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April 15, 1997

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Gentlemen:

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Enclosed please find the original and a duplicate of Articles of Incorporation for a new Florida corporation to be known as RUST PROPERTIES, INC. Jackie of your office advised us by telephone that this name is available for a Florida corporation. After examination, please file the original of the Articles and return the duplicate to the undersigned duly certified to show the date of filing.

Please note that corporate existence is to commence as of the date of the execution and acknowledgment of the Articles.

Next, enclosed please find our firm check in the amount of \$122.50 to cover the filing fee of \$35.00, the fee for the certified copy of \$52.50 and the registered agent fee of \$35.00.

If there are any questions concerning the Articles, I would certainly appreciate your telephoning me collect at 941/284-2200. Also, please

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advise me as soon as the Articles have been filed by telephoning me collect at the same number.

Thanking you for your usual cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

Robert J. Bertrand

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xc: Mr. Mark Rust

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

RUST PROPERTIES, INC.

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

4-15-97

The name of this corporation is RUST PROPERTIES, INC.

ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The address of the principal office of this corporation is 1741 Gary Road, Lakeland, Florida 33801, and the mailing address of this corporation is 1741 Gary Road, Lakeland, Florida 33801.

ARTICLE III - DURATION

This corporation shall have perpetual existence, commencing on the date of execution and acknowledgement of these Articles.

ARTICLE IV - PURPOSE

This corporation is organized for the purpose of transacting any and all lawful business.

ARTICLE V - CAPITAL STOCK

This corporation is authorized to issue 1,000 shares of voting common stock having a par value of \$1.00 per share.

ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is One Lake Morton Drive, Lakeland, Florida 33801 and the name of the initial

registered agent of this corporation at that office is Robert J. Bertrand.

ARTICLE VII - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have one (1) director initially. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws, but shall never be less than one (1). The name and address of the initial director of the corporation is or are:

MARK RUST 1741 Gary Road Lakeland, Florida 33801

ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

ROBERT J. BERTRAND, ESQUIRE Post Office Box 3 Lakeland, Florida 33802-003

ARTICLE IX - INDEMNIFICATION

This corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 15th day of April, 1997

ROBERT J. BERTRAND, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF POLK

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me this <u>154</u> day of April, 1997, by Robert J. Bertrand, who is personally known to me.



NOTARY PUBLIC,
State of Florida at Large
Print name: H. MARGARET DASINGER
My commission expires: Jun 26,1982

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THE FOREGOING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, HEREBY ACCEPTS THE APPOINTMENT AS SUCH REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREED TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. THE UNDERSIGNED FURTHER AGREES TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF THE UNDERSIGNED'S DUTIES. THE UNDERSIGNED FURTHER CERTIFIES THAT THE UNDERSIGNED IS FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPTS THE OBLIGATIONS OF SUCH POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

SIGNATURE:

ROBERT J. BERTRAND, Registered Age fgr

DATE: April 13 , 199