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June 3, 1997

Florida Secretary of State **Division of Corporations** P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32301

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Re: RICKERT SALES, INC.

Gentlemen:

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

Please note that corporation existence began on June 2, 1997.

Next, enclosed please find a 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) 747-1871. Also, please advise me as soon as the Articles have been filed by telephoning me at the same number.

Thanking you for your usual cooperation, I am,

Very truly yours,

Michael M. Hamrick

MMH:spb **Enclosures**

Mr. Allan H. Rickert

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF RICKERT SALES, INC.

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this corporation is Rickert Sales, Inc.

ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The address of the principal office of this corporation is 2423 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205, and the mailing address of this corporation is the 2423 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205.

ARTICLE III - DURATION

This corporation shall have perpetual existence, commencing on the date of execution and acknowledgment of these Articles, if filed with the Secretary of State of Florida within 5 business days of execution and if not, upon filing with the Secretary of State of Florida.

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 7,500 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 2423 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205 and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that office is Allan H. Rickert.

ARTICLE VII - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have two (2) directors 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 two (2). The name and address of the initial directors of the corporation are:

Katherine M. Rickert 2423 Manatee Avenue West Bradenton, FL 34205

Allan H. Rickert 2423 Manatee Avenue West Bradenton, FL 34205

ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Allan H. Rickert 2423 Manatee Avenue West Bradenton, FL 34205

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 2nd day of June, 1997.

Allan H. Rickert

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MANATEE

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me this 2^{nd} day of $\frac{1997}{1997}$, by Allan H. Rickert, who is personally known to me and who did not take an oath.

Patricia A. Warco NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida

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CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

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SECRETARIST OF STATE
TALLA HASSEE, FLORIDA

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.0501 of the 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 Rickert Sales, Inc.
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Allan H. Rickert 2423 Manatee Avenue West Bradenton, FL 34205

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.

Dated: <u>6/2</u>, 1997

Allan H. Rickert