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SUBJECT: Environmental Landscape Specialists, Inc.
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04-01-98

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

ENVIRONMENTAL LANDSCAPE SPECIALISTS, INC.

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The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Business Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of Corporation shall be: ENVIRONMENTAL LANDSCAPE SPECIALISTS, INC.

ARTICLE II
EFFECTIVE DATE

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04-01-98

The date of corporate existence shall be April 1, 1998, provided these Articles are filed within five (5) business days of said date, and if not so filed, then the date of corporate existence will be the date of filing.

ARTICLE III
POWERS AND AUTHORITY

The general nature of the business to be transacted by this Corporation and its powers shall be:

1. To engage in any lawful business as provided for under the laws of the State of Florida.
2. To engage in the business of purchasing or otherwise acquiring in whole or in part letters patent, concessions, licenses, inventions, rights, and privileges, subject to royalties or otherwise, whether in United States or elsewhere; to sell, let or grant any patent rights, licenses, concessions, inventions, rights or privileges belonging to this Corporation or which it may acquire, or any interest in the same, and generally to deal in any and all such properties; to manufacture, produce and exploit, trade, and deal in all products of any such inventions or rights, and maintain machinery, plants, articles, appliances, and other things in connections therewith.
3. To lease, sell, exchange, mortgage, buy, transfer, hold, own, work, develop, improve, divide, sub-divide, pledge or in any manner whatsoever acquire and dispose of, on its own account or on commission, property of all kinds, real, personal and mixed and including rights, easements, and incorporeal hereditaments appurtenant thereto, and including patents and patent rights and processions; and while the owner of any property to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership to the same extent as natural persons might do, including the right to vote the stock of other corporations owned by it, with power to designate some person for that purpose from time to

time to the same extent as natural persons might or could do.

4. To engage in the business of manufacturing, buying, selling, leasing and distributing machinery, devices, products, materials and accessories of every class, kind and description; except that it is not to conduct a banking, safe deposit, trust, insurance, surety, association, a mutual fire insurance association, a cooperative association, fraternal benefits society, state fair or exposition.

5. To manufacture, purchase or otherwise acquire, and to own, mortgage, pledge, sell, assign, transfer, or otherwise dispose of, and to invest in, trade in, deal in and with goods, wares, merchandise, real and personal property, and services, of every class, kind and description; except that it is not to conduct a banking, safe deposit, trust, insurance, surety, express, railroad, canal, telegraph, telephone, or cemetery company, a building and loan association, cooperative association, a mutual fire insurance association, a fraternal benefits society, state fair or exposition.

6. To conduct business in, have one or more offices in, and buy, hold, mortgage, sell, convey, lease, or otherwise dispose of real or personal property, including franchises, patents, copyrights, trademarks, and licenses, in the State of Florida, and in all other states and countries.

7. To contract debts and borrow money, issue and sell or pledge bonds, debentures, notes and other evidences of indebtedness, and to execute such mortgages, transfers of corporate property, or other instruments to secure the payment of corporate indebtedness as required.

8. To guarantee, endorse, purchase, hold, sell, transfer, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise acquire or dispose of the shares of capital stock thereof, or any bonds, securities, or other evidences of indebtedness created by any other corporation of the State of Florida or any other state or government, and while owner of such stock to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership, including the right to vote such stock.

9. To own, maintain, use and operate, trucks, automobiles and other vehicles, for itself and for hire, and in connection therewith to transport from point to point freight or any articles whatsoever in consideration of the charges to be made therefor, or for itself.

10. To own, maintain, use and operate any tools, plant equipment, appliances, supplies, fixtures, equipment, or other articles or things whatsoever, and to lease, let, hire, buy, sell, trade, exchange, and deal with any of the foregoing in any manner whatsoever, for itself, for others or for hire.

11. To conduct a general brokerage agency and commission business for others in the purchase and sale of personal property, stocks, bonds and notes, and to negotiate loans thereon for others; to act as trustee in deeds of trust or mortgages on real or personal property, or any evidences of value to secure them and to act as agents for letting houses, lands or personal property, and the collection of rents and the payments of taxes.

12. To maintain and keep storage warehouses for the storage and deposit of goods and merchandise of all kinds and descriptions, and conduct all business appertaining thereto, including the

making of advances on goods stored and deposited with it, and to have and receive all the rights and emoluments thereto belonging.

13. To buy, loan money upon, sell, transfer, assign, discount, borrow money upon and pledge as collateral, and otherwise deal as principal, agent, or broker in bills of lading, warehouse receipts, evidence of deposit and storage of personal property, bonds stocks, promissory notes, conditional bills of sale, retain title contracts, commercial paper, accounts invoices, chooses in action, interest in estate, contracts mortgages on real and personal corporations and to won, hold and convey such real estate and share of stock in other corporations, domestic and foreign, as may be necessary or expedient in the operation of its business, and to do all things incidental thereto; to buy, sell and deal in all kinds of listed and unlisted bonds and stocks on commission; to act as agent or factor for any person, firm or corporation; but not, however, for the purpose of carrying on the business of banking or any business for the transaction of which a corporation is required under the laws of the state of Florida to qualify as a banking corporation.

14. To purchase or otherwise acquire letters patent, concessions, licenses, inventions, rights and privileges, subject to royalties or otherwise, and whether exclusive, non-exclusive, or limited, or any part interest in such letters patent, concessions, licenses, inventions, rights and privileges, whether in the United States or in any other part of the world; to sell, grant or let any patent rights, concessions, licenses, inventions, rights or privileges belonging to the company, or which it may acquire, or any interest in the same; to register any patent or patents for any invention or inventions, to obtain exclusive or other privileges in respect of the same, in any part of the world, and to apply for, exercise, use or otherwise deal with or turn to account any patent rights, concessions, monopolies, or other rights or privileges either in the United States or in any other part of the world; to manufacture and produce, and trade and deal in all machinery, plant, articles, appliances, and things capable of being manufactured, produced, or traded in by virtue of or in connection with any such letters patent, concessions, licenses, inventions, rights or privileges as aforesaid.

15. The Corporation may use and apply its surplus earnings or accumulated profits authorized by law to be reserved, to the purchase or acquisition of property, and to the purchase or acquisition of its own capital stock from time to time, and to such extent and in such manner, and upon such terms as Board of Directors shall determine, and to hold the same in its treasury to be thereafter sold, issued, or disposed of when and in such manner as the Board of Directors may deem expedient; and neither such property nor the capital stock taken in payment or satisfaction of any debt due to the Corporation shall be regarded as profits for the purpose of declaration or payment of dividends, unless otherwise determined by a majority of the Board of Directors, or by a majority of the stockholders.

16. To acquire by purchase, subscription or otherwise and to hold or dispose of stocks, bonds, coupons, mortgages, deed of trust, debentures, securities, oblations, notes and other evidences of indebtedness of any corporation, stock company, or association now or hereafter existing, and whether created by or under the laws of the State of Florida, or otherwise; and to pay for any of the same in cash, in property of any kind, in services, in the stock of this Corporation, in bonds, in notes, or otherwise, or by undertaking the whole or any part of the liabilities of the transferor; to acquire and use, and to sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, exchange, distribute or otherwise dispose of

the whole or any part of the same; and to aid in any manner any corporation, stock company, or association whose stock, bonds or other obligations are held or are in any manner guaranteed by the company, and to do any other acts or things of the preservation, protection or improvement or enhancement of the value of any such stocks, bonds or other obligations, to exercise all the rights, powers, privileges of ownership thereof, and to exercise all voting power thereon, with power to designate some person for that purpose from time to time to the same extent as a natural person or persons might or could do.

17. To enter in to, make and perform contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose with any person, firm, association, corporation, municipality, body politic, country, state, government, or colony dependency thereof.

18. To acquire the good will, rights and property, and the whole or any part of the assets, tangible or intangible, and to undertake or in any way assume the liabilities of any person, firm or corporation or association; to pay for the said good will, rights, property and assets in cash, in property of any kind, in the stock of this Corporation, in bonds, or otherwise, or by undertaking the whole or any part of the property so purchased; to conduct in any lawful manner the whole or any part of any business so acquired; and to exercise all powers necessary or convenient in or about the conduct and management of such business.

19. For itself or as agent, broker, or correspondent for others, to negotiate and make loans, unsecured or secured by mortgages, bills of sale, or otherwise, upon personal or real property; and to do all things necessary in the transaction of business as loan correspondent or mortgage company.

20. In the purchase or acquisition of property, business rights, or franchises, or for additional working capital, or for any other object in or about its business affairs, and without limit as to amount, to incur debts, and to raise, borrow and secure the payment of money in any lawful manner, including the issue and sale or other disposition of bonds, warrants, debentures, obligations, negotiable and transferable instruments and evidences of indebtedness of all kinds, whether secured by mortgage, pledge, deed of trust, or otherwise.

21. To buy and sell, as broker or agent, or on its own account, all kinds of machinery and electrical machine supplies.

22. To conduct its business or any part or parts thereof in the United States of America, and in foreign countries or jurisdiction without restriction as to place; and to have one or more offices or agencies and keep such books of the company outside of the State of Florida as are not required by law to be kept within this State.

23. To do all and everything necessary and proper for the accomplishment of the objects enumerated in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendments thereto, or necessary or incidental to the protection and benefit of this Corporation and in general to carry on any lawful business necessary or incidental to the attainment of the objects of this Corporation, whether or not such business is similar to the nature of the objects set forth to the same extent as a natural person might or could do.

24. None of the objects and powers hereinabove specified and clauses and paragraphs contained in this Article, shall in anyway be limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other objects, powers, clauses or paragraphs of this Article or any other Article in this these Articles, but the objects and powers specified in each paragraph and clause in this Article shall be regarded as independent objects and powers. The foregoing clauses shall be construed both as objects and powers, and it is expressly provided that the foregoing enumeration of specific powers shall not be held to restrict or limit in any manner the powers of this Corporation as may be provided by law or otherwise.

ARTICLE IV STOCK

The maximum number of shares of stock that this corporations authorized to have outstanding at any one time is: One Thousand (1,000) shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share.

ARTICLE V PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS

Each shareholder of any class of stock of this Corporation is entitled to full preemptive rights to purchase any unissued shares of stock of the Corporation and any securities of the Corporation convertible into or carrying a right to subscribe to or acquire any unissued shares of stock; provided, however, each shareholder will have preemptive rights only in the portion of shares being issued or sold equal to the proportion that number of shares then held by the shareholder bears to the total number of shares of the same class then outstanding.

ARTICLE VI EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence, unless sooner dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE VII PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The mailing and street address of the principal office of this Corporation shall be: 9519 Black Bear Lane, Winter Garden, Florida 34787

ARTICLE VIII NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

The business of the Corporation shall be conducted and managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of not less than one (1) member, as fixed from time to time by the By-Laws of the Corporation. The Corporation shall have one (1) Director(s) initially.

ARTICLE IX
NAMES OF DIRECTORS

The name and street address of the members of the first Board of Directors of this Corporation, who shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified, are:

NAME	ADDRESS
Gerald S. Franco	9519 Black Bear Lane Winter Garden, Florida 34747

ARTICLE X
OFFICERS

The officers of the Corporation shall be elected by the Board of Directors of the Corporation at a meeting to be held immediately following each annual meeting of the stockholders. New offices may be created, and appointment may be made therefor, and any office that may become vacant may be filled by the Board of Directors of the Corporation at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose. The duties of the officers of the Corporation shall be prescribed by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI
ADDITIONAL POWERS

In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by statute, the Corporation shall have and may exercise the following powers:

1. The Corporation shall have the power, if the By-Laws so provide, to hold meetings, both of stockholders and Directors, either within or without the State of Florida, at such places as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors.
2. Meetings of the Directors or stockholders may be held upon such notice thereof as may be set forth in the By-Laws of the Corporation, subject to any statutory restrictions relative thereto, but any requirement as to notice of such meetings that may be set forth in the By-Laws of the Corporation shall not prevent, and nothing herein shall be construed as preventing any stockholder or Director from waiving notice of any meeting in such manner as may be provided or permitted by the statutes of the State of Florida, and by the By-Laws of this Corporation consistent therewith.
3. The number of Directors of this Corporation shall be fixed from time to time by the By-Laws, subject to any limitation imposed by the Articles of Incorporation or any amendment thereto.
4. The Corporation in its By-Laws may confer upon the Directors powers additional to the foregoing and to the powers and authorities expressly conferred upon them by statute.

5. It shall not be necessary for any officer to the Corporation to be a Director, or for any officer to be a stockholder.

6. The annual meeting of the stockholders shall be held on such day as may be fixed by the By-Laws of the Corporation, and the date of such meeting may be changed from time to time as the By-Laws may provide; and the manner of calling meetings of stockholders and Directors shall be fixed by the By-Laws.

7. The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute, and all rights conferred on stockholders herein are granted subject to this reservation; provided, however, that any amendment to Article V shall require approval of all issued shares of common stock shall be deemed a shareholder of record entitled to vote.

ARTICLE XII INDEMNIFICATION

Each Director and officer in consideration of his services, shall be indemnified, whether then in office or not, for the reasonable costs and expenses incurred by him in connection with the defense of, or for advice concerning, any claim asserted or proceeding brought against him by reason of his being or having been an officer of the Corporation or Director of the Corporation, whether or not wholly owned or by reason of any act or omission to act as such Director or officer, provided that he shall not have been derelict in the performance of his duty as to the matters or matter in respect of which claim is asserted or proceeding brought. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any Director or officer may be entitled as a matter of law.

ARTICLE XIII RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No contract or other transaction between the Corporation and any other firm or corporation shall be affected or invalidated by reason of the fact of any one or more of the directors or officers of this Corporation is or are interested in, or is a member, stockholder, director or officer, or are members, stockholders, directors, or officers of such other firm or corporation; and any Director or officer or officers, individually or jointly, may be a party or parties to, or may be interested in, any contract or transaction of this Corporation or in which this Corporation is interested, and no contract, act or transaction of this Corporation, shall be affected or invalidated by reason of the fact that any Director or Directors or officer or officers of this Corporation is a party or parties to, or are interested in such contract, act or association or corporation, and each and every person who may become a Director or officer of this Corporation is hereby relieved from any liability that might otherwise exist from thus contracting with Corporation for the benefit of himself or any firm, association or corporation in which he may be in anyway interested.

ARTICLE XIV
REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE

The initial registered agent shall be Kathy S. Franco, and the registered office address for the above named registered agent is 5395 W. Irlo Bronson Hwy., Kissimmee, Florida 34747.

ARTICLE XV
INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation is Kathy S. Franco, 5395 W. Irlo Bronson Hwy., Kissimmee, Florida 34747.

Kathy S. Franco
Signature/Incorporator

4-1-98
Date

ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT
AS REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Kathy S. Franco
Signature/Registered Agent

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