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Re: Gold Coast Insurance Group, Inc.

#### Gentlemen/Madames:

Enclosed please find the Articles of Incorporation, in duplicate together with our check in the amount of \$78.75 in payment of the filing fees.

After certification, please return one copy of the Articles of Incorporation to my attention . Your usual prompt attention and cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Thomas and Pearl, P.A.

T&P/mht Enclosures

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SECRETARY OF STATE TALL AMASSEE FLORIDA

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

GOLD COAST INSURANCE GROUP, INC.

The undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, a natural person competent to contract, hereby forms a corporation under the Laws of the State of Florida.

## ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be:

GOLD COAST INSURANCE GROUP, INC.

## ARTICLE II.

The general nature of the business and the object and purposes to be transacted and carried on are to do any and all of the things herein mentioned, as fully and to do the same to the same extent as natural persons might or could do, viz:

To engage in and carry on any business activities permitted under the laws of the United States and the State of Florida.

!. To counsel and sell insurance products.

To purchase, lease or otherwise acquire and hold lands, buildings and tenements for the offices and premises of the corporation, and to lease, mortgage and convey such real estate in such manner as may appear for the best interests of the corporation.

Sue and be sued and appear and defend in all actions and proceedings in its corporate name to the same extent as a natural person.

Adopt and use a common corporate seal and alter the same.

Appoint such officers and agents as its affairs shall require and allow them suitable compensation.

Adopt, change, amend and repeal by-laws, not inconsistent with law or its certificate of incorporation, for the exercise of its corporate powers, the management, regulation and government of its affairs and property, the transfer on its records of its stock or other evidence of interest or membership, and the calling and holding of meetings of its stockholders.

Make and enter into all contracts necessary and proper for the conduct of its business.

Conduct business, have one or more offices in, and buy, hold, mortgage, sell, convey, lease or otherwise dispose of real and personal property, and buy, hold, mortgage, sell, convey or otherwise dispose of franchises in this state and in any of the several states, territories, possessions and dependencies of the United States, the District of Columbia and in foreign countries. Purchase the corporate assets of any other corporation and engage in the same character of business. Acquire, enjoy and utilize and dispose of patents, copyrights

and trademarks and any licenses or other rights or interests thereunder or therein. Take, hold, sell and convey such property as may be necessary in order to obtain or secure payment of any indebtedness or liability to it.

Guarantee, endorse, purchase, hold, sell, transfer, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of the shares of the capital stock, or any bonds, securities or other evidences of indebtedness created by any other corporation of this state or any other state or government; while owner of such stock to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership, including the right to vote such stock. Purchase, hold, sell and transfer shares of its own capital stock, provided that it shall not purchase any of its own capital stock excépt from the surplus of its assets over its liabilities including capital. Shares of its own capital stock owned by the corporation shall not be voted directly or indirectly, or counted as outstanding for the purpose of any stockholders' quorum or vote.

Do all and everything necessary and proper for the accomplishment of the objects enumerated in this certificate of incorporation or necessary or incidental to the benefit and protection of the corporation, and to carry on any lawful business necessary or incidental to the attainment of the objects of the corporation, whether or not such business is similar in nature to the objects enumerated in its certificate of incorporation or any amendments thereof.

Contract debts and borrow money at such rates of interest not to exceed the lawful interest rate and upon such terms as it or its board of directors may deem necessary or expedient and shall authorize or agree upon, issue and sell or pledge bonds, debentures, notes and other evidences of indebted-

ness, whether secured or unsecured, and execute such mortgages, or other instruments upon or encumbering its property or credit to secure the payment of money borrowed or owing by it, as occasion may require and the board of directors deem expedient.

Make gifts for educational, scientific or chartiable purposes.

#### ARTICLE III.

#### ARTICLE IV.

This corporation shall begin business with a capital of not less than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

#### ARTICLE V.

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE VI.

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be located in the City of Fort Lauderdale , County of Broward , Florida, with a post office address at 2400 East Las Olas Boulevard, Suite 213, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301 or at such other places within or without the State of Florida as the board of directors shall, by appropriate action hereafter, from time to time determine.

## ARTICLE VII.

- A. The business of this corporation shall be conducted and managed by its board of directors, and such board of directors shall consist of not less than two (2) members.

  A majority of the first board of directors named below shall have the power to approve and to adopt the by-laws of this corporation until their successors are elected or appointed.
- B. The qualifications, time and place of election and term of office of each director shall be as provided for in the by-laws of the corporation.
- C. The officers of this corporation may consist of a president, vice president, a secretary and treasurer, and such other officers and agents as may be provided for by the by-laws of this corporation, who shall be chosen, serve for such term, and have such duties as may be prescribed by such by-laws.
- D. A director may be removed with or without cause at any annual or special meeting of stockholders only upon affirmati vote of stockholders of fifty-one (51%) percent of stock present and voting.

## ARTICLE VIII.

The names and post office addresses of the members of first board of directors, who, unless otherwise provided by the by-laws of this corporation, shall hold office and manage the corporation for the first year of existence of the corporation, or until their successors are elected or appointed and have qualified, are as follows:

Na: c	Address	
Stephen Janco	2400 East Las Olas Boulevard, Suite 213. Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301	
Joseph Janco	1201 River Reach, Suite 109, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316	

# ARTICLE IX.

The name and post office address of the subscriber of these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

Name

Address

Stephen Janco

2400 East Las Olas Boulevard, Suite 213 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

#### ARTICLE X.

In the event that the corporation enters into contracts or transacts business with one or more of its directors, or with any firm of which one or more of its directors are members or employees, or with any other corporation or association of which one or more of its directors are shareholders, directors, officers or employees, such contract shall not be invalidated or in anywise affected by the fact that such director or directors have or may have interests therein which might be adverse to the interests of the corporation, even though the vote of the director or directors having such adverse interests shall have been necessary to obligate the corporation upon such contract or obligation; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that in any such case, the fact of such interest shall be disclosed to the other directors or shareholders acting upon or in reference to such contract or transaction. No director or directors having disclosed such adverse interests shall be liable to the corporation or to any shareholder or creditor thereof or to any other person for any loss incurred by it under or by reason of any such contract or transaction, nor shall any such director or directors be accountable for any gains or profits realized thereon. PROVIDED, ALSO, that such contract or transaction shall, at

the time at which it was entered into, have been a reasonable one to have been entered into and shall have been upon terms that, at the time, were fair.

#### ARTICLE XI.

Each director and officer of the corporation, whether or not then in office, shall be indemnified by the corporation against all costs and expenses reasonably incurred or imposed upon him in connection with or arising out of any claim, demand, action, suit or proceedings in which he may be involved or to which he may be made a party by reason of his being or having been a director or an officer of the corporation (said expenses to include attorneys' fees and the costs of reasonable settlements made with a view of curtailment of costs of litigation), except in relation to matters as to which he finally shall be adjudged in any such action, suit, or proceedings to have been derelict in the performance of his duty, as such officer or director. Such right of indemnification shall be exclusive of any other rights to which a director or an officer may be entitled under any regulations, agreements, vote of stockholders or to which he may be entitled as a matter of law, and the rights of indemnification shall inure to the henefit of the heirs, executors and the administrators of any such director or officer.

## ARTICLE XII.

A director shall not be liable for dividends illegally declared, distributions illegally made to stockholders or any other action taken by reliance in good faith upon the financial statements of the corporation represented to him to

be correct by an officer having charge of its books of account or a financial statement certified by a Certified Public Accountant to fairly reflect the financial condition of the corporation; nor shall he be liable if, in good faith in determining the amount available for dividends or distribution, he considers the assets to be of their book value.

#### ARTICLE XIII.

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the hoard of directors, proposed by them to the stockholders, and approved by a stockholders' meeting by fifty-one (51%) percent of the stock entitled to vote thereon, unless all the directors and all the stockholders sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment of these Articles of Incorporation be adopted.

#### ARTICLE XIV.

Any action that may be taken at a meeting of the shareholders of this corporation may be taken without a meeting, if consent in writing setting forth the action shall be signed by all, but not less than all, of the shareholders of the corporation entitled to vote on the action and shall be filed by the secretary of the corporation. This consent shall have the same effect as a unanimous vote at a shareholders' meeting. If all of the directors, severally or collectively, likewise, consent in writing to any action taken or to be taken by the corporation, and the writing or writings evidencing their consent are filed with the secretary of the corporation, the action shall be valid as though it has been authorized at a

meeting of the Board of Directors.

COUNTY OF BROWARD )

## ARTICLE XV

In pursuance of the Florida General Corporation Act, Chapter 607.034, the following is submitted in compliance with said Act:

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, a Notary

Public duly authorized in the State and County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared

Stephen Janco

to me well known to be the person described in, and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the State and County aforesaid this  $_{27}$  day of  $_{\rm October}$  , A.D.,

Nineteen Hundred and Ninty Nine.

Notary Public - State of Florida

My Commission Expires:

OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL
MERRILL THOMAS
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION NO. CC644709
MY COMMISSION EXP. MAY 23,2001

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

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