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September 8, 1997

# **VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Florida Secretary of State Division of Corporations 409 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: Tropical Traders Limited, Inc.

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 Tropical Traders Limited, Inc. 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.

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

obert J/Bertrand

RJB/mcd Enclosures

xc: Tropical Traders Limited, Inc.

EFFECTIVE DATE

#### VIDITICI ES DE INPORDADANTION

OF CORPORTATE

**OF** 

# TROPICAL TRADERS LIMITED, INC.

### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this corporation is TROPICAL TRADERS LIMITED, INC.

# **ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The address of the principal office of this corporation is 2910 Lake Court, Lakeland, Florida 33813, and the mailing address of this corporation is 2910 Lake Court, Lakeland, Florida 33813.

# **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 10,000 shares of voting common stock having a par value of \$1.00 per share.

# ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

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The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 2910 Lake Court, Lakeland, Florida 33813 and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that office is Leroy C. Parker, III.

## ARTICLE VII - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have five (5) 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 one (1). The names and addresses of the initial directors of the corporation are:

Roberta W. Parker 2910 Lake Court Lakeland, Florida 33813

Leroy C. Parker, III 2910 Lake Court Lakeland, Florida 33813

Duane L. Parker 1810 Lowry Avenue Lakeland, Florida 33801

LeAnn P. Parker 2910 Lake Court Lakeland, Florida 33813

Andrew T. Parker 2910 Lake Court Lakeland, Florida 33813

# ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Robert J. Bertrand, Esquire Lane, Trohn, Bertrand & Vreeland, P.A. One Lake Morton Drive Post Office Box 3 Lakeland, Florida 33802-0003

# **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 7th day of September, 1997.

ROBERT & BERTRAND, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF POLK

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me this 9th day of September, 1997, by Robert J. Bertrand, who is personally known to me and who did not take an oath.

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NOTARY PUBLIC.

State of Florida at Large

H. MARGARET DASINGER Print name:

My commission expires:

H. MARGARET DASINGER Comm. No. CC362265

# 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:

LEROY C. PARKER, III

DATE: September 9th, 1997

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