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G. M. ROBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC. 8275 SHADOW PINE WAY SARASOTA, FL 34238

July 7, 1997

Florida Secretary of State Division of Corporations Box 6327 409 Gaines St. Tallahassee, FL 32314

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please find enclosed our Articles of Incorporation and a check for \$70.00. We only require that you acknowledge our submission with your standard form letter.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Gilbert M. Robert

President

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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SECKLIARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

OF

G. M. ROBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

I, the undersigned, hereby make, subscribe, acknowledge and file with the Secretary of State, of the State of Florida, these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation for profit in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I

<u>Name</u>

The name of this corporation shall be: G. M. ROBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

The principal office and mailing address of this corporation shall be 8275 Shadow Pine Way, Sarasota, Florida 34238.

ARTICLE II

Existence of Corporation

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE III

Purposes

The corporation may engage in the transaction of any or all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE IV

General Powers

The corporation shall have power:

- (a) To sue and be sued, complain, and defend in its corporate name.
- (b) To have a corporate seal, which may be altered at will and to use it or a facsimile of it, by impressing or affixing it or in any other manner reproducing it.
- (c) To purchase, receive, lease, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use, and otherwise deal with real or personal property or any legal or equitable interest in property wherever located.
- (d) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, create a security interest in, lease, exchange, and otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property.
- (e) To lend money to, and use its credit to assist, its officers and employees in accordance with Section 607.0833, Florida Statutes.
- (f) To purchase, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire; own, hold, vote, use, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose of; and deal in and with shares or other interests in, or obligations of, any other entity.
- (g) To make contracts and guarantees, incur liabilities, borrow money, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations (which may be convertible into or include the option to purchase other securities of the corporation), and secure any of its obligations by mortgage or pledge of any of its property, franchises, and income and make contracts of guaranty and suretyship which are necessary or convenient to the conduct, promotion, or attainment of the

business of a corporation the majority of the outstanding stock of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by the contracting corporation; a corporation which owns, directly or indirectly, a majority of the outstanding stock of the contracting corporation; or a corporation the majority of the outstanding stock of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by a corporation which owns, directly or indirectly, the majority of the outstanding stock of the contracting corporation, which contracts of guaranty and suretyship shall be deemed to be necessary or convenient to the conduct, promotion, or attainment of the business of the contracting corporation, and make other contracts of guaranty and suretyship which are necessary or convenient to the conduct, promotion, or attainment of the business of the contracting corporation.

- (h) To lend money, invest and reinvest its funds, and receive and hold real and personal property as security for repayment.
- (i) To conduct its business, locate offices, and exercise the powers granted by law within or without this state.
- (j) To elect directors and appoint officers, employees, and agents of the corporation and define their duties, fix their compensation, and lend them money and credit.
- (k) To make and amend bylaws, not inconsistent with its Articles of Incorporation or with the laws of the State of Florida, for managing the business and regulating the affairs of the corporation.
- (1) To make donations for the public welfare or for charitable, scientific, or educational purposes.
 - (m) To transact any lawful business that will aid governmental policy.

- (n) To make payments or donations or do any other act not inconsistent with law that furthers the business and affairs of the corporation.
- (o) To pay pensions and establish pension plans, pension trusts, profit-sharing plans, share bonus plans, share option plans, and benefit or incentive plans for any or all of its current or formed directors, officers, employees, and agents and for any or all of the current or former directors, officers, employees, and agents of its subsidiaries.
- (p) To provide insurance for its benefit on the life of any of its directors, officers, or employees, or on the life of any shareholder for the purpose of acquiring at his or her death shares of its stock owned by the shareholder or the spouse or children of the shareholder.
- (q) To be a promoter, incorporator, partner, member, associate, or manager of any corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other entity.

ARTICLE V

Capital Stock

(a) The total number of shares of capital stock authorized to be issued by the corporation shall be 1,000 shares of Class A common capital stock having no par value. Each of the said shares of Class A common capital stock shall entitle the holder thereof to one (1) vote at any meeting of the stockholders. Each share of Class A common capital stock shall participate equally with every other share of such stock in all dividends paid by the corporation and in the assets of the corporation upon its liquidation or dissolution. The Board of Directors may authorize shares to be issued for consideration consisting of any

tangible or intangible property of benefit to the corporation, including cash, promissory notes, services performed, promises to perform services evidenced by a written contract, or other securities of the corporation. Before the corporation issues shares, the Board of Directors shall determine that the consideration received or to be received for shares to be issued is adequate. All stock when issued shall be paid for and shall be nonassessable.

(b) In the election of directors of this corporation there shall be no cumulative voting of the stock entitled to vote at such election.

ARTICLE VI

Indemnification By Court Order

No director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation who is or was a party to a proceeding may apply to the court conducting the proceeding, the circuit court, or to another court of competent jurisdiction, seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses, or both, pursuant to Section 607.0850 (9), Florida Statutes, without the permission, by a majority vote of the disinterested directors, to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII

Affiliated Transactions

The corporation expressly elects, pursuant to Section 607.0901 (5)(a) of the Florida Statutes, not to be governed by the rules pertaining to affiliated transactions contained in Section 607.0901, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE VIII

Control-Share Acquisitions

The corporation exercises its right, pursuant to Section 607.0902(5) of the Florida Statutes, to avoid the provisions pertaining to control-share acquisitions contained in Sections 607.0902, 607.1302(c) and 607.1320, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE IX

Registered Office and Registered Agent

The street address of the corporations's initial registered office is 8275 Shadow Pine Way, Sarasota, Florida 34238, and the name of the corporation's initial registered agent at such address is Gilbert M. Robert. The corporation may change its registered office or its registered agent or both by filing with the Department of the State of Florida a statement complying with Section 607.0502, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE X

Initial Board of Directors

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be one (1), and the name and address of each person who is to serve as a member thereof is as follows:

<u>Name</u> <u>Address</u>

Gilbert M. Robert 8275 Shadow Pine Way Sarasota, Florida 34238

ARTICLE XII

Amendment of Articles of Incorporation

The corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in these Article of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute, and all rights conferred upon the stockholders herein are subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned, have executed these Articles for the uses and purposes therein stated.

Gilbert M. Robert, Incorporator

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In compliance with Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:

G. M. ROBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC. has named Gilbert M. Robert, located at 8275

Shadow Pine Way, Sarasota, County of Sarasota, State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within Florida.

Gilbert M. Robert

Date 7-7-97

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

Gilbert M. Robert

Date 7-7-97

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