## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

## MKCGR, INC. A CLOSE CORPORATION

The Undersigned, for the purpose of forming a close corporation pursuant to the Alabama Business Corporation Act, Sections 10-2A-300 through 10-2A-313, Code of Alabama 1975, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation is MKCGR, INC.

#### ARTICLE II

The period of its duration is perpetual.

#### ARTICLE III

The purpose or purposes for which the Corporation is organized are:

- (1) The transaction of any or all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the laws of the State of Alabama.
- (2) To develop, build, manufacture, process, compound or otherwise produce, to purchase, lease, exchange, take, receive or otherwise acquire, to own, hold, use, operate, manage, improve, repair or otherwise have an interest in or deal with, to sell, lease exchange, convey, assign, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, distribute or otherwise deal in and dispose of, buildings, structures, machinery, equipment, apparatus, appliances, devices, products, materials, articles, processes, systems, goods, wares, and merchandise of every kind, nature and description and to engage in any industrial manufacturing, mining, mercantile, trading, agricultural, service or other lawful business of any kind or character whatsoever.
- (3) To purchase, lease, exchange, take, receive or otherwise acquire, to own, hold, use, operate, manage, improve, repair or otherwise have an interest in or deal with, to sell, lease, exchange, convey, assign, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, distribute or otherwise deal in and dispose of, property, whether real, personal or mixed, of every kind, character and description whatsoever and wheresoever situated, or any interest therein.
- (4) To hold, own, use, operate, manage, improve, repair, erect, or otherwise have an interest in or deal with any buildings or other structure located on real property which is owned, held by or leased by the Corporation or in which the Corporation has any interest whatsoever.

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- (5) To render to others, and to engage in the business of rendering to others, consulting, advisory, administrative, industrial engineering, accounting, bookkeeping, and other services of every nature, kind and character, whether similar or dissimilar to those hereinabove set forth, which a corporation may legally render.
- To purchase, lease, exchange, take, receive or otherwise (6) acquire, all, or any part of, or any interest in, the properties, assets, business, good will and rights of any person, firm, corporation, country, state, county, municipality or governmental unit, department, division, agency, authority or instrumentality; to pay for the same or any part or combination thereof in cash, in shares of stock, bonds, or other securities or evidences of obligations or indebtedness of this Corporation or of any other corporation, by undertaking, assuming or guaranteeing the whole or any part of the bonds, mortgages, franchises, leases, contracts, indebtedness, guarantees, liabilities and obligations of the transferor, or by any combination of any of the foregoing; to own, hold, use, operate, manage, improve, repair, reorganize or otherwise convey, assign, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, distribute, liquidate or otherwise deal in and dispose of all, or any part of, or any interest in, such properties, assets, business, good will and rights, and, in conjunction with any of the foregoing, to undertake, assume or guarantee, the whole or any part of the bonds, mortgages, franchises, leases, contracts, indebtedness, guarantees, liabilities and obligations of the transferor.
- (7) To develop, apply for, register, take licenses in respect of, purchase, lease, exchange, take, receive or otherwise acquire, to own, hold, use, operate, manage, manufacture under, improve, or otherwise have an interest in or deal with, to sell, lease, exchange, convey, assign, grant licenses in respect of, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, distribute or otherwise deal in and dispose of, to contract with reference to, any and all inventions, devices, formulae, technical or business information, including trade secrets, know-how, processes, improvements and modifications thereof, letters patent and all rights connected therewith or pertaining thereto, copyrights, trademarks, trade names, trade symbols and other indications of origin and ownership, franchises, licenses, concessions, or other rights granted by or recognized under the laws of any country, state, county, municipality, or governmental unit, department, division, agency, authority or instrumentality.
- (8) To purchase, subscribe for in its own name or in the name of another, exchange, take, receive or otherwise acquire, to guarantee, to invest or reinvest in, to underwrite, to own, hold, use, exchange, convey, assign, mortgage, pledge,

hypothecate, distribute or otherwise deal in and dispose of, any stock, bond, or other security, evidence of obligation or indebtedness of any person, firm, corporation, country, state, county, municipality, or governmental unit, department, division, agency, authority or instrumentality; to issue-in connection with any acquisition of any of such property, shares of stock, bonds or other securities or evidences of indebtedness or obligation of this Corporation; and while the owner or holder of any such property, to receive, collect and dispose of the interest, dividends, income and other rights accruing on or from such property, to possess and exercise in respect thereof all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership of every kind and description, including the right to vote thereon, with power to designate some person or persons for that purpose from time to time to the same extent as natural persons might or could do, to aid by loan, subsidy, guaranty or in any other manner, financially or otherwise, and to do any other acts or things designed to protect, preserve, improve or enhance the value of any such property.

- (9) To purchase, exchange, take, receive, or otherwise acquire, to own, hold, use or otherwise have an interest in or deal with, to sell, exchange, convey, assign, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, distribute or otherwise deal in or dispose of, shares of its own stock provided that the Corporation shall not purchase, directly or indirectly, shares of its own stock where such purchase would be prohibited by the Alabama Business Corporation Act or this Articles of Incorporation and provided that the Corporation shall not vote, directly or indirectly, shares of its own stock except as provided by said Act.
- (10) To lend money or aid, or extend credit, to any person, firm, corporation, country, state, county, municipality, or governmental unit, department, division, agency, authority or instrumentality on such terms and conditions and with whatever security, if any, it desires.
- (11) To enter into and make, to perform and carry out, to cancel and rescind, or to let lapse, contracts and agreements of every kind and description.
- (12) To act as agent, representative, or receiver of any person, firm, corporation, country, state, county, municipality or governmental unit, department, division, agency, authority or instrumentality or in respect to any lawful undertaking or transaction.
- (13) To borrow or raise money and, from time to time, without limit as to amount, to draw, make, accept, endorse, execute, issue and deliver all kinds of securities, including, but without limiting the generality thereof, bonds, debentures, drafts, bills of exchange, warrants, notes and other negotiable and non-negotiable instruments and evidences of obligation or

indebtedness; and to secure the payment and full performance of such mortgage on, or pledge, conveyance, or assignment in trust of, all, or any part of, or any interest in, the property of the Corporation, either real, personal or mixed, including contract rights, whether at the time owned or thereafter acquired.

- (14) To guarantee the obligations of, and to lend its aid and credit to, any person, firm, corporation, country, state, county, municipality, or governmental unit, department, division, agency, authority, or instrumentality, and to secure the same by mortgage on, or pledge, conveyance, or assignment in trust of, all, or any part of, or any interest in, the property of the Corporation, either real, personal or mixed, including contract rights, whether at the time owned or thereafter acquired.
- (15) To enter into with any one or more persons, firms, corporations, countries, states, counties, municipalities or governmental units, departments, divisions, agencies, authorities or instrumentalities (1) any lawful arrangement for sharing profits, union of interest, reciprocal association, or cooperative association, or (2) any general or limited partnership.
- (16) To lend money and use its credit to assist its employees.
- (17) To pay pensions and establish pension plans, pension trusts, profit sharing plans, stock bonus plans, stock option plans and other incentive plans for any or all of its Officers and employees.
- (18) To be a promoter, incorporator, partner, member, trustee, associate, or manager of any domestic or foreign corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise.
- (19) To conduct its business, carry on its operations and have offices and exercise the powers granted by the Alabama Business Corporation Act, within or without the State of Alabama.
- (20) To elect or appoint officers and agents of the Corporation, and define their duties and fix their compensation.
- (21) To make and alter By-Laws, not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation or with the laws of the State of Alabama, for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the Corporation.
- (22) The foregoing clauses may be construed both as objects and powers, and it is hereby expressly provided that the foregoing enumerations of specific powers shall not be held to limit or restrict in any manner the power of the Corporation.

- (23) To do any and all things herein set forth, and in addition, such other acts and things as are necessary, or convenient to attainment of the purposes of this Corporation, or any of them, to the same extent as natural persons might or could do in any part of the world, insofar as such are permitted to be done by Corporations organized under the Alabama Business Corporation Act.
- (24) In addition to the objects aforesaid, the Corporation shall have the power to conduct and carry on any business or activity not prohibited by law, nor required by law to be specifically stated in these Articles.
- (25) This Corporation shall have all other rights, powers, authority, and privileges which may be now or hereafter enjoyed by similar corporations under the present and future laws of the State of Alabama.

#### ARTICLE IV

The aggregate number of shares which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is 100 at a par value of \$1.00 per share.

#### ARTICLE V

The address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 232 Port South Lane, Alabaster, Alabama 35007, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Michael K. Carden.

#### ARTICLE VI

The name and address of each Incorporator is:

#### <u>NAME</u>

#### **ADDRESS**

Michael K. Carden

232 Port South Lane Alabaster, AL 35007

#### ARTICLE VII

All of the issued shares shall be subject to one or more of the restrictions permitted by Section 10-2A-41 of the Alabama Business Corporation Act.

#### ARTICLE VIII

All of the Corporation's issued shares of all classes, exclusive of treasury shares, shall be held of record by not more than thirty persons. For purposes of determining the number of holders of record of the stock of this Corporation, stock which is held in joint tenancy or common tenancy or by the entireties shall be treated as held by one Shareholder.

#### ARTICLE IX

Pursuant to Section 10-2A-301(b), Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, only those persons approved by a vote of the majority of all shares of any class of stock shall be entitled to be holders of record of shares of any class.

#### ARTICLE X

To terminate the status of the Corporation as a close corporation, a vote of at least fifty-one percent (51%) of all shares of any class shall be required to amend these Articles of Incorporation to delete here from the additional provisions required or permitted by Section 10-2A-301 to be stated in these Articles of Incorporation of close corporations except such provisions as are permitted by said chapter which the Corporation chooses to retain. Said Shareholder exercising such option shall give written notice thereof to all other Shareholders. After the expiration of thirty (30) days following the sending of such notice, the dissolution of the Corporation shall proceed as if the required number of Shareholders having a voting power had consented in writing to dissolution of the Corporation as provided by Section 10-2A-181.

### ARTIÇLE XI

The Corporation shall be a close corporation and shall be managed and controlled by the Shareholders of the Corporation rather than by a board of directors, as provided by Section 10-2A-308 of the Code of Alabama (1975). The Shareholders may exercise all powers of the corporation.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, have subscribed my name this  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial x}$  of  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial x}$ .

MICHAEL K CARDEN

This Instrument Prepared By: Ben F. Hayley, 2330 Highland Avenue, South, Birmingham, Alabama 35205

# STATE OF ALABAMA

I, Jim Bennett, 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 10-2B-4.02, Code of Alabama 1975, and upon an examination of the corporation records on file in this office, the following corporate name is reserved as available:

MKCGR, Inc.

This domestic corporation name is proposed to be incorporated in Shelby County and is for the exclusive use of Ben Hayley, 2330 Highland Ave, Birmingham, AL 35205 for a period of one hundred twenty days beginning October 6, 1997 and expiring February 4, 1998.



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.

October 6, 1997

Date

Jim Bennett

Secretary of State

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