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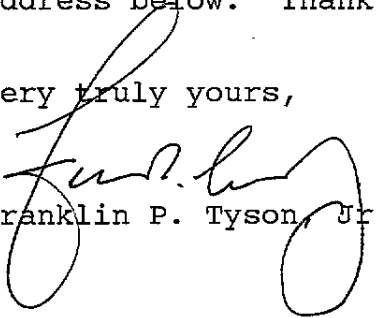
Re: E.F. Merkert Corporation

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith please find an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check in the amount of \$131.50 which includes the filing fee, certified copy and certificate.

Please return the documents to the address below. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
Franklin P. Tyson, Jr.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
FOR  
E. F. MERKERT CORPORATION**

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

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be:

E. F. MERKERT CORPORATION

**ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

2359 South Ocean Boulevard  
Highland Beach, Florida 33487

**ARTICLE III - SHARES**

The number of shares of stock that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is: One Thousand (1,000).

**ARTICLE IV - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent are:

Eugene F. Merkert  
2359 South Ocean Boulevard  
Highland Beach, Florida 33487

**ARTICLE V - INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation are:

Eugene F. Merkert  
Eugene F. Merkert  
2359 South Ocean Boulevard  
Highland Beach, FL 33487

June 2, 1998  
Date

*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 complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.*

Eugene F. Merkert  
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