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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
CORPORATIONS DIVISION
100 NORTH MAIN STREET
PROVIDENCE, RI 02903-1335
BUSINESS CORPORATION

67499
Corp. I.D. # 06-0611847

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY OF

The Simons Company

To the Secretary of State
of the State of Rhode Island

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-1.1-103 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended, the undersigned 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:

FIRST: The name of the corporation is The Simons Company ^(ab)

SECOND: The name which it elects to use in Rhode Island is The Simons Company

(If the name of the corporation does not contain the word "corporation," "company," "incorporated," or "limited," or an abbreviation of one of such words, insert the name of the corporation with the word or abbreviation which it elects to add thereto for use in Rhode Island)

THIRD: It is incorporated under the laws of New Hampshire

FOURTH: The date of its incorporation is 3/13/86 and the period of its duration is indefinite

FIFTH: The address of its principal office in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated is 1000 E. Industrial Park, Manchester, NH 03109

SIXTH: The address of its proposed registered office in Rhode Island is 176 Union Ave., Providence, R.I. and the name of its proposed registered agent in Rhode Island at that address is Dennis C. Redden III

Signature

SEVENTH: The purpose or purposes which it proposes to pursue in the transaction of business in Rhode Island are Wholesale of Plumbing and Heating Supplies

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EIGHTH The names and respective addresses of its directors and officers are:

Name	Office	Address
Dennis C. Redden, Jr.	Director	11 Uplands Dr, W. Hartford, CT 06107
Floran J. Boland	Director	41 Rosedale Rd, W. Hartford, CT 06107
Katherine R. Zodda	Director	14 Deepwood Lane, W. Hartford, CT 06107
Floran J. Boland	President	41 Rosedale Rd, W. Hartford, CT 06107
Dennis C. Redden Jr	Vice President	11 Uplands Dr, W. Hartford, CT 06107
Katherine R. Zodda	Secretary	14 Deepwood Lane, W. Hartford, CT 06107
Katherine R. Zodda	Treasurer	14 Deepwood Lane, W. Hartford, CT 06107

NINTH 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:

Number of Shares	Class	Series	Par Value per Share or Statement that Shares are without Par Value
10,000	Common Stock		10.00

TENTH The aggregate number of its issued shares, itemized by classes, par value of shares, shares without par value, and series, if any, within a class, is:

Number of Shares	Class	Series	Par Value per Share or Statement that Shares are without Par Value
7,118	Common Stock		10.00

ELEVENTH An estimate of the value of all property to be owned by it for the following year, wherever located, is \$ 5,800,000.

TWELFTH An estimate of the value of its property to be located within Rhode Island during such year is \$ 691,000.

THIRTEENTH An estimate of the gross amount of business to be transacted by it during such year is \$ 1,700,000.

FOURTEENTH An estimate of the gross amount of business to be transacted by it at or from places of business in Rhode island during such year is \$ 1,700,000.

FIFTEENTH This application is accompanied by a copy of its articles of incorporation and all amendments thereto, duly authenticated by the proper officer of the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated.

Dated 5-12 1997

The Simons Company

[Exact Corporate Name of corporation Making Application]

By Horan Beland

Its President

and Kathleen Zadda

Its Secretary

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COUNTY OF Hartford } Sc.

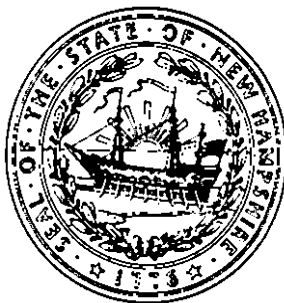
AT 2035 Broad St in said County on the 12 day
of April 1997, before me personally appeared Horan Beland
Kathleen Zadda, who being by me first duly sworn, declared that
he/she is the President & Secretary of The Simons Company,
that he/she signed the foregoing document as such The Simons Company of the
corporation, and that the statements therein contained are true.

Rosemary Deuphila
Notary Public July 31, 2001

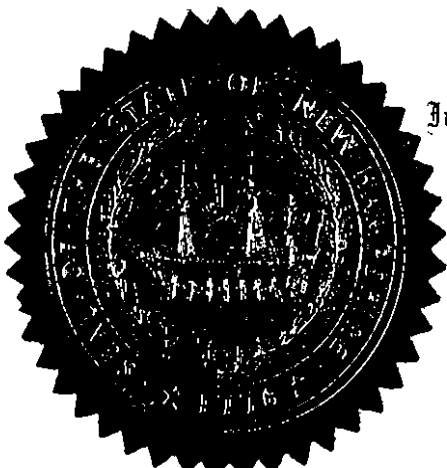
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State of New Hampshire

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE



I, ROBERT P. AMBROSE, Deputy Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that the following and hereto attached is a true copy of the Articles of Incorporation of THE SIMONS COMPANY, INC. as filed in this office and held in the custody of the Secretary of State.



In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Seal of the State, at Concord, this 24th day of June A.D. 19 97

Robert P. Ambrose

Deputy Secretary of State

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