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*BOARD CERTIFIED REAL ESTATE LAWYER * * ALSO ADMITTED IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA September 24, 1997

Department of State **Division of Corporations** 409 E. Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399

> Re: Indian River Chocolate Factory, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is an original and two (2) copies of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for \$122.50, which represents the filing fee and certified copy.

Upon receipt and assignment of Charter Number, please return to Edith E. Collins, Esq., Post Office Box 3686, Vero Beach, Florida 32964.

If you have any questions or need additional information please call the undersigned at (561)231-4343. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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INDIAN RIVER CHOCOLATE FACTORY, INC.

<u>ARTICLE I</u>

The name of this corporation shall be Indian River Chocolate Factory, Inc.

ARTICLE II

This corporation is organized for the purpose of transacting any and all lawful business relating to the manufacture and sale of chocolate products.

ARTICLE III

The maximum number of shares of stock this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any time shall be 10,000 shares of common stock having a par value of One Dollar (\$1.00) per share.

<u>ARTICLE IV</u>

This corporation shall begin business with a capital of not less than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

ARTICLE V

This corporation shall exist perpetually.

ARTICLE VI

The street address of the registered office of this corporation is 2646 49th Avenue, Vero Beach, Florida 32966. The name of the registered agent of this corporation at that address is Paulette F. Lee.

<u>ARTICLE VII</u>

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

ARTICLE VIII

The name and post office addresses of the directors of this corporation who shall hold office until new successor(s) are elected and qualified are:

The street address of the principal office of this corporation is 2646 49th Avenue, Vero Beach, Florida 32966.

<u>ARTICLE IX</u>

The name and address of the subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, is as follows:

<u>NAME</u>

ADDRESS

Paulette F. Lee

2646 49th Avenue Vero Beach, FL 32966

ARTICLE X

Special provisions for the regulation of this corporation are as follows:

1. Annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of this corporation shall be fixed by the By-Laws.

2. Any meeting of the stockholders and the Board of Directors may be held either within or without the State of Florida, without notice by the written consent of all of the stockholders or directors as the case may be.

3. The directors of the corporation are expressly authorized to accept in payment for the capital stock of the corporation real or personal property of any kind or nature, including accounts receivable, inventories of raw materials, or finished products, furniture, fixtures, automotive equipment, machinery, buildings, or any other items of real or personal property of value to the corporation. The value placed upon said property shall be deemed conclusive and shall be binding upon the directors, officers and upon the present and future stockholders of the corporation.

ARTICLE XI

No contracts or other transactions between the corporation and any other corporation and no act of this corporation shall be in any way affected or invalidated by the fact that any of the directors of the corporation are pecuniarily or otherwise interested in, or are directors of or officers of such other corporation; any director individually, or any firm of which any director may be a member, may be a party to or may be pecuniarily or otherwise interested in, any contract or transaction of the existence of a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors of the corporation which shall authorize such contract or transaction with like force and effect as if he were not such director or officer of such other corporation or not so interested; and each and every person who may become a director of this corporation is hereby relieved from any liability that might otherwise exist from contracting with the corporation for the benefit of himself of any firm or corporation in which he may be in any wise interested.

ARTICLE XII

1. The corporation shall indemnify any and all of its directors or officers or former directors or officers or any person who may have served at its request as a director or officer of another corporation in which it owns shares of capital stock or of which it is a creditor, against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding in which they, or any of them, are made parties or a party, by reason of being or having been directors or officers, or a director or officer of the corporation, or of such other corporations, except in relation to matters as to which any such directors or officers or former directors or officers or persons shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duty.

2. In case of a criminal action, suit or proceeding, a conviction or judgment (whether based on a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or its equivalent, or after trial), shall not be deemed as adjudication that such director or officer or person is liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duties, if such director or officer or person was acting in good faith, in what he considered to be the best interests of the corporation and with no reasonable cause to believe that the action was illegal.

3. In case any such action, suit or proceeding shall result in a settlement, and if in the judgment of a disinterested majority of the Board of Directors or of any disinterested committee or group of persons to whom the question may be referred by the Board of Directors, any such person was not negligent or guilty of bad faith in relation to the matters complained of herein, the corporation shall reimburse him or indemnify him for or against all costs and expenses reasonably incurred by him in 4. Such indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any rights to which these indemnified may be entitled under any By-Law, agreements, vote of stockholders, or otherwise.

ARTICLE XIII

No stockholder of this corporation shall, because of his ownership of any of the capital stock of the corporation have a preemptive or other right to purchase, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire any portion of any issue of capital stock or debt of the corporation, whether in the form of capital stock, promissory notes, debentures, bonds, or other securities convertible into or carrying options or warrants for the purchase of capital stock of the corporation which may be issued, optioned or sold by the corporation subsequent to the filing of these Articles of Incorporation. All or any portion of the capital stock of this corporation and any promissory notes, debentures, bonds or other securities convertible into or carrying options or warrants to purchase any of the authorized stock of this corporation may, at any time, from time to time, be issued, optioned, sold or disposed of to such person and upon such terms and conditions in any manner permitted by law without first offering any of such stock, promissory notes, debentures, bonds or other securities, or any part thereof, to existing stockholders of the corporation.

ARTICLE XIV

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner approved by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by them to the stockholders, and approved in the stockholders' meeting by a majority of the stock entitled to vote thereof, unless all of the directors and all of the stockholders sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment to these Articles of Incorporation be made.

I, the undersigned, being the original subscriber and incorporator of the foregoing corporation, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes the proposed Articles of Incorporation of Indian River Chocolate Factory, Inc. Witness my hand and seal this <u>24</u> day of <u>September</u>, 1997.

FER A. RISINGER Print name: <u>Jer/Na</u>

Print name Jeana L. Waycaster

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Paulette F. Lee

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF INDIAN RIVER

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 24 day of <u>Aptender</u>, 1997, by Paulette F. Lee, who is personally known to me or who has produced <u>Horize</u> <u>Dimens</u> as identification.

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Notary Public.

Name: Edith E. Collins

Commission Number: <u>CC 599535</u>

CommissionExpiration: 11/7/2000



I, the undersigned do hereby acknowledge and accept appointment as Registered Agent of Indian River Chocolate Factory, Inc.

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Paulette F. Lee

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF INDIAN RIVER

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 24^{++} day of *Lipknbur*, 1997, by Paulette F. Lee, who is personally known to me or who has produced <u>FL durais luine</u> as identification.

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Notary Public

Name: Edith E. Collins

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