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James F. Donato



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Signature

Date Signed

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I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF MERGER, WHICH MERGES:

"HCIA INC.", A MARYLAND CORPORATION,

WITH AND INTO "VS&A-HCIA, L.L.C." UNDER THE NAME OF "HCIA, L.L.C.", A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, AS RECEIVED AND FILED IN THIS OFFICE THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 1999, AT 9 O'CLOCK A.M.



*Harriet Smith Windsor*

Secretary of State

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CERTIFICATE OF MERGER  
OF  
HCIA INC.  
INTO  
VS&A-HCIA, L. L. C.

The undersigned Delaware limited liability company formed and existing under and by virtue of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, 6 Del. C §18-101, et seq. (the "Act"),

DOES HEREBY CERTIFY:

FIRST: The name and state of domicile and jurisdiction of formation or organization of each of the constituent entities that are to merge are as follows:

Name	State of Domicile and Jurisdiction of <u>Formation or Organization</u>
HCIA Inc.	Maryland
VS&A-HCIA, L. L. C.	Delaware

SECOND: An Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (as amended, the "Merger Agreement") has been duly approved, adopted, certified, executed and acknowledged by each of the constituent parties in accordance with Section 18-209 of the Act and subsection (c) of section 264 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "GCL").

THIRD: The name of the surviving entity of the merger is VS&A-HCIA, L. L. C. formed under the laws of the State of Delaware, which will continue its existence as the surviving limited liability company under the name HCIA, L.L.C. upon the effective time of the Merger.

FOURTH: The merger of HCIA Inc. into VS&A-HCIA, L. L. C. shall be effective upon the filing of this Certificate of Merger with the Secretary of State of Delaware.

FIFTH: The executed Merger Agreement is on file at the principal place of business of the surviving Delaware limited liability company, the address of which is 300 East Lombard Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

SIXTH: A copy of the Merger Agreement will be furnished by the surviving Delaware limited liability company, on request and without cost, to any member of VS&A-HCIA, L. L. C. or any person holding an interest in HCIA Inc.

**SEVENTH:** The surviving limited liability company hereby amends Paragraph First of the Certificate of Formation, relating to the corporate name of VS&A-HCIA, L. L. C., to read, in its entirety, as follows:

1. The name of the limited liability company is HCIA, L.L.C. (the "Company").

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** this Certificate has been executed on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1999, by the undersigned.

**VS&A-HCIA, L. L. C.**

By: /s/ S. Gerard Benford  
S. Gerard Benford  
Vice President

**HCIA INC.**

By: /s/ Charles A. Berardesco  
Charles A. Berardesco  
Senior Vice President

February 4, 2003

***Via Express Mail***

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Re: Recordation of Merger

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a Trademark Recordation Form Cover Sheet to record the following:

- 1) Merger of HCIA Inc. with and into VS&A, L.L.C. under the name of HCIA, L.L.C. affecting eight (8) U.S. Trademark Registrations and one (1) application.

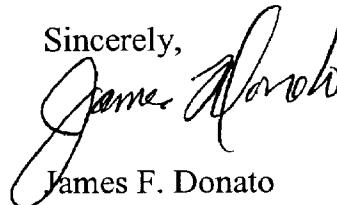
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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

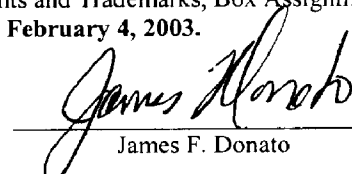


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