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Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
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April 13, 1998

RE: TRANSMITTAL LETTER
The Taper Group, Inc.

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Dear sir or madam:

Enclosed you will find an original and two copies of the Articles of Incorporation for the following corporation:

The Taper Group, Inc.

Additionally, you will find a check in the amount of \$131.25, covering the filing fee, fee for certified copy of the Articles, and a certificate.

Please use the following address for all communications:

Edwin E. Hightower, Jr., P.A.
3020 NW 33rd Ave.
Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33311
(954)453-3155

Kindest regards,

Edwin E. Hightower, Jr., Esq.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE TAPER GROUP, INC.

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The undersigned, a natural person competent to contract, does hereby make, subscribe and file these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of organizing a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I

CORPORATE NAME

The name of the corporation shall be:

THE TAPER GROUP, INC.

ARTICLE II

PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal office and mailing address of the Corporation is 7177 West Oakland Park Blvd., Lauderhill, Florida, 33313.

ARTICLE III

NATURE OF CORPORATE BUSINESS AND POWERS

The general nature of the business to be transacted by this Corporation shall be to engage in any and all lawful business permitted under the laws of the United States and the State of Florida.

ARTICLE IV

CAPITOL STOCK

The maximum number of shares that this Corporation shall be authorized to issue and have outstanding at any one time shall be 1,000 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share.

ARTICLE V

TERM OF EXISTENCE

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE VI

REGISTERED AGENT AND INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE IN FLORIDA

The Registered Agent and the street address of the initial Registered Office of this Corporation in the State of Florida shall be:

J. Christopher Fuhrmeister
7177 West Oakland Park Blvd.
Lauderhill, FL 33313

ARTICLE VII

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This Corporation shall have one (1) Director initially.

ARTICLE VIII

INITIAL DIRECTOR

The name and address of the initial Director of this Corporation is:

Glenn M. Gallant
(SSN 178-46-5652)

ARTICLE IX

INCORPORATOR

The name of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation as the Incorporator is Edwin E. Hightower, Jr., whose address 3020 NW 33rd Ave.,
Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33311.

ARTICLE X

INDEMNIFICATION

This Corporation may indemnify any director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation to the fullest extent permitted by Florida law.

ARTICLE XI

AFFILIATED TRANSACTIONS

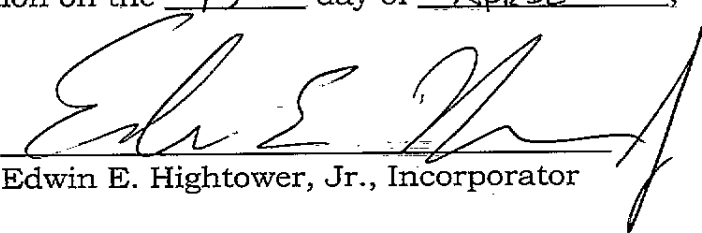
This Corporation expressly elects not to be governed by Section 607.0901 of the Florida Business Corporation Act, as amended from time to time, relating to affiliated transactions.

ARTICLE XII

BYLAWS

The power to adopt, alter, amend and repeal the Bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation on the 13TH day of April, 1997.


Edwin E. Hightower, Jr., Incorporator

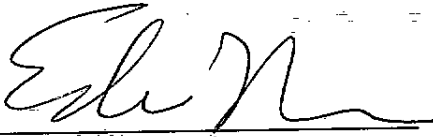
**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 607.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the state of Florida:

1. The name of the Corporation is: The Taper Group, Inc.
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

J. Christopher Fuhrmeister
7177 West Oakland Park Blvd.
Lauderhill, FL 33313

Signature: _____


Edwin E. Hightower, Jr.

Title: Incorporator

Date: 4 / 13 / 98

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Having been named as the registered agent and to accept service of process for the above named Corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as Registered Agent, and agree to comply with all applicable provisions of law. In addition, I am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as Registered Agent for said Corporation.

Signature: _____

By: J. Christopher Fuhrmeister

Date: 4 / 13 / 98

