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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

James S. King, being the President and Thomas C. Stevenson, III, being the Secretary of PIEDMONT WELDING SUPPLY COMPANY, each being duly sworn, depose and say that they have read and understood the meaning and purport of the statements contained in the foregoing ARTICLES OF MERGER, they signed the foregoing ARTICLES OF MERGER in the capacities indicated, they are authorized so to sign, and the statements therein are true and correct.

James S. King
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Thomas C. Stevenson, III
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Subscribed and sworn to me
this 22 day of Nov,
1983.

Ralph W. Bennett
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
Nov. 17 1985

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