

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

L &amp; L Welding and Gas Supply, Inc.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation under the Code of Alabama, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

FIRST: The name of the corporation is L & L Welding and Gas Supply, Inc.

SECOND: The period of it's duration is perpetual.

THIRD: The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

(a) To engage in the business of: operate, manage, deal in, buy or sell, broker, service, lease, and consult regarding welding supplies and gases, and any other retail businesses or wholesale businesses not so enumerated above provided all legal requirements thereto are complied therewith.

(b) To transact any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Laws of Alabama.

(c) To exercise every power incidental to engaging in the above business and given to corporations generally by the Laws of Alabama.

FOURTH: The aggregate number of shares which the corporation shall have authority to issue is 1000 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share.

FIFTH: Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation are: NONE

SIXTH: The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is: 132 Highway 31 North, Calera, Alabama 35040, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is: Fred G. Lucas.

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*Fred G. Lucas*

SEVENTH: The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors of the corporation is three (3), and the name and address of the person who is to serve as director until the first annual meeting of shareholders or until his successor is elected and shall qualify is:

NAME	ADDRESS
Fred G. Lucas	Rt. 2 Box 274A Montevallo, Alabama 35115
Lou B. Lucas	Rt. 2 Box 274A Montevallo, Alabama 35115
Wanda Franklin	Rt. 2 Box 99 Montevallo, Alabama 35115

EIGHTH: The name and address of each incorporator is:

NAME	ADDRESS
Fred G. Lucas	Rt. 2 Box 274A Montevallo, Alabama 35115
Lou B. Lucas	Rt. 2 Box 274A Montevallo, Alabama 35115
Wanda Franklin	Rt. 2 Box 99 Montevallo, Alabama 35115

Dated: February 15, 1983

*Fred G. Lucas*  
Fred G. Lucas

*Lou B. Lucas*  
Lou B. Lucas

*Wanda Franklin*  
Wanda Franklin

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# STATE OF ALABAMA

I, Don Siegelman, Secretary of State, of the State of Alabama, having custody of the Great and Principal Seal of said State, do hereby certify that pursuant to the provisions

of Section 10-2A-26, Code of Alabama 1975, the corporate name \_\_\_\_\_

L & L Welding and Gas Supply, Inc.

is reserved as available based only upon an examination of the corporation records on file in this office for the exclusive use of L & L Welding and Gas Supply, Inc. for a period of one hundred twenty days from this date. In the case of a domestic corporation, the name of the county in which the corporation was or is proposed to be incorporated is \_\_\_\_\_. I further certify that as set out in the application for reservation of corporate name, the Secretary of State's office does not assume any responsibility for the availability of the corporate name requested nor for any duplication which might occur.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the Capitol, in the City of Montgomery, on this day.

February 9, 1983 - expires 6-5-83

Date

Don Siegelman

Secretary of State

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# State of Alabama

SHELBY

## County

### CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF

L & L WELDING AND GAS SUPPLY, INC.

The undersigned, as Judge of Probate of SHELBY County, State of Alabama, hereby certifies that duplicate originals of Articles of Incorporation for the incorporation of L & L WELDING AND GAS SUPPLY, INC., duly signed pursuant to the provisions of Section 64 of the Alabama Business Corporation Act, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Judge of Probate, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Incorporation of L & L WELDING AND GAS SUPPLY, INC., and attaches hereto a duplicate original of the Articles of Incorporation.

GIVEN Under My Hand and Official Seal on this the 17th day of FEBRUARY, 1983.



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*Thomas A. Snowden, Jr.*  
JUDGE OF PROBATE

*Thomas A. Snowden, Jr.*

Judge of Probate