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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Office of the Secretary of State
Division of Business Services
148 W. River Street
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SECRETARY OF STATE
CORPORATIONS DIV

BUSINESS CORPORATION

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-1.2-1405 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, the undersigned foreign corporation hereby applies for a Certificate of Authority to transact business in the State of Rhode Island, and for that purpose submits the following statement:

- 1. The name of the corporation is Dick Blick Company
2. It is incorporated under the laws of Delaware
3. The name, if different, which it elects to use in Rhode Island is:

(a) If the name of the corporation in its jurisdiction of incorporation does not contain the word "corporation", "company", "incorporated", or "limited" or an abbreviation thereof, then list the name of the corporation with the addition of one of the above corporate endings for use in Rhode Island:

(b) If the corporate name is not available in Rhode Island, then set forth below the fictitious name under which the corporation will qualify and transact business in Rhode Island as stated in the "Fictitious Business Name Statement" to be filed with this application:

- 4. The date of its incorporation is 12/18/1996 and the period of its duration is perpetual
5. The address of its principal office is 1849 Green Bay Rd Suite 310, Highland Park, IL 60035
6. The address of its proposed registered office in Rhode Island is 450 Veterans Memorial Parkway Suite 7A
East Providence RI 02914 and the name of its proposed registered agent in Rhode Island at that address is CT Corporation System

7. The purpose or purposes which it proposes to pursue in the transaction of business in Rhode Island are: Retail sales of art supplies

8. (a) The names and respective addresses of its directors (optional unless directors are required under the laws of the state or country of which it is incorporated).

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(b) The names and respective addresses of its principal officers (mandatory if directors are not required under the laws of the state or country of which it is incorporated).

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
President	<u>See attachment</u>	_____
Vice President	_____	_____
Treasurer	_____	_____
Secretary	_____	_____

9. The aggregate number of shares which it has authority to issue; itemized by classes, par value of shares, shares without par value, and series, if any, within a class, is:

<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Par Value or Statement that Shares are without Par Value</u>
<u>10,000</u>	<u>Common</u>	_____	<u>\$ 0.01</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

10. (a) \$ 35,547,393 = An estimate of the value of all property to be owned by the corporation for the following year, wherever located.

(b) \$ 0 = An estimate of the value of the corporation's property to be located within Rhode Island during the following year.

(c) 0 % = An estimate, expressed as a percentage, of the proportion that the estimated value of the property of the corporation to be located within this state during the following year bears to the value of all property of the corporation to be owned during the following year, wherever located. (divide (b) by (a) and multiply by 100 to obtain the percentage)

11. (a) \$ 144,221,000 = An estimate of the gross amount of business to be transacted by the corporation during the following year.

(b) \$ 500,000 = An estimate of the gross amount of business to be transacted by the corporation at or from places of business in Rhode Island during the following year.

(c) 0.35 % = An estimate, expressed as a percentage, of the proportion that the gross amount of business to be transacted by the corporation at or from places of business in this state during the following year bears to the gross amount thereof which will be transacted by the corporation during the following year. (divide (b) by (a) and multiply by 100 to obtain the percentage)

12. This application is accompanied by a certificate of Good Standing issued by the proper officer of the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated.

13. This Application for Certificate of Authority shall be effective upon filing unless a specified date is provided which shall be no later than the 90th day after the date of this filing \_\_\_\_\_.

Under penalty of perjury, I declare and affirm that I have examined this Application for Certificate of Authority, including any accompanying attachments, and that all statements contained herein are true and correct.

Date: 7/22/2013

Travis N. Wisser  
Signature of Authorized Officer of the Corporation

TRAVIS N. WISER - DIRECTOR / VICE PRESIDENT / SECRETARY  
Type or Print Name of Authorized Officer

**Officers**

**Robert Buchsbaum**  
**President/CEO/Treasurer**  
**1849 Green Bay Rd Suite 310**  
**Highland Park, IL 60035**

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**John Polillo**  
**Executive Vice President**  
**695 US Highway 150 East**  
**Galesburg, IL 61402**

**Edward Ogorzaly**  
**Vice President/Assistant Secretary**  
**1849 Green Bay Rd Suite 310**  
**Highland Park, IL 60035**

**Nancy Hensel**  
**Vice President – Merchandising**  
**1849 Green Bay Rd Suite 310**  
**Highland Park, IL 60035**

**Travis Wiser**  
**CFO/Secretary**  
**1849 Green Bay Rd Suite 310**  
**Highland Park, IL 60035**

# Delaware

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*The First State*

I, JEFFREY W. BULLOCK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "DICK BLICK COMPANY" IS DULY INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL CORPORATE EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D. 2013.

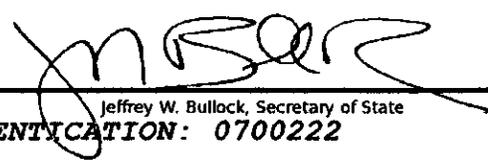
AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE ANNUAL REPORTS HAVE BEEN FILED TO DATE.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE FRANCHISE TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID TO DATE.

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Jeffrey W. Bullock, Secretary of State  
AUTHENTICATION: 0700222

DATE: 08-29-13



# 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 handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Ralph Mollis".

A. RALPH MOLLIS

*Secretary of State*

