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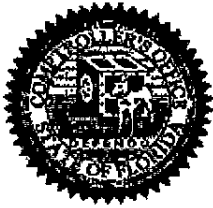
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DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND FINANCE

STATE OF FLORIDA

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April 20, 1999

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Thomas O. Katz  
Ruden, McClosky, Smith,  
Schuster & Russell, P.A.  
Post Office Box 1900  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear Mr. Katz:

Re: "BankAtlantic Venture Partners 11, Inc."  
"BankAtlantic Venture Partners 12, Inc."  
"BankAtlantic Venture Partners 13, Inc."  
"BankAtlantic Venture Partners 14, Inc."  
"BankAtlantic Venture Partners 15, Inc."  
"BankAtlantic Venture Partners 16, Inc."

Reference is made to your letter/fax dated April 14, requesting approval of the above-referenced corporate names which will be new wholly-owned entities of BankAtlantic Development Corporation. BankAtlantic Development Corporation is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BankAtlantic, a Federal Savings Bank, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

As Section 655.922(2)(a), Florida Statutes, exempts a financial institution, holding company or its subsidiaries from the prohibition against using the word "bank", "banker", "banking", "trust company", "savings and loan association", "savings bank", or "credit union" in its corporate name, the Division of Banking will not object to the use of the above corporate names being registered to transact business in the state of Florida.

Sincerely,

Art Simon  
Director  
Division of Banking  
101 E. Gaines Street  
Fletcher Bldg.-6th Floor  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0350  
(850) 410-9111

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cc: Karon Beyer, Chief  
Bureau of Corporate Records  
Secretary of State's Office

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
BANKATLANTIC VENTURE PARTNERS 16, INC.**

The undersigned incorporator does hereby make, subscribe, file and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of organizing a corporation under the Florida Business Corporation Act.

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME OF CORPORATION**

The name of this Corporation shall be:

**BankAtlantic Venture Partners 16, Inc.**

**ARTICLE II**

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The principal office and the mailing address of this Corporation is 1750 E. Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304.

**ARTICLE III**

**AUTHORIZED SHARES**

The total authorized capital stock of this Corporation shall consist of 1,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share.

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#### ARTICLE IV

#### ADDRESS OF REGISTERED OFFICE IN THIS STATE

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation in the State of Florida is 1750 E. Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304 and the initial registered agent of this Corporation at that address shall be Jack A. Furman.

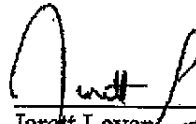
#### ARTICLE V

#### INCORPORATOR


The name and street address of the persons signing these Articles of Incorporation is:

Jarett Levan  
1750 E. Sunrise Blvd.  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our hands and seals this 26 day of April, 1999.

  
Jarett Levan  
Incorporator

THE UNDERSIGNED, named as the registered agent in Article IV of these Articles of Incorporation, hereby accepts the appointment as such registered agent, and acknowledges that he is familiar with, and accepts the obligations imposed upon registered agents under, the Florida Business Corporation Act, including specifically Section 607.0505.

  
Jack A. Furman  
Registered Agent

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