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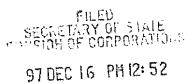
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF MARIA PROPERTIES, INC.

ARTICLE I.

<u>NAME</u>

The name of the Corporation is: MARIA PROPERTIES, INC.

ARTICLE II.

DURATION

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE III.

PURPOSE

This Corporation is organized for the purpose of transacting any or all lawful business.

ARTICLE IV.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal office and mailing address of this Corporation is 7855 West Sample Road, Coral Springs, Florida 33065.

ARTICLE V.

INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation is 7855 West Sample Road, Coral Springs, Florida 33065, and the name of the initial registered agent of this Corporation at that address is Lloyd V. Nastase.

ARTICLE VI.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This Corporation shall have one (1) director initially.

The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by the By-Laws. The name and address of the initial director is:

Lloyd V. Nastase 419 N.W. 94th Lane Coral Springs, FL 33071

ARTICLE VII.

CAPITAL STOCK

This Corporation is authorized to issue One Thousand (1,000) shares of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) par value stock.

A majority of the outstanding shares shall constitute a quorum at shareholders' meetings unless the By-Laws shall make provision for some lesser percentage of shares (but not less than 33-1/3%).

ARTICLE VIII.

INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation is:

Lloyd V. Nastase 7855 West Sample Road Coral Springs, FL 33065

ARTICLE IX.

POWERS

This Corporation shall have all of the corporate powers enumerated in the Florida Business Corporations Act.

ARTICLE X.

MEETINGS BY CONFERENCE TELEPHONE

Members of the Board of Directors may participate in meetings of the Board of Directors by means of a conference telephone as provided by law.

ARTICLE XI.

ACTION BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITHOUT A MEETING

The directors of this Corporation may take action by written consent, as provided by law.

ARTICLE XII.

INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify any officer, director, employee or agent or any former officer, director, employee or agent to the full extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE XIII.

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

This Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles, or any amendments hereto, and any right conferred upon the shareholders is subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 1512 day of December, 1997.

LLOYD V. NASTASE

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF BROWARD

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me this day of December 1997, by LLOYD V. NASTASE. He is personally known to me, or produced as identification.

NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida

Printed Name of Notary/Serial Number
My Commission Expires:

ELLEN M. CLARK

COMMISSION # CC 523990

EXPIRES FEB 17, 2000

ATLANTIC BONDING CO., INC.

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned being named as Registered Agent to accept service of process of MARIA PROPERTIES, INC., at the place designated in these Articles, hereby agrees to act in that capacity and further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of those duties.

Date:

December 15, 1997

LLOYD V. NASTASE

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