation are as follows:

a. To conduct acute and chronic aquatic toxicity testing for industrial and municipal dischargers of treated effluent into waters of the United States. These tests are performed under the discharger's National Pollutant Discharge and Elimination system (NPDES) permit. These permits are issued by either the U. S. EPA, or the State permitting agencies (State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection).

- b. To conduct business in, have one or more offices in, the State of Florida and in all other states and countries.
- c. To collect debts and borrow money, issue or sell or pledge bonds, debentures, notes and other evidence of indebtedness, and execute such mortgages, transfer of corporate indebtedness as required.
- d. To engage in any other activities or business permitted under the laws of the United States and the State of Florida.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

### CAPITAL STOCK

The corporation is authorized to issue \_\_\_1000\_\_ shares, all of one class, at \_\_no\_\_par value.

#### **ARTICLE V**

#### INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The name and address of the initial registered agent and principal office of this corporation are as follows:

The initial registered agent is: BRIAN A. WADE The address of the registered agent is: 5603 S. E. County Road 346, Micanopy, FL 32667...

The principal office of the corporation is: 5603 S. E. County Road 346, Micanopy, FL 32667.

### **ARTICLE VI**

#### INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have two directors initially. The number of directors may be increased from time to time by an amendment of the bylaws of the corporation in the manner provided by law.

The names and addresses of the initial directors of this corporation are:

Name

Address

BRIAN A. WADE

5603 S. E. County Road 346

Micanopy, FL 32667

CYNTHIA PARHAM

5603 S. E. County Road 346

Micanopy, FL 32667

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### **INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator signing these Articles of Incorporation are:

Name

Address

BRIAN A. WADE

5603 S. E. County Road 346 Micanopy, FL 32667

# **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **CUMULATIVE VOTING**

In any election of directors by the shareholders, such shareholder of record shall have the right to cumulate his shares and to give one candidate as many votes as the number of directors to be elected multiplied by the number of shares it equals, or to distribute them on the same principal among as many candidates as he sees fit, provided however, that notice shall be given by any shareholder to the President or a Vice President of the corporation not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the time fixed for the holding of the meeting for the election of directors that he intends to cumulate his votes at such election. This right to vote cumulatively shall not be further restricted or qualified by any provision in the bylaws of the corporation.

### **ARTICLE IX**

#### PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

Each shareholder of this corporation shall have the first right to purchase shares (and securities convertible into shares) of any class, kind or series of stock in this corporation that may from time to time be issued (whether or not presently authorized), including shares from the treasury of this corporation, in the ratio that the number of shares he holds at the time of issue bears to the total number of shares outstanding, exclusive of treasury shares. This right shall be deemed waived by any shareholder who does not exercise it and pay for the shares pre-empted within thirty (30) days of receipt of a notice in writing from the corporation, stating the prices, terms and conditions of the issue of shares, and inviting him to exercise his pre-emptive rights. This right may also be waived by affirmative written waiver submitted by the shareholder to the corporation within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice from the corporation.

# ARTICLE X

#### AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, and any right conferred upon the shareholders is subject to this reservation.

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors by a majority of votes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this <u>1st</u> day of <u>February</u>, 1997.

BRIAN A. WADE

Incorporator

I hereby state that I am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for this corporation.

BRIAN A. WADE Registered Agent

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## STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ALACHUA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this <u>1st</u> day of <u>February</u>, I997, by <u>BRIAN A. WADE</u>, who is personally known to me or who has produced <u>a driver's license</u> as identification and who <u>did/did</u> not take an oath that he signed the foregoing instrument as incorporator.

My commission expires:

Notary Public, State of Florida

Official Seel
MYRTICE R. WALDO
Notary Public, State of Florida
My comm. expires Feb. 19, 2000
Comm. No. CC533982

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ALACHUA

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My commission expires:

Notary/ ublic, State of Florida

Official Seel
MYRTICE R. WALDO
Notary Public, State of Florida
My comm. expires Feb. 19, 2000
Comm. No. CC533982