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XX ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
       CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**HINOTE INVESTMENT GROUP, INC.**

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The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation under the Florida General Corporation Act, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

**EFFECTIVE DATE**  
**12-29-97**

The name of this corporation is HINOTE INVESTMENT GROUP, INC., and its principal office is located at 1161 Park Lane, Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561 and its mailing address is P.O. Box 3633, Pensacola, Florida 32516.

**ARTICLE II**

**DURATION**

This corporation shall exist perpetually, commencing upon the date of subscription and acknowledgment of these Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE III**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this corporation is to engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States and the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE IV**

**CAPITAL STOCK**

This corporation is authorized to issue 10,000 shares of \$.10 par value common stock, all of one class and series.

**ARTICLE V**

**PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS**

Every shareholder upon the sale of any new stock of this corporation of the same kind, class or series as that which he already holds, shall have the right to purchase his pro rata share thereof (as nearly as may be done without the issuance of fractional shares) at the price at which it is offered to others.

**ARTICLE VI**

**INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The street address of this corporation's initial registered office is 1161 Park Lane, Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561, and the name of this corporation's initial registered agent is WILLIAM L. HINOTE, JR.

**ARTICLE VII**

**INCORPORATORS**

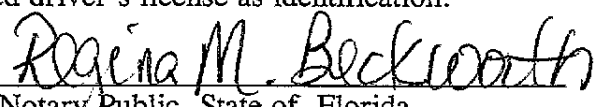
The name and address of the incorporator is WILLIAM L. HINOTE, JR., 1161 Park Lane, Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1997.

  
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WILLIAM L. HINOTE, JR., Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1997, by WILLIAM L. HINOTE, JR., who personally appeared before me and who is personally known to me or who has produced driver's license as identification.

  
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Notary Public, State of Florida

ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

I, WILLIAM L. HINOTE, JR., am familiar with and hereby accept the appointment as

Registered Agent for HINOTE INVESTMENT GROUP, INC., as set forth in the Articles of  
Incorporation filed simultaneously herewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 29<sup>th</sup>  
day of December, 1997.

  
WILLIAM L. HINOTE, JR.