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Department of State
Division of Corporations
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SUBJECT: Peabody Group, Inc.

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Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

☐ \$70.00
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Filing Fee
& Certificate

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Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☒ \$131.25
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& Certificate

FROM: Candace A. Birle, Incorporator

528 Ridgeline Run

Longwood, Florida 32750

(407) 260-7139

CANDACE A. BIRLE GAVE

AUTHORIZATION BY PHONE TO

CORRECT ARTICLE IV TO COMPLY WITH LAW

DATE 5-14-97

DOC. EXAM. R PURINGTON

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
PEABODY GROUP, INC.

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ARTICLE I-NAME

The name of this corporation is Peabody Group, Inc.

ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be: 101 South Hall Lane, Suite 400, Maitland, Florida 32751.

ARTICLE III - SHARES

The number of shares of stock that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is one million (1,000,000,000).

ARTICLE IV - DURATION

This corporation shall exist perpetually, commencing on the date of filing of these articles.

ARTICLE V- PURPOSE

This corporation is organized for any transacting or all lawful business for which profit corporations may be incorporated under Chapter 607 and 621, Florida Statutes. The objects and purposes for which this Corporation is formed and the powers it may exercise are set forth in the Charter of the Corporation. Its activities shall be for investment purposes. In pursuit of these purposes the Corporation shall perform these services:

- ◆ Invest in profitable, revenue producing mortgage, realty, title, insurance, investment management and fiancé companies, including certain banks, for diversity of the corporation investments.
- ◆ Open accounts, provide asset allocations, credit enhancement, loan guarantees, and extend credit against a variety of financial instruments, including but not limited to; trust share certificates, treasury bonds and stock certificates of collateral, to corporations, public companies, and private individuals.
- ◆ Invest in and Incubate emerging growth companies both domestically and internationally with capital outlined above, where by these three areas are the fundamental, day-to-day business operation of this financial services enterprise.

ARTICLE VI-INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered agent of this corporation shall be:
528 Ridgeline Run, Longwood, FL 32750.

The name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address shall be:
Candace A. Birle.

ARTICLE VII- INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

A. This corporation shall have two (2) directors initially. This number of directors may either be increased or diminished from time to time by the By-Laws but shall never be less than two (2).

B. Subject to the provisions of Article III the business and other affairs of this Corporation shall be conducted and managed by the Board of Directors, consisting of not more than four (4) elected members duly elected after incorporation has been established.

C. Each year a Nominating Committee, appointed by the initial Board members shall submit a slate of candidates, of whom five will be elected for a three year term. This slate of candidates shall be presented at a regular board meeting in the Fall. Election shall be held during the regular December board meeting at which time the highest number of votes being declared elected for a three year term. No director shall serve for more than two consecutive terms. After a period of one year they may be re-elected.

D. There shall be at least six regular monthly meetings of the Board of Directors, each year. Special meetings may be called by the President at his or her discretion. Chairman or appointed staff shall notify all members of the Board at least 24 hours in advance of any special meeting.

E. One-third (1/3) of the elected Board members then serving shall constitute a quorum of the Board at all meetings.

F. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors occurring other than by expiration of a term, may be filled by a majority vote of the board in attendance at a regular Board meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose of filling the vacancy.

G. No member of the Board of Directors shall receive compensation for his service as a director, other than reimbursement for expense incurred in the performance of special services which he may perform as directed by the Board.

H. Unexcused absences from three consecutive regular meetings of the Board shall be cause for declaring any Director's position on the Board vacant. Failure to perform the duties of his office, or taking independent action contrary to the established policies of the Corporation shall be cause for declaring the member's position vacant. Such vacancies may only be declared vacant by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present and voting at a regularly called meeting of the Board.

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION

The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and a Treasurer. They shall be elected from and by members of the Board of Directors and shall hold office until their successors are elected and take office in January of the following year. If elected, additional terms of office are permitted.

At the December meeting, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and a treasurer will be elected by the Board of Directors and installed. These officers will serve for one year. Any vacancy occurring among the officers shall be filled by a majority of the Board of Directors present and voting at any regular or special meeting. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall serve as President should both the President and Vice-President be absent, the Secretary shall serve. The officers shall comprise the Executive Committee of the Board and shall act for the Board between meetings.

I. The names and addresses of the initial director and officers of this corporation are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Office</u>
Michael D. Stieb	2111 Anderson Street Covington, GA 30209	President/Secretary
J.B. Couch	656 Seminole Ave Longwood, FL 32750	Vice President/Treasurer

ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATOR

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Candace A. Birle	528 Ridgeline Run, Longwood, Florida 32750

ARTICLE IX - BY - LAWS

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal By-Laws shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT

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 its Board of Directors is subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 21st day of April.


Candace A. Birle

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SEMINOLE

BEFORE ME the undersigned authority, personally appeared Candace A. Birle, know to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and she acknowledged that she subscribed the said instrument for the uses and purposes set forth therein. The subscriber is personally know to me or was identified by me as follows: personally know. She did not take an oath prior to executing this instrument.

my WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 7th day of April 1997.



LUCY L. HISE
My Commission CC393411
Expires Dec. 08, 1998
Bonded by HAI
800-422-1666

[Signature]

Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of section 607 and 621, 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: Peabody Group, Inc.
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Candace A. Birle
528 Ridgeline Run
Longwood, Florida 32750

Date: 5/6, 1997

[Signature]
Candace A. Birle, Subscriber

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ACCEPTANCE

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OR 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. 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.

Date: 5/6, 1997

[Signature]
Candace A. Birle