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Dear Sirs:

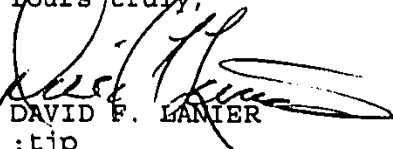
Re: HICKS CARRIERS, INC.

Enclosed are the original and a duplicate copy of the Articles of Incorporation of this proposed corporation.

The duplicate copy has been subscribed and acknowledged by the subscribers in the same manner as the original. Please endorse your approval on the duplicate copy, certify and return it to me.

A check is enclosed to cover the filing fee and resident agent form (122.50)

Yours truly,


DAVID F. LANIER
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF

HICKS CARRIERS, INC.

The undersigned subscriber(s) to these Articles of Incorporation, competent to contract, hereby form a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the corporation is: HICKS CARRIERS, INC.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSES AND POWERS

The general nature of the business to be transacted by this corporation is: As a small business corporation, to engage in or transact any or all lawful activities or business permitted under the laws of the United States, State of Florida or any other state, country, territory or nation; to improve, manage, operate, sell, buy, mortgage, lease or otherwise acquire or dispose of any property, real or personal and take mortgages and assignments of mortgages upon the same; to make and obtain loans upon real estate, improved or unimproved and upon personal property, giving or taking evidences of indebtedness and securing the payment thereof by mortgage, trust deed, pledge or otherwise; to enter into contracts to buy or sell any property, real or personal; to buy and sell mortgages, trust deeds, contracts and evidence of indebtedness; to purchase or otherwise acquire, for the purpose of holding or disposing of the same, real and personal property of every kind and description, including the goodwill, stock, rights and property of any person, firm, association or corporation;

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paying for the same in cash, stock or bonds of this corporation; to draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, warrants, bonds, debentures and other negotiable or transferable instruments or obligations of the corporation, from time to time, for any of the objects or purposes of the corporation; to carry on all or any of its operations without restriction or limitation as to amount; to purchase, acquire, hold, own, mortgage, sell, convey or otherwise dispose of real and personal property of every class and description in any state, district, territory, colony, or foreign country.

To engage in any enterprise calculated or designed to be profitable to this corporation and in conformity with the laws of the State of Florida.

To conduct business in and have one or more offices in the State of Florida and in all other states and countries.

To purchase the corporate assets of any other corporation and engage in the same or other character of business.

To guarantee, endorse, purchase, hold, sell, transfer, mortgage, pledge or otherwise acquire or dispose of the shares of the capital stock of, or any bonds, securities or other evidences of indebtedness created by any other corporation of the State of Florida or any other state or government and while owner of such stock to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership, including the right to vote such stock.

The purposes specified herein shall be construed both as purposes and powers and shall be in no wise limited or restricted by reference to, or inference from, the terms of any other clause

in this or any other article, but the purposes and powers specified in each of the clauses herein shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers and the enumeration of specific purposes and powers shall not be construed to limit or restrict in any manner the meaning of general terms or of the general powers of the corporation, nor shall the expression of one thing be deemed to exclude another, although it be of like nature not expressed.

ARTICLE III. CAPITAL STOCK

The maximum number of shares of stock that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is: ONE HUNDRED (100) shares of common stock without nominal or par value and not convertible into preferred or other securities. The consideration to be paid for each share shall be fixed by the Board of Directors pursuant to resolution plan to be adopted by the Board of Directors at the first organizational meeting.

ARTICLE IV. INITIAL CAPITAL

The amount of capital with which this corporation will begin business is \$500.00.

ARTICLE V. TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

ARTICLE VI. ADDRESS

The initial post office address of the principal office of this corporation in the State of Florida is: P.O. Box 237, Avon Park, Florida, 33825, The Board of directors may from time to time move the principal office to any other address in Florida.

ARTICLE VII. DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have ONE (1) director(s) initially. The number of director(s) may be increased or diminished from time to time by the stockholder(s).

ARTICLE VIII. INITIAL DIRECTORS

The names and post office addresses of the members of the First Board of Directors are:

NAMES	ADDRESSES
CLYDE HICKS	201 Fondulac Rd., Avon Park, Florida

ARTICLE IX. SUBSCRIBER

The names and post office address of the subscribers of these Articles of Incorporation and the number of shares of stock that they agree to take are:

NAMES	ADDRESSES	SHARES
Clyde Hicks	201 Fondulac Rd. Avon Park, Florida	100

ARTICLE X. OFFICERS

The Officers of this corporation who shall serve until the first annual meeting are as follows:

Clyde Hicks	President/Secretary
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ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENT

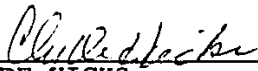
These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by them to the stockholders and approved at a Stockholders meeting by a majority of the stock

entitled to vote thereupon, unless all the directors and all the stockholders sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment of these Articles of Incorporation be made.

ARTICLE XII. REGISTERED OFFICE

The initial office address of the principal office of this corporation in the State of Florida is 1390 N. Central Ave., Avon Park, Florida, 33825. The name of the registered agent at this address is Clyde Hicks.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We, the undersigned subscribing incorporator(s) have hereunto set our hand(s) and seal(s), this 25th day of April, 1997, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.


CLYDE HICKS


STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, a Notary Public authorized in the state and county named above to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Clyde Hicks to me known to be the person(s) described as subscriber(s) in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged before me that she subscribed to those Articles of Incorporation.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 25th day of April, 1997.



T J PUCKETT
My Commission CC474337
Expires Jun. 20, 1999
Bonded by ANB
800-852-5878


NOTARY PUBLIC

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

I, CLYDE HICKS hereby accept appointment as Resident Agent
for HICKS CARRIERS, INC., whose address is 1390 N. Central Avenue,
Avon Park, Florida, 33825.

Clyde Hicks