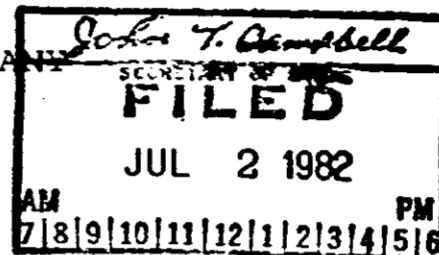


ARTICLES OF MERGER
OF
THE NUT & BOLT HOUSE, INC.
WITH AND INTO
PIEDMONT WELDING SUPPLY COMPANY

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The undersigned domestic and foreign corporations, do hereby execute the following Articles of Merger for the purposes of merging THE NUT & BOLT HOUSE, INC., a South Carolina corporation, with and into PIEDMONT WELDING SUPPLY COMPANY, a North Carolina corporation which owns all of the issued and outstanding stock of THE NUT & BOLT HOUSE, INC.:

1. The name of each of the undersigned corporations and the state in which each is incorporated is as follows:

<u>Name of Corporation</u>	<u>State of Incorporation</u>
PIEDMONT WELDING SUPPLY COMPANY	North Carolina
THE NUT & BOLT HOUSE, INC.	South Carolina

2. The name of the surviving corporation after the merger will be PIEDMONT WELDING SUPPLY COMPANY.

3. This merger is permitted under the laws of the States of North Carolina and South Carolina, and PIEDMONT WELDING SUPPLY COMPANY has complied with the applicable provisions of the laws of the State of North Carolina, and THE NUT & BOLT HOUSE, INC. has

Date JUL 2 1982

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY
AS TAKEN FROM AND COMPARED WITH THE
ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

John T. Campbell

SECRETARY OF STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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