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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

Office of the Secretary of State  
Corporations Division  
148 W. River Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02904-2615

**BUSINESS CORPORATION**

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

The undersigned acting as incorporator(s) of a corporation under Chapter 7-1.2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

1. The name of the corporation is From The Ground Up, Inc.

(This is a close corporation pursuant to § 7-1.2-1701 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended.) (Strike if inapplicable.)

2. The total number of shares which the corporation has authority to issue is:

(a) If only one class: Total number of shares 8000

or

(b) If more than one class: Total number of shares of each class \_\_\_\_\_

A statement of all or any of the designations and the powers, preferences, and rights, including voting rights, and the qualifications, limitations, or restrictions of them, which are permitted by the provisions of Chapter 7-1.2 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended, in respect of any class or classes of shares of the corporation and the fixing of which by the articles of association is desired, and an express grant of the authority as it may then be desired to grant to the board of directors to fix by vote or votes any of them that may be desired but which is not fixed by the articles:

3. The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 321 South Main Street, Suite 301

(Street Address, not P.O. Box)

Providence

, RI

02903

and the name of its initial registered agent

(City/Town)

(Zip Code)

at such address is Linda Rekas Sloan

(Name of Agent)

4. The corporation has the purpose of engaging in any lawful business, and shall have perpetual existence until dissolved or terminated in accordance with Chapter 7-1.2.
5. Unless otherwise stated all authorized shares are deemed to have a nominal or par value of \$0.01 per share.

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- See attached.**

**321 South Main Street, Suite 301, Providence, RI 02903**

- Under penalty of perjury, I/we declare and affirm that I/we have examined these Articles of Incorporation, including any accompanying attachments, and that all statements contained herein are true and correct. ✓

herein are true and correct.

Signature of each Incorporator

## **Article 6.1     Preemptive Rights**

6.1.1 The Corporation shall have preemptive rights.

6.1.2. If any stockholder shall at any time desire to give or to sell all or any part of his/her/its shares of stock, he/she/it shall first offer the same to the Corporation and shall notify the president or secretary of the Corporation in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, stating the number of shares he/she/it desires to sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of, the terms of the sale (or transfer in the case of a gift), the lowest price at which such shares are to be disposed of (in the case of a sale), and the name of the person or entity to whom or to which they are to be sold or transferred. Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of any such notice, the Corporation shall elect whether or not to accept such offer. If the Corporation shall elect to purchase the shares so offered, the secretary or treasurer, or some other officer designated by the stockholders shall forthwith and within said Thirty (30) days deliver in person to such stockholder or mail by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed to him/her/it at his/her/its usual post office address as stated on the books of the Corporation, a notice in writing signed by such officer, of the election of the Corporation to purchase such stock on such terms and at such price (in the case of a sale) or at a price equal to the book value of such stock as of such date of offer as reflected on the books and records of the Corporation (in the case of a gift). The Corporation shall have an additional Thirty (30) days after the date of such election to purchase to make payment for such stock. The stockholder may receive the purchase price for such stock at the office of the Corporation upon transfer to the Corporation of the shares sold.

6.1.3. If the Corporation shall not elect to accept said offer, or if notice of election to purchase shall not be given by the Corporation within the time limit above, then the stockholder making the offer is at liberty to sell or give the same, provided said dispositive action is made within Thirty (30) days of the Corporation's decision not to so purchase, and except in the case of a gift, at a price not less than the price at which such stock was offered to the Corporation.

6.1.4. The Corporation may require affidavits from the selling stockholder and the purchaser of such stock as to the price paid and the terms therefor before transferring such stock upon the books of the Corporation. All of the stockholders, exclusive of the offering stockholder, may, in particular instances, consent to any such proposed sale or other disposition, but no such consent or waiver shall extend to other or subsequent instances. Any stock acquired by the Corporation under the above provisions shall be held in the name of this Corporation subject to the control and disposal of the stockholders who may, if they see fit, offer it for sale at such price as they may deem proper to the stockholders of this Corporation, in which event each stockholder shall have an equal right with the others *pro rata* to their holdings to purchase the same; provided, however, that if any stockholder does not purchase his full proportionate share of the stock, said proportionate share may be purchased by the other stockholders *pro rata* to their holdings.

6.1.5. If any transfer of stock is made or attempted contrary to the provisions hereof, the Corporation and the other stockholders shall have the same options to purchase all of the stock so transferred or attempted to be transferred under the same terms and conditions provided herein.

Any such offer to transfer shall be deemed to have been made when the Corporation and all of the other stockholders receive actual notice of the transfer or attempted transfer. If the Corporation and the other stockholders do not exercise their respective options regarding such stock, neither the stockholder who transferred or attempted to transfer such stock, nor the transferee or intended transferee shall be required to transfer any of such stock to the Corporation or to the other stockholders. Further, the Corporation may refuse to recognize any transferee as one of its stockholders for any purpose, including, without limitation, for purposes of dividend and voting rights and for purposes of allocation of income, losses, and business expenses, until all applicable provisions hereof have been complied with to the satisfaction of the Corporation.

6.1.6. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing contained herein shall be construed as releasing any such stock from any applicable state or federal laws or regulations concerning transfer of the same. Further, any such stock transferred in accordance with this Agreement shall, to the extent permitted by law, continue to be subject to the terms hereof and the transferee shall be deemed to have consented to the terms of these by-laws. Upon delivery of such stock, such transferee shall be bound hereby and shall, on request of the Corporation, execute such acknowledgment or other documentation as the Corporation may request.



# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

**A. Ralph Mollis**

*Secretary of State*

## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

I, A. RALPH MOLLIS, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations, hereby certify that this document, duly  
executed in accordance with the provisions of Title 7 of the General Laws  
of Rhode Island, as amended, has been filed in this office on this day:

A. RALPH MOLLIS

*Secretary of State*

