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# State of Rhode Island Department of State - Business Services Division

# Application for Articles of Merger

DOMESTIC or FOREIGN Business Corporation, Partnership, Limited Liability Company or Non-Profit Corporation

→ Business Corporation Filing Fee: \$100.00

→ Limited Liability Company Fee: \$100.00

→ Partnership Fee: \$50.00

→ Non-Profit Corporation Fee: \$25.00

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	ovisions of RIGL Title $\underline{7}$ , the undersigned entities submissolidation $\square$ for the purpose of merging or consolidation.				
SECTION I: TO I	BE COMPLETED BY ALL MERGING OR CONSOLI	DATING ENTITIES			
	type (for example, business corporation, non-profit co e merging or consolidating entities and the state unde		any, partnership,		
ENTITY ID	NAME OF ENTITY	TYPE OF ENTITY	STATE *under which entity is organized		
000009132	Pusterla US, Inc.	Corporation	Rhode Islan		
	Pusterla 1880 North America Corp	Corporation	Delaware		
b. The laws of the	state under which each entity is organized permit su	ch merger or consolidation.			
c. The full name o	of the surviving entity is:				
Pusterla US, II	nc.				
which is to be gov	verned by the laws of the state of:				
Rhode Island					
d. The attached Plan of Merger or Consolidation was duly authorized, approved, and executed by each entity in the manner prescribed by the laws of the state under which each entity is organized. A Plan of Merger or Consolidation MUST be attached.					
e. If the surviving	entity's name has been amended via the merger, plea	ase state the new name:			
surviving or new of served with proce is a party to the m	or new entity is to be governed by the laws of a state of entity is not qualified to conduct business in the state of ess in Rhode Island in any proceeding for the enforcent erger or consolidation; (ii) irrevocably appoints the Settion, suit, or proceeding; and (iii) the address to which	of Rhode Island, the entity agre nent of any obligation of any do ecretary of State as its agent to	es that it: (i) may be omestic entity which accept service of		

MAIL TO:

**Division of Business Services** 

to it by the Secretary of State is:

148 W. River Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02904-2615

Phone: (401) 222-3040 Website: www.sos.ri.gov **FILED** 

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g. Date when these Articles of Merger or Consolidation will be effective: CHECK ONE BOX ONLY
Date received (Upon filing)  May 1, 2025
Later effective date (see instructions)
SECTION II: TO BE COMPLETED ONLY IF ONE OR MORE OF THE MERGING OR CONSOLIDATING ENTITIES IS A BUSINESS CORPORATION PURSUANT TO RIGL CHAPTER 7-1,2.
a. If the surviving or new entity is to be governed by the laws of a state other than the State of Rhode Island, such surviving or new entity hereby agrees that it will promptly pay to the dissenting shareholders of any domestic corporation the amount, if any, to which they shall be entitled under the provisions of RIGL Chapter 7-1.2.
b. The corporation certifies that it has no outstanding tax obligations. As required by RIGL § 7-1,2-1309, the corporation has paid all fees and taxes. [Note: Tax status can be verified by emailing tax.collections@tax.ri.gov]
c. Complete the following subparagraphs i and ii only if the merging business corporation is a subsidiary corporation of the surviving corporation.
i) The name of the subsidiary corporation is:
ii) The date a copy of the plan of merger was mailed to shareholders of the subsidiary corporation is (such date shall not be less than 30 days from the date of filing):
SECTION III: TO BE COMPLETED ONLY IF ONE OR MORE OF THE MERGING OR CONSOLIDATING ENTITIES IS A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION PURSUANT TO RIGL CHAPTER <u>7-6</u> .
a. If the members of any merging or consolidating non-profit corporation are entitled to vote thereon, attach a statement for each such non-profit corporation which sets forth the date of the meeting of members at which the Plan of Merger or Consolidation was adopted, that a quorum was present at the meeting, and that the plan received at least a majority of the votes which members present at the meeting or represented by proxy were entitled to cast; OR attach a statement for each such non-profit corporation which states that the plan was adopted by a consent in writing signed by all members entitled to vote with respect thereto.
b. If any merging or consolidating corporation has no members, or no members entitled to vote thereon, then as to each such non-profit corporation attach a statement which states the date of the meeting of the board of directors at which the plan was adopted, and a statement of the fact that the plan received the vote of a majority of the directors in office.
SECTION IV: APPLICABLE ONLY IF ONE OR MORE OF THE MERGING OR CONSOLIDATING ENTITIES IS A PARTNERSHIP PURSUANT TO RIGL CHAPTER 7-13.1 or 7-12.1.
a. The partnership certifies that it has no outstanding tax obligations. As required by RIGL <u>7-13,1-213</u> and <u>7-12,1-914</u> , the partnership has paid all fees and taxes. [Note: Tax status can be verified by emailing tax.collections@tax.ri.gov.]
SECTION V: APPLICABLE ONLY IF ONE OR MORE OF THE MERGING OR CONSOLIDATING ENTITIES IS A

a. The limited liability company certifies that it has no outstanding tax obligations. As required by RIGL § 7-16-8, the limited liability company has paid all fees and taxes. [Note: Tax status can be verified by emailing tax.collections@tax.ri.gov]

SECTION VI: TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL MERGING OR CONSOLIDATING ENTITIES						
Under penalty of perjury, we declare and affirm that we have examined these Articles of Merger or Consolidation, including any accompanying attachments, and that all statements contained herein are true and correct.						
Type or Print Entity Name						
Pusterla US, Inc.						
Type or Print Name of Person Signing	Title of Person Signing					
Laura Brodie CEO						
Signature	I	Date				
Signed by:		4/3/25				
Laura A. Brodie		110720				
Type or Print Name of Person Signing	Title of Person of Signing					
Signature		Date				
Type or Print Entity Name						
Pusterla 1880 North America Corp						
Type or Print Name of Person Signing	Title of Person Signing	le of Person Signing				
Luca Meana	President					
Signature — DocuSigned by:		Date				
Mon- 8760-DGE 28E 80400	4/3/25					
Type or Print Name of Person Signing						
Signature		Date				

#### AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

This Agreement and Plan of Merger (this "Agreement"), dated as of April 3, 2025, by and between Pusterla US, Inc., a Rhode Island corporation (the "Acquiror"), and Pusterla 1880 North America Corp, a Delaware corporation (the "Company").

## RECITALS

- A. The respective Boards of Directors of the Acquiror and the Company have each approved and adopted this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, in each case after making a determination that this Agreement and such transactions are advisable and fair to, and in the best interests of, such corporation and its stockholders:
- B. Pursuant to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, the Company, in accordance with the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL") and the Rhode Island Business Corporation Act (the "RIBCA"), will merge with and into the Acquiror, with the Acquiror as the surviving corporation (the "Merger"); and
- C. For US federal income tax purposes, the parties intend that the Merger qualify as a tax-free reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, terms and conditions set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:
- 1. Merger. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, and in accordance with Section 252 of the DGCL and Part 10 Merger; Conversion of the RIBCA, the Company shall be merged with and into the Acquiror at the Effective Time (as hereinafter defined). Following the Effective Time, the separate corporate existence of the Company shall cease, and the Acquiror shall continue as the surviving corporation (the "Surviving Corporation"). The effects and consequences of the Merger shall be as set forth in this Agreement, the RIBCA and the DGCL.

## 2. Effective Time.

- (a) Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, on the date hereof, the parties shall duly prepare, execute and file
  - (i) a certificate of merger (the "Certificate of Merger") complying with Section 252(c) of the DGCL with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware with respect to the Merger.
  - (ii) The articles of merger (the "Articles of Merger") complying with Section 7-1.2-1002 of the RIBCA with the Rhode Island Secretary of State with respect to the Merger.

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- (b) The Merger shall become effective as of May 1, 2025 (the "Effective Time").
- (c) The Merger shall have the effects set forth in the DGCL, including without limitation, Section 259 of the DGCL and Part 10 of the RIBCA. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, from the Effective Time: (i) all the properties, rights, privileges, immunities, powers and franchises of the Company shall vest in the Acquiror, as the Surviving Corporation, and (ii) all debts, liabilities, obligations and duties of the Acquiror, as the Surviving Corporation.
- 3. Organizational Documents. The by-laws of the Acquiror in effect at the Effective Time shall be the by-laws of the Surviving Corporation until thereafter amended as provided therein or by applicable law, and the certificate of incorporation of the Acquiror in effect at the Effective Time, as amended pursuant to the Certificate of Merger, shall be the certificate of incorporation of the Surviving Corporation until thereafter amended as provided therein or by applicable law.
- 4. <u>Directors and Officers</u>. The directors and officers of the Acquiror immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be the directors of the Surviving Corporation from and after the Effective Time and shall hold office until the earlier of their respective death, resignation or removal or their respective successors are duly elected or appointed and qualified in the manner provided for in the certificate of incorporation and by-laws of the Surviving Corporation or as otherwise provided by applicable law.
- 5. <u>Conversion of Securities</u>. At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of the Acquiror or the Company or the holders of shares of capital stock of the Company:
- (a) each share of common stock of the Company, no par value (the "Company Common Stock"), issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time, other than Dissenting Shares (as hereinafter defined), shall be converted into the right to receive one validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable share of common stock, no par value, of the Surviving Corporation (the "Surviving Corporation Common Stock"):
- (b) each share of Company Common Stock that is owned by the Acquiror or the Company (as treasury stock or otherwise) will automatically be canceled and retired and will cease to exist, and no consideration will be delivered in exchange therefor; and
- (c) each share of capital stock of Acquiror issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall remain outstanding following the consummation of the Merger.
- 6. <u>Dissenting Shares</u>. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, including Section 5, shares of Company Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time and held by a holder who has not voted in favor of adoption of this Agreement or consented thereto in writing and who has properly exercised appraisal rights of such shares of Company Common Stock in accordance with Section 262 of the DGCL (such shares being referred to collectively as the "Dissenting Shares" until such time as such holder fails to perfect or otherwise loses such holder's appraisal rights under the DGCL with

respect to such shares) shall not be converted into a right to receive shares of Surviving Corporation Common Stock, but instead shall be entitled to only such rights as are granted by Section 262 of the DGCL; provided, however, that if, after the Effective Time, such holder fails to perfect, withdraws or loses such holder's right to appraisal pursuant to Section 262 of the DGCL or if a court of competent jurisdiction shall determine that such holder is not entitled to the relief provided by Section 262 of the DGCL, such shares of Company Common Stock shall be treated as if they had been converted as of the Effective Time into the right to receive Surviving Corporation Common Stock in accordance with Section 5, without interest thereon, upon surrender of such Certificates (as hereinafter defined) formerly representing such shares pursuant to Section 7 below.

- 7. Stock Certificates. Upon surrender by the stockholders of the Company of the certificate or certificates (the "Certificates") that immediately prior to the Effective Time evidenced outstanding shares of Company Common Stock to Acquiror for cancellation, together with a duly executed letter of transmittal and such other documents as Acquiror shall require, the holder of such Certificates shall be entitled to receive in exchange therefor one or more shares of Surviving Corporation Common Stock representing, in the aggregate, the whole number of shares that such holder has the right to receive pursuant to Section 5 after taking into account all shares of Company Common Stock then held by such holder. Each Certificate surrendered pursuant to the previous sentence shall forthwith be canceled. Until so surrendered and exchanged, each such Certificate shall, after the Effective Time, be deemed to represent only the right to receive shares of Surviving Corporation Common Stock pursuant to Section 5, and until such surrender or exchange, no such shares of Surviving Corporation Common Stock shall be delivered to the holder of such outstanding Certificate in respect thereof.
- 8. Submission to Service of Process. The Surviving Corporation agrees that it may be served with process in the State of Delaware in any proceeding for enforcement of any obligation of any constituent corporation of Delaware, as well as the enforcement of any obligation of the Surviving Corporation arising from this merger, including any suit or other proceeding to enforce the rights of any stockholders as determined in appraisal proceedings pursuant to the provisions of Section 262 of the DGCL, and irrevocably appoints the Secretary of State of Delaware as its agent to accept services of process in any such suit or proceeding. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process to the surviving corporation at 293 Child Street, Warren, RI 02885.
- 9. Entire Agreement. This Agreement together with the Certificate of Merger constitutes the sole and entire agreement of the parties to this Agreement with respect to the subject matter contained herein, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings, representations and warranties, and agreements, both written and oral, with respect to such subject matter.
- 10. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.
- 11. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever, under or by reason of this Agreement.

- 12. <u>Headings</u>. The headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.
- 13. Amendment and Modification; Waiver. This Agreement may only be amended, modified or supplemented by an agreement in writing signed by each party hereto. No waiver by any party of any of the provisions hereof shall be effective unless explicitly set forth in writing and signed by the party so waiving. Except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, no failure to exercise, or delay in exercising, any rights, remedy, power or privilege arising from this Agreement shall operate or be construed as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege.
- 14. <u>Severability</u>. If any term or provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other term or provision of this Agreement or invalidate or render unenforceable such term or provision in any other jurisdiction. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible in a mutually acceptable manner in order that the transactions contemplated hereby be consummated as originally contemplated to the greatest extent possible.
- 15. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Delaware without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of Delaware or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than those of the State of Delaware.
- 16. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, email or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

PUSTERLA US, INC.

By: Laura l. Brodic

Name: Laura A. Brodie

Title: CEO

PUSTERLA 1880 NORTH AMERICA CORP

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Name: Luca Meana

Title: President

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I, GREGG M. AMORE, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island,
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:

April 07, 2025 12:04 PM

Gregg M. Amore Secretary of State

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