

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

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James S. King, being the President and K. S. Mundy,  
being the Secretary of PIEDMONT WELDING SUPPLY COMPANY, each  
being duly sworn, depose and say that they signed the foregoing  
Articles of Merger in the capacities indicated, they are  
authorized so to sign, and that the facts stated therein are  
true and correct.

Subscribed and sworn to  
me this 30th day of June,  
1982.

*Paul M. Burch*  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

*Mar 17, 1985*

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Drawn by and deliver to:

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