

The State of South Carolina

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

CHARTER BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WHEREAS,

T. CHARLES GOWER, JOHN R. NORRIS AND WALLACE HOPKINS All of Greenville, S. C.

did on the 17th day of May, 1948, file with the Secretary of State a written Declaration, signed by themselves, setting forth:

FIRST: That their names and residences are as above given.

SECOND: That the name of the proposed corporation is GOWER MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

THIRD: That the principal place of business is GREENVILLE, S. C.

FOURTH: That the general nature of the business which it is proposed to do is To buy, sell, trade, manufacture, deal in and deal with goods, wares and merchandise of every kind and nature, and to carry on such business as wholesalers, retailers, importers, and exporters to acquire all such merchandise, supplies, materials and other articles as shall be necessary or incidental to such business; to hold, acquire, mortgage, lease and convey real estate and personal property in any part of the world, so far as necessary or expedient in conducting the business of the corporation; and to have any and all powers above set forth as fully as natural persons, whether as principals, agents, trustees or otherwise.

FIFTH: That the amount of the capital stock is Twenty-one Thousand (\$21,000.00) Dollars payable in cash and assets.

SIXTH: That the number of shares into which the capital stock is divided is two hundred ten (210) of the par value of One Hundred (\$100.00) - - - - - Dollars.

SEVENTH: That, after due notice, a meeting of the subscribers was held on the 7th day of May, 1948, at which a majority of all stock in value being present in person or by proxy, the following were elected directors: T. Charles Gower, Mrs. T. Charles Gower, John R. Norris, and Wallace Hopkins

EIGHTH: That subsequently there was elected as President, T. Charles Gower ; as Vice-President, ; as Secretary, Mrs. T. Charles Gower ; as Treasurer, T. Charles Gower

NINTH: That all requirements of Article 2, Chapter 153, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1942, and all amendments thereto have been duly and fully complied with, 50 per cent. of the aggregate amount of the capital stock having been subscribed by bona fide subscribers, 20 per cent. of the capital stock subscribed having been paid to the Treasurer, and three days' public notice of the intention to file this Declaration with the Secretary of State having been given in Greenville Piedmont a newspaper published in the County of Greenville

NOW, THEREFORE, I, O. FRANK THORNTON, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the aforesaid Code and Acts amendatory thereto, do hereby certify that the said Company has been fully organized according to the laws of South Carolina, under the name and for the purposes indicated in their written declaration, and that they are fully authorized to commence business under their charter; and I do hereby direct that a copy of this certificate be filed and recorded in the office of the Register of Mesne Conveyance or Clerk of Court in each county where such Corporation shall have a business office.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the State, at Columbia, this 17th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight and in the one hundred and seventy-second year of the Independence of the United States of America.

(Signed) W. P. Blackwell Secretary of State.

(SEAL) CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY. DECEMBER 6, 1950. O. Frank Thornton Secretary of State

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