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Division of Corporations	
P.O. Box 6327	
Tallahassee, Florida 32314	_
Re: Incorporation of GRANITE IMPORTERS, INC.	<del></del> = ·
Dear Sir:	<del>=</del> -

Enclosed please find the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the above named corporation. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$78.75 for filing, registered agent designation and certified copy.

Please process this at your earliest convenience and return the certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

John L. Maloney, Esq.

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Enc.

cc: Client

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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GRANITE IMPORTERS, INC.

SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

ARTICLE I

NAME \*\*

The name of the Corporation is GRANITE IMPORTERS, INC., whose business address shall be 10975  $49^{\text{TH}}$  Street North, Unit #10, Clearwater, Florida 33762.

# ARTICLE II

# DURATION

This Corporation shall exist perpetually, commencing as of the date of acceptance and filing of these Articles by the Department of State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE III

PURPOSES

This Corporation may engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States of America and of the State of Florida.

# ARTICLE IV

# CAPITAL STOCK

This Corporation is authorized to issue 10,000 shares of \$.01 par value common stock.

#### ARTICLE V

# REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation is 10975 49th Street North, Unit #10, Clearwater, Florida

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33762. The name of the initial registered agent of this Corporation at that address is Bruce Ray.

#### ARTICLE VI

# INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

NAME ADDRESS

Bruce Ray 10975 49th Street North, Unit #IO Clearwater, Florida 33762

Judith Moore 6119 Schooner Way
Tampa, Florida 33615

## ARTICLE VII

# INFORMAL SHAREHOLDER ACTION

The holders of not less than a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of the voting stock of the Corporation may act by written agreement without a meeting, as provided in Florida Statutes 607.0704 and the Bylaws.

# ARTICLE VIII

# INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the person signing these\_Articles of Incorporation is Bruce Ray of 10975 49TH Street North, Unit #10, Clearwater, Florida 33762.

# ARTICLE IX

# INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify any officer or Director or any former officer or Director, to the full extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE X

BYLAWS

The initial Bylaws shall be adopted by the Board of Directors.

The power to alter, amend, or repeal the Bylaws or adopt new Bylaws is vested in the Board of Directors, subject to repeal or change by action of the Shareholders.

#### ARTICLE XI

# COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS

Until rescinded by vote of a majority of the Shareholders, the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be entitled to fix officers' salaries and other compensation whether or not any one or more officer also serves as Director of the Corporation.

# ARTICLE XII

# SHAREHOLDER RESCISSION NOTICE

The Corporation shall not sell shares of stock in the Corporation to five or more persons without giving the fifth and each successive purchaser a notice of their right to rescind the purchase within three days after the first tender of consideration for the purchased shares pursuant to Florida Statute \$517.061 (11)(a)(5).

# ARTICLE XIII

# PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS

Each Shareholder of the Corporation shall have the right to purchase, subscribe for, or receive a right or rights to purchase or subscribe for, at the price for which it is offered to others, that Shareholder's pro rata portion of the following:

- A. Any stock of any class that the Corporation may issue or sell, whether or not exchangeable for any stock of the Corporation of any class or classes, and whether or not of unissued shares authorized by the Articles of Incorporation as originally filed or by any amendment thereof or out of shares of stock of the Corporation acquired by it after the issuance thereof, and whether issued for cash or other consideration; or
- B. Any obligation that the Corporation may issue or sell which is convertible into or exchangeable for any stock of the Corporation of any class or classes, or to which is attached or pertinent any warrant or warrants or other instruments conferring on the holder the right to subscribe for or purchase from the Corporation any shares of its stock of any class or classes.

This right shall be deemed waived by any Shareholder who does not exercise it and pay for the shares preempted within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice from the Corporation stating the price, terms and conditions of the issue of shares and inviting the Shareholder to exercise this preemptive right. This right may also be waived by a written waiver signed by the Shareholder.

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## ARTICLE XIV

#### CUMULATIVE VOTING

At each election for Directors every Shareholder entitled to vote at such election shall have the right to cumulate his votes by giving one candidate as many votes as the number of Directors to be elected at that time multiplied by the number of his shares, or by distributing such votes on the same principle among any number of such candidates.

# ARTICLE XV

# STOCK TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS

Shares of capital stock of the Corporation shall be issued to the following persons in the following amounts upon payment of \$1.00 per share by each proposed Shareholder.

Shareholder

Number of Shares

Bruce Ray

Five Hundred Ten

Judith Moore

Four Hundred Ninety

Payment or consideration must be tendered to the Corporation within thirty (30) days after the Secretary of State has accepted and filed the Articles of Incorporation. Upon payment, the shares shall be considered issued.

Shares held by each Shareholder whether or not hereafter acquired may not be sold or otherwise transferred to other persons whiless first offered to this Corporation or to the remaining Shareholders in proportion to their shares. The price, terms and other provisions regarding this restriction may be specified by Bylaws/written

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agreement among the Shareholders, which Bylaws/agreement may expand this Article and which may also include the Corporation as a party.

# ARTICLE XVI

#### 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 XVII

# "S" ELECTION RESTRICTION \_\_\_\_

Each Shareholder, by acquiring shares of any class of stock in the Corporation, agrees to so vote his shares as to cause the Corporation to be taxed as an "S" Corporation and to not sell, convey or assign any of said acquired shares of stock to any person or entity which would cause loss of an "S" Corporation election under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code unless a majority of the Shareholders shall approve the loss of an "S" Corporation election.

# ARTICLE XVIII

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Until required by a majority vote of the Shareholders, the Corporation need not furnish its Shareholders an annual financial statement within 120 days of the close of each fiscal year.

## ARTICLE XIX

# ANNUAL EVALUATION OF STOCK

On or before April 1 of each year, the Corporation, if conducting business in Florida, shall give its Florida stockholders of record as of the preceding December 31 a written notice reflecting the just value of each class of its stock subject to an annual tax under Chapter 199 Florida Statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned executes these Articles of Incorporation this 9th day of 4March, 1999.

TNCORPORATOR

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS

\*CC 640280

\*CO 640280

Printed Name: Catherine Anne Jermont
Notary Public
Serial Number, if any: #CC 640,280

# ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned hereby accepts the appointment as Registered Agent of Granite Importers, Inc. which is contained in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation. I am familiar with, and accept the obligations of that position.

Dated this 9th day of March, 1999.

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