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| Enclosed is an original ar | nd one(1) copy of the articles | s of incorporation and a c | check for : | |
| \$70.00 Filing Fee | \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate | □\$122.50 Filing Fee & Certified Copy | \$131.25 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate | |
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February 14, 1997

DARRELL E. BATEMAN 1505 LANDING LANE NEPTUNE BEACH, FL 32266

SUBJECT: BENCHMARK GUTTER COMPANY

Ref. Number: W97000003651

We have received your document for BENCHMARK GUTTER COMPANY and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The document must contain written acceptance by the registered agent, (i.e. "I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for said corporation"); and the registered agent's signature.

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (904) 487-6973.

Claretha Golden Document Specialist

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Articles of Incorporation of Benchmark Gutter Company

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1. Name.

The name of the Corporation is Benchmark Gutter Company.

2. Principal Office and Registered Agent.

Its registered office in the State of Florida is 1505 Landing Lane, in the City of Neptune Beach, County of Duval. The name of its registered agent at such address is Darrell E. Bateman.

3. Purposes.

The nature of the business or purposes to be conducted or promoted is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the General Corporation Law of Florida.

4. Capital Stock.

The total number of shares of capital stock that the Corporation shall have authority to issue is 20, all of which are to be common stock with no par value.

5. Incorporator.

The name and mailing address of the incorporator is: Darrell E. Bateman, 1505 Landing Lane, Neptune Beach, FL 32266.

6. Existence.

The Corporation is to have perpetual existence.

7. Liability of Stockholders.

The private property of the stockholders shall not be subject to the payment of corporate debts.

8. Management.

Subject to the provisions of the laws of the State of Florida, the following provisions are adopted for the management of the business and for the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation, and for defining, limiting and regulating the powers of the Corporation, the directors and the stockholders:

- (a) The books of the Corporation may be kept outside of the State of Florida at such place or places as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors.
- (b) The business of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors; and the Board of Directors shall have power to exercise all the powers of the Corporation, including (but without limiting the generality hereof) the power to create mortgages upon the whole or any part of the property of the Corporation, real or personal, without any action of or by the stockholders, except as otherwise provided by statute or by the Bylaws.
- (c) An increase in the number of directors shall be deemed to create a vacancy or vacancies in the Board of Directors, to be filled in the manner provided in the Bylaws. Any director or any

officer elected or appointed by the stockholders or by the Board of Directors may be removed at any time, in such manner as shall be provided in the Bylaws.

- (d) The Board of Directors shall have power to make and alter Bylaws, subject to such restrictions upon the exercise of such power as may be imposed by the stockholders in any bylaws adopted by them from time to time.
- (e) The Board of Directors shall have the power, in its discretion, to fix, determine and vary, from time to time, the amount to be retained as surplus and the amount or amounts to be set apart out of any of the funds of the Corporation available for dividends as working capital or a reserve or reserves for any proper purpose, and to abolish any such reserve in the manner in which it was created.
- (f) The Board of Directors shall have the power, in its discretion, from time to time, to determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions and regulations the books and accounts of the Corporation, or any of them, other than the stock ledger, shall be open to the inspection of stockholders; and no stockholder shall have any right to inspect any account or book or document of the Corporation, except as conferred by law or authorized by resolution of the directors or of the stockholders.
- (g) Upon any sale, exchange or other disposal of the property and/or assets of the Corporation, payment therefor may be made either to the Corporation or directly to the stockholders in proportion to their interests, upon the surrender of their respective stock certificates, or otherwise, as the Board of Directors may determine.
- (h) In case the Corporation shall enter into any contract or transact any business with one or more of its directors, or with any firm of which any director is a member, or with any corporation or association of which any director is a stockholder, director or officer, such contract or transaction shall not be invalidated or in any way affected by the fact that such director has or may have an interest therein which is or might be adverse to the interests of the Corporation, even though the vote of such director might have been necessary to obligate the Corporate upon such contract or transaction; provided, that the fact of such interest shall have been disclosed to the other directors or the stockholders of the Corporation, as the case may be, acting upon or with reference to such contract or transaction.
- (i) The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change, add to or repeal any provision contained in this Certificate of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute; and all rights herein conferred are granted subject to this reservation.

| I, THE UNDERSIGNED, the incorporator hereinbefore named, for the purpose of forming a |
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| corporation pursuant to the General Corporation Law of the State of Florida, do make this |
| Articles of Incorporation, hereby declaring and certifying that this is my act and deed and the |
| facts herein stated are true, and accordingly have hereunto set my hand this _/ day of |
| FEBIANY , 1997. |
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Darrell E. Bateman

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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 | e corporation is | Benchmark G | utter Company | * |
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| 2. The name and a | ddress of the regi | stered agent and office is: | | |
| | Darre | Ell E Bateman | 97 FI | 70 |
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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 and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

(SIGNATURE) 2/19/97 (DATE)