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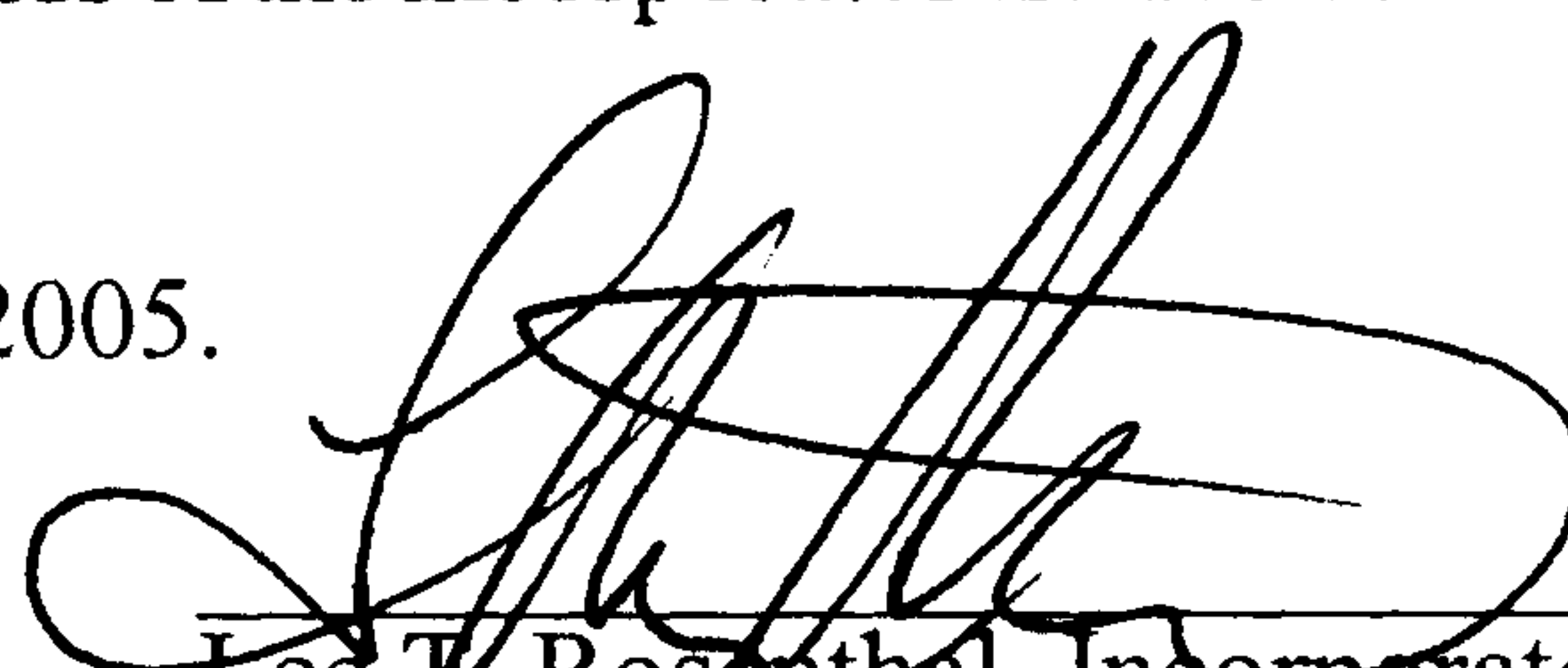
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF

SOUTHERN SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
AN ALABAMA CORPORATION

The undersigned, whether one or more, in order to form a corporation under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Alabama, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

1. NAME: The name of the corporation is: SOUTHERN SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
2. PERIOD OF DURATION: The period for the duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.
3. PURPOSES: The purpose for which this corporation is organized is the sale of medical implants and the transaction of any or all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Alabama Business Corporation Act.
4. AUTHORIZED SHARES: The aggregate number of shares of stock which the corporation shall have the authority to issue shall be One Thousand (1,000) shares of common stock of the par value of One Dollar (\$1.00) per share.
5. REGISTERED OFFICE/INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT: The location and mailing address of the corporation's registered office, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is: 1243 Legacy Drive, Birmingham, AL 35242; Lee T. Rosenthal.
6. INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The initial Board of Directors shall consist of one (1) person. The name and address of the person who shall serve as director until the first annual meeting of the shareholders of the corporation or until the successor or successors to such director are elected and qualify is: Lee T. Rosenthal, 1243 Legacy Drive, Birmingham, AL 35242.
7. INCORPORATOR: The name and address of the incorporator is: Lee T. Rosenthal, 1243 Legacy Drive Birmingham, AL 35242

Executed on this the 20 day of April, 2005.



Lee T. Rosenthal, Incorporator

Nancy L. Worley
Secretary of State

P.O. Box 5616
Montgomery, AL 36103-5616

STATE OF ALABAMA

I, Nancy L. Worley, 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:

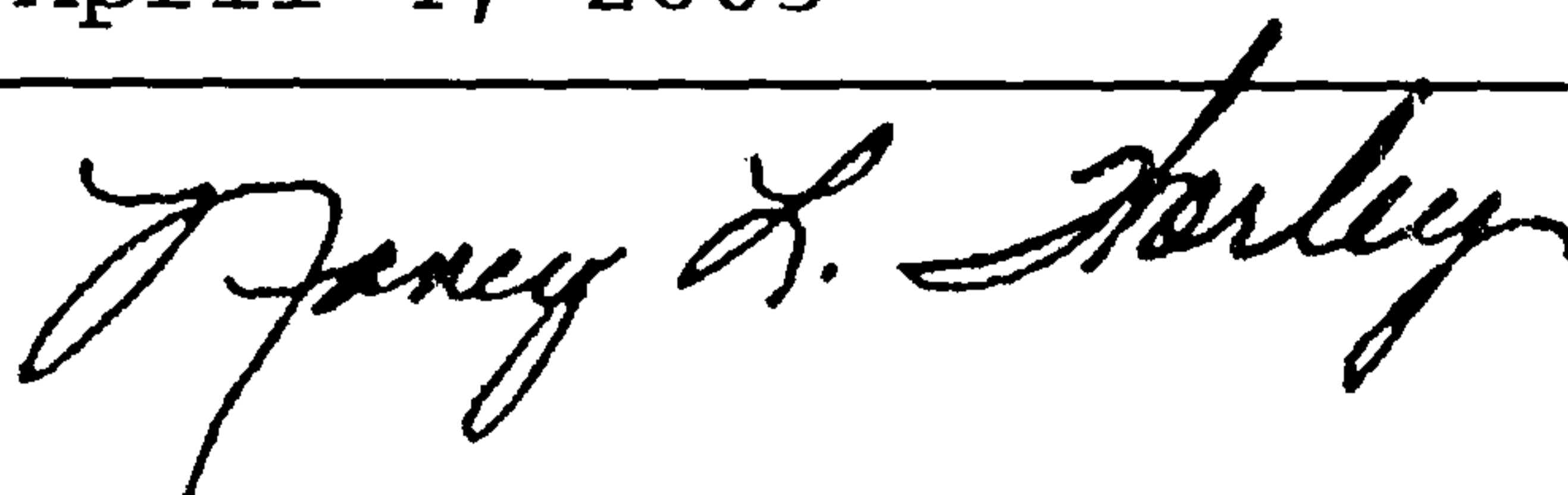
Southern Surgical Technologies, Inc.

This domestic corporation name is proposed to be incorporated in Shelby County and is for the exclusive use of Clayton T Sweeney, 2700 Hwy 280 East Ste 160, Birmingham, AL 35223 for a period of one hundred twenty days beginning April 4, 2005 and expiring August 3, 2005.

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.

April 4, 2005

Date



Nancy L. Worley

Secretary of State

