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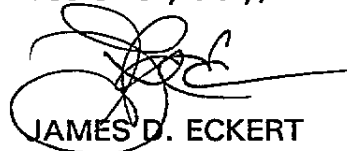
Re: NEW ENGLAND HARDWOOD FLOORS, INC.

Enclosed are the original and a duplicate copy of the Articles of Incorporation of this proposed corporation.

The duplicate copy has been subscribed and acknowledged by the subscribers in the same manner as the original. Please endorse your approval of the Articles of Incorporation on the duplicate copy, certify and return it to me in the self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed.

A check is also enclosed in the amount of \$122.50 to cover the \$35. filing fee, the \$52.50 fee for a certified copy, and \$35. for the registered agent designation.

Yours very truly,

  
JAMES D. ECKERT

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Enclosure

James Eckert GAVE

AUTHORIZATION BY PHONE TO

Verify  
CORRECT eff. Date.

DATE 3-3-98

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

NEW ENGLAND HARDWOOD FLOORS, INC.

EFFECTIVE DATE  
12-25-98

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

BY THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, the incorporator forms a corporation for profit under Florida law.

1. NAME. The name of the corporation is **NEW ENGLAND HARDWOOD FLOORS, INC.**

2. TERM. This corporation shall exist perpetually, and shall begin operations in February 25 1998.

3. PURPOSE. The purpose of this corporation is to transact any or all lawful businesses for which corporations may be incorporated under Chapter 607, Florida Statutes.

4. CAPITAL STOCK. This corporation is authorized to issue 200 shares of common stock with a par value of \$10.00.

5. REGISTERED AGENT. The initial registered agent for this corporation is **MATTHEW J. VALENTE**, and the initial registered office is located at **540 Carillon Parkway, #2003, St Petersburg, FL 33716**.

6. ADDRESS OF CORPORATION. The principal office of the corporation is located at **540 Carillon Parkway, #2003, St. Petersburg, FL 33716**.

7. DIRECTORS. This corporation shall have **two** directors initially. The number shall be fixed by the bylaws and may be changed from time to time.

8. INITIAL DIRECTORS. The names and street addresses of each member of the first board of directors are:

Matthew J. Valente  
540 Carillon Parkway, #2003  
St. Petersburg, FL 33716



William J. Hartung  
1213 S.W. 53rd Terrace  
Cape Coral, FL 33914

9. INCORPORATORS. The names and street addresses of the incorporators are:

Matthew J. Valente  
540 Carillon Parkway, #2003  
St. Petersburg, FL 33716

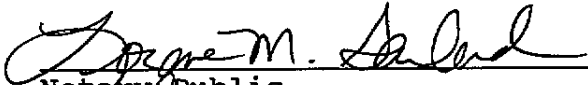
William J. Hartung  
1213 S.W. 53rd Terrace  
Cape Coral, FL 33914

DATED on February 25, 1998.

  
MATTHEW J. VALENTE  
  
WILLIAM J. HARTUNG

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF PINELLAS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1998, by MATTHEW J. VALENTE, who is personally known to me or who has produced FL Drw. License for identification, and who did not take an oath.

  
Notary Public  
Print: Lorigene M. Garland  
State of Florida at Large

My commission expires:



Lorigene M. Garland  
MY COMMISSION # CC711834 EXPIRES  
January 28, 2002  
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1998, by WILLIAM J. HARTUNG, who is personally known to me or who has produced FL Drw. License for identification, and who did not take an oath.

Lorigene M. Garland  
Notary Public  
Print: Lorigene M. Garland  
State of Florida at Large

My commission expires:



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January 28, 2002  
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.

#### CONSENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

HAVING BEEN NAMED as registered agent for this corporation at the registered office designed in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, the undersigned accepts the designation.

Matthew J. Valente  
MATTHEW J. VALENTE

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