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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Office of the Secretary of State
Corporations Division
100 North Main Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903-1335

BUSINESS CORPORATION

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

(To Be Filed In Duplicate Original)

The undersigned acting as incorporator(s) of a corporation under Chapter 7-1.1 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

1. The name of the corporation is Benn & Olsen Engineers, Inc.

(This is a close corporation pursuant to § 7-1.1-51 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended) (Strike if inapplicable)

2. The period of its duration is (if perpetual, so state) Perpetual

3. The specific purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

To provide professional engineering services and any other lawful purpose.

4. The aggregate number of shares which the corporation shall have authority to issue is:

(a) If only one class: Total number of shares 1,000 (If the authorized shares are to consist of one class only state the par value of such shares or a statement that all of such shares are to be without par value.):

No Par Value

or

(b) If more than one class: Total number of shares _____ (State (A) the number of shares of each class thereof that are to have a par value and the par value of each share of each such class, and/or (B) the number of such shares that are to be without par value, and (C) a statement of all or any of the designations and the powers, preferences and rights, including voting rights, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, which are permitted by the provisions of Chapter 7-1.1 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended, in respect of any class or classes of stock of the corporation and the fixing of which by the articles of association is desired, and an express grant of such authority as it may then be desired to grant to the board of directors to fix by vote or votes any thereof that may be desired but which shall not be fixed by the articles.):

(c) See attached.

5. Provisions, if any, dealing with the preemptive right of shareholders pursuant to § 7-1.1-24 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended:

The provisions of Rhode Island General Laws, 1956, as amended, Section 7-1.1-24, are hereby adopted.

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ADDENDUM TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF BENN & OLSEN ENGINEERS, INC.

4(c):

No stock may be pledged as security for any loan by the owner thereof without first having obtained in writing the assent thereto of all the stockholders.

In case any stockholder of this Corporation desires to give all or any part of his shares of stock to another person or entity, he shall first offer the same to the Corporation at book value 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 desires to give and the name of the person or entity to whom they are to be given.

If any stockholder shall at any time desire to sell all or any part of his shares of stock, he 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 desires to sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of, the lowest price at which he is willing to so dispose of, and the name of the person or entity to whom or to which they are to be sold.

Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of any such notice, the Corporation, through its stockholders, exclusive of the stockholder offering the shares to 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 at his usual post office address as stated on the books of the Corporation, a notice in writing, signed by the Secretary or Treasurer, or such other officer, of the election of the Corporation to purchase such stock. 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.

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.

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.

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. To the extent that the provisions of this Article 4(c) may be inconsistent with or in conflict with any stock transfer restriction agreement(s) which may be entered into and/or amended from time to time between the stockholders, the Corporation, or any combination thereof, copies of which agreement(s) shall be on file with the Secretary of the Corporation, the terms of any such agreement(s) shall supersede the provisions of this Article 4(c) as to any and all parties to such agreement(s).

SIXTH. Provisions (if any) for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Corporation:

(a) To guarantee any bonds, securities or evidences of indebtedness created by or dividends on or certain amount per share in liquidation of the capital stock of any other corporation or corporations created by this state or by any other state, country, nation or government, provided such other corporation is formed for purposes similar to the purposes of this corporation or is engaged in the same or a substantially similar business or transacts business with this corporation or is owned or controlled by the same or substantially similar interests; but nothing herein contained shall authorize this corporation to carry on the business of a surety or indemnity company.

(b) To guarantee in any way permitted by law the performance of any of the contracts or other undertakings in which the corporation may otherwise be or become interested, of any corporation, association, partnership, firm, trustee, syndicate, individual, government, state, municipality, or other political or governmental division or subdivision, domestic or foreign as may be permitted by law, AND/OR,

(c) To promote or assist, financially or otherwise, corporations, syndicates, partnerships, trusts, trustees, individuals or associations of all kinds and to give any guaranty in connection therewith for the payment of money or for the performance of any obligation or undertaking.

(d) R.I.G.L. Section 7-1.1-30.3, 1956, as amended, is hereby adopted.

(e) The corporation or any subsidiary or affiliated company thereof shall indemnify and hold harmless each person (and his heirs, administrators and executors) who shall serve at any time hereafter as a director or officer of the corporation or any subsidiary or affiliated company thereof, from and against any and all claims and liabilities to which such person shall become subject by reason of his having heretofore or hereafter been a director or officer of the corporation or any subsidiary or affiliated company thereof, or by reason of any action alleged to have been heretofore or hereafter taken or omitted by him as such director or officer, and shall reimburse each such person for all legal and other expenses reasonably incurred by him in connection with any such claim of liability; provided, however, that no such person shall be indemnified against or be reimbursed for, any expense incurred in connection with any claim or liability arising out of his own negligence or willful misconduct.

The rights accruing to any person under the foregoing provisions of this Article shall not exclude any other right to which he may be lawfully entitled, nor shall anything herein contained restrict the right of the corporation to indemnify or reimburse such person in any proper case even though not specifically herein provided for. The corporation, its directors, officers, employees and agents shall be fully protected in taking any action or making any payment under this Article, or in refusing so to do, in reliance upon the advice of counsel.

6. Provisions, if any, for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation:

See attached.

7. The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 55 Dorrance Street

(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

Dante J. Giammarco, Esquire

(Name of Agent)

8. The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors of the corporation is Zero (0) and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first annual meeting of shareholders or until their successors are elected and shall qualify are: (If this is a close corporation pursuant to Section 7-1.1-51 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended, and there shall be no board of directors, state the titles of the initial officers of the corporation and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as officers until the first annual meeting of shareholders or until their successors be elected and qualify.)

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
President	Harry A. Benn, Jr.	81 Beachwood Drive, No., Kingstown, RI 02852
Vice President	Stephen F. Olsen	1013 East Street, Mansfield, MA 02048
Secretary	Stephen F. Olsen	same as above
Treasurer	Stephen F. Olsen	same as above

9. The name and address of each incorporator is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Dante J. Giammarco, Esquire	55 Dorrance Street, Providence, RI 02903
Girard R. Visconti, Esquire	55 Dorrance Street, Providence, RI 02903

10. Date when corporate existence is to begin Immediately upon acceptance of these articles for filing.
(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these articles of incorporation)

Date: 10/17/01

Dante J. Giammarco, Esquire
Dante J. Giammarco, Esquire

Girard R. Visconti, Esquire
Girard R. Visconti, Esquire

Signature of each Incorporator

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

COUNTY OF PROVIDENCE

In Providence, on this 17th day of October, 2001, personally appeared before me Dante J. Giammarco and Girard R. Visconti each and all known to me and known by me to be the parties executing the foregoing instrument, and they severally acknowledged said instrument by them subscribed to be their free act and deed.

Lisa Norato

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8/5/05

PROPOSAL FOR ASCE SPONSORED PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE
Underwritten by: Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's Of London

Claims-Made Coverage

Applicant: Ben & Olsen Engineers, Inc.
Reference #: OL837555

Proposed Effective Date: 10/08/01
Quotation Date: October 8, 2001
Quotation Valid Until: 10/22/01

QUOTE SUMMARY

Limit of Liability Per Claim/ Annual Aggregate	Additional Defense Limit	Per Claim Deductible	Total Additional Premium	*Retroactive/Prior Acts Date
\$500,000/\$500,000	N/A	\$5,000	\$3,521	10/08/01

*Retroactive/Prior Acts Date: This means that there will be no coverage for any claims arising from acts which took place on or prior to the specific date shown above.

I/We accept the terms indicated above and wish to pay the additional premium.



Full Additional Premium

(my/our check for the full additional premium is enclosed)

ACCEPTANCE

To accept the terms offered above, please sign, date below, and return this form and your appropriate premium in the enclosed envelope to our office by the quotation valid date shown above. Underwriters reserve the right to change or withdraw the terms offered anytime prior to the proposed effective date if changes material to the application are presented.



Signature of Owner, Partner, or Officer of the Firm

10-9-01

Date

Seabury & Smith, Inc.
1776 West Lakes Parkway ■ West Des Moines, Iowa 50398
Bus: 1-800-435-7931 Fax: 1-515-365-3043

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GENERAL PURPOSE ENDORSEMENT

Insured	Evidence Number	Endorsement Number	Effective Date
BENN AND OLSEN ENGINEERS, INC.	0005488	1	10/08/01 12:01 A.M.

In consideration of the premium paid, it is hereby understood and agreed that Item # 4, Retroactive Date, of the Schedule is amended to read:

ITEM 4. RETROACTIVE DATE: 10/08/01 FOR BENN AND OLSEN ENGINEERS, INC.
04/15/00 FOR STEPHEN OLSEN INDIVIDUALLY.
09/20/00 FOR HARRY A. BENN JR., P.E. INDIVIDUALLY.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

Steven E. Linton

Authorized Representative

ADDITIONAL NAMED INSURED ENDORSEMENT

Insured Benn & Olsen Engineers, Inc.	Evidence Number 0005488	Endorsement Number 2	Effective Date 10/08/01 12:01 A.M. Standard Time)
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In consideration of the premium paid, it is hereby understood and agreed that the Named Insured shown in Item #1 of the Schedule is amended to include the following:

Stephen Olsen
Harry A. Benn, Jr, PE

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

Stann E. Liston

Authorized Representative



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1 CAPITOL HILL, 3rd FLOOR, PROVIDENCE, R.I. 02908-5860

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28 November 2001

BENN & OLSEN ENGINEERS, INC.

81 BEACHWOOD DRIVE

N. KINGSTOWN, RI 02852

Dear Sir/Madam:

Your request for issuance of a Certificate of Authorization has been reviewed and approved by the Rhode Island Board of Registration for Professional Engineers at their meeting on **November 27, 2001**. In accordance with the procedures adopted by this Board, you are requested to provide the following information.

The document requested by the Board is a **CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING**, not Certificate of Authority, issued by the Rhode Island Secretary of State's Office, indicating that at the present time your corporate entity is in good standing insofar as registration procedures required by the Secretary of State's Office. The Board is requesting that the **original certificate of such notice be provided within 60 days. A copy of this letter must accompany your certificate of authority application, along with the required fee for a certificate of good standing, to the Secretary of State's office.**

You can contact the Secretary of State's Office by calling (401) 222-3040. Ask for corporations and explain you need the necessary papers to become registered in the State of Rhode Island.

Upon receipt of this **CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING**, the Board will issue your Certificate of Authorization. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this Board through its secretary or legal counsel.

Please be advised that until receipt of this CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING your application is considered incomplete and you are not authorized to practice engineering in the state of Rhode Island.

Very truly yours,

Board of Registration for Professional Engineers

L. Robert Smith, PE
Secretary

LRS/im

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