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Florida Department of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

RE: ML Independence Corp., Inc.

01/16/98--01082--010 ****122.50 ****122.50

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find:

- Original and one copy of articles of incorporation pertaining to ML Independence Corp., Inc.
- My check in the amount of \$122.50 for payment of the following: 2.

Filing Fee

\$ 35.00

b.

Certified Copy of Articles Registered Agent Designation

52.50

\$122.50

You will also find enclosed a copy of the Certified Designating Place of Business and Registered Agent.

Please file these Articles as soon as possible, noting the provision under Article II stating that this Corporation's existence shall commence on the date of execution of said Articles, which is 01/13/98.

Upon its arrival, please return a certified copy of these Articles of Incorporation to the undersigned.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

E. Gerald Block, C.P.A.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

ML INDEPENDENCE CORP., INC.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Corporation is ML Independence Corp., Inc.

ARTICLE II - DURATION

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence commencing on January 13, 1998.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

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

ARTICLE IV - CAPITAL STOCK

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

ARTICLE V - VOTING RIGHTS

Except as otherwise provided by law, the entire voting power for the election of Directors and for all other purposes shall be vested exclusively in the holders of the outstanding common shares.

ARTICLE VI - PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS

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

ARTICLE VII - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE, AGENT AND PRINCIPLE OFFICE

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation is 731 N.E. 47th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33334 and the name of the initial registered agent of this Corporation at that address is Michael Landolfi. The street address of the principle office is 731 N.E. 47th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33334.

ARTICLE VIII - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This Corporation shall have one (1) Director initially. The number of Directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the by-laws, but shall never have less than one (1). The names and addresses of the initial Directors of this Corporation are:

Michael Landolfi 731 N.E. 47th Street Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33334

1-13-98

ARTICLE IX - INCORPORATOR

The name(s) and address(es) of the person(s) signing these Articles is (are):

Michael Landolfi 731 N.E. 47th Street Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33334

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT

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

ARTICLE XI - BY-LAWS

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal By-laws shall be vested in the Board of Directors and the Shareholders.

ARTICLE XII - INDEMNIFICATION

The 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 have executed these Article of Incorporation on this <u>13th</u> day of <u>January</u>, 1998.

Michael Find J.

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF BROWARD

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this <u>13th</u> day of <u>January</u>, 1998, by <u>Michael Landolfi</u>, who are personally known to me or who have produced a driver's license as identification and who did take an oath.

sign Jim Block

print Lisa Block

State of Florida at Large My Commission Expires:

LISA ANN BLOCK
My Comm Exp. 4/02/2001

NOTARY

Bonded By Service ins
No. CC635316

11 Personally Known 11 Other I.D

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

In pursuance of Chapter 48.091 of the Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Act:

ML Independence Corp., Inc., to be organized under the laws of the State of Florida, with its registered office as indicated in ... the Articles of Incorporation in the City of Fort Lauderdale, County of Broward, State of Florida, has named Michael Landolfi, whose business office is located at 731 N.E. 47th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33334 as its registered agent to accept service of process within this State.

<u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</u>

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

Michael Zunff