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I, Lewis A. Massey, the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, do hereby certify under the seal of my office that

Effective October 16, 1997, RHONE MERIEUX, INC., a Georgia corporation, filed articles of amendment changing the name of the corporation to MERIAL, INC.

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