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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks. Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Amerus Financial Services, Inc.

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: Lartec Investment Co.

Internal Address:

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment Merger
- Security Agreement Change of Name
- Other

Execution Date: November 18, 1996

Street Address: 4949 Westtown Parkway, STE. 245

City: Des Moines State: Iowa

ZIP: 50266

Country: USA

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No
Designation of Domestic Representative attached?

4. Application number(s) or registration number(s)

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is _____.

A. Trademark Application No.(s)

B. Trademark Registration No.(s)

2,117,842

2,119,594

2,119,596

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: Monica Richman, Esq.

BROWN RAYSMAN MILLSTEIN FELDER & STEINER LLP

900 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10022
(212) 895-2000

6. Total number of applications and registrations involved: 3

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41):..... \$ 90.00

- Check enclosed
- Authorized to be charged to deposit account

8. Deposit account number: 502312
(Attach duplicate copy of this page by deposit account)

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9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document

Monica Richman

Monica B. Richman

December 1, 2003

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Signature

Date

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ARTICLES OF MERGER
OF
AMERUS FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
INTO
LARTNEC INVESTMENT CO.

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Pursuant to §1105 of the Iowa Business Corporation Act, the undersigned corporations adopt the following articles of merger.

1. That attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A" is the Plan of Merger (the "Plan") whereby AmerUs Financial Services, Inc. ("AFS") will be merged with and into Lartnec Investment Co. ("LICO"). The name of the surviving corporation shall be Lartnec Investment Co.
- 2A. At a special meeting of the shareholders of AFS, duly called and held on November 18, 1996, at which meeting all of the shareholders were present and voted unanimously for adoption of the Plan.
- 2B. At a special meeting of the shareholders of LICO, duly called and held on November 18, 1996, at which meeting all of the shareholders were present and voted unanimously for adoption of the Plan.
3. The effective date and time of this document shall be 11:00 a.m., on November 18, 1996.

(Signatures to follow on Page 2.)

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Exhibit "A"
PLAN OF MERGER

THIS PLAN OF MERGER (the "Plan") dated as of this 18th day of November, 1996, for the merger of AMERUS FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., an Iowa corporation, having its principal office at 418 6th Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309 ("AFS") and LARTNEC INVESTMENT CO., an Iowa corporation, having its principal office at 4949 Westown Parkway, Suite 245, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266-1066 ("LICO"). AFS and LICO are hereinafter sometimes collectively called the "Constituent Corporations".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of each of the Constituent Corporations deems it advisable for the welfare and best interests of said corporations that AFS be merged with and into LICO on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto hereby adopt and agree to the following agreements, terms and conditions relating to the merger contemplated hereby (the "Merger") and the mode of carrying the Merger into effect.

1. General.

(a) Merger. At the Effective Time (as defined in subparagraph (f) below), AFS will be merged with and into LICO, as provided herein, in accordance with the laws of the State of Iowa, LICO shall be the surviving corporation of the Merger (in its capacity as surviving corporation being sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Surviving Corporation"). The name of the Surviving Corporation shall be "Lartnec Investment Co.". At the Effective Time, the separate existence of AFS shall cease. All the properties, franchises and chooses in action belonging to AFS, by virtue of the Merger and without further act or deed, shall be deemed to be vested in LICO as the corporation surviving the Merger and LICO shall thenceforth be responsible for all liabilities of AFS.

The Surviving Corporation shall continue to exist by virtue of and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Iowa and shall have all of the rights, privileges, immunities, powers and franchises and shall be subject to all of the duties and liabilities granted or imposed by Chapter 490 of Title XII of the Code of Iowa (1995), and any regulations thereunder; the surviving corporation shall possess all the rights, privileges, immunities, powers and franchises of a public as well as of a private nature of AFS and all property, real, personal and mixed, and all debts due on whatever account, including all chooses in action and all and every other interest of or belonging to or due to AFS shall be taken and deemed to be transferred to and vested in the Surviving Corporation without further act or deed; and the title to any real estate, or interest therein, vested in AFS shall not revert or be in any way impaired by reason of the Merger. The Surviving Corporation shall thenceforth be responsible and liable for all the liabilities and obligations of AFS; and any claim existing or action or proceeding pending by or against AFS may be prosecuted to judgment as if the Merger had

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not taken place, or the Surviving Corporation may be substituted in its place. Neither the rights of creditors nor any liens upon the property of AFS shall be impaired by the Merger, but such liens shall be limited to the property upon which they were liens immediately prior to the Effective Time.

(b) Articles of Incorporation. From the Effective Time, the Articles of Incorporation of LICO as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time shall continue unchanged as the Articles of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation.

(c) By-Laws. From the Effective Time, the By-Laws of LICO as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time shall continue unchanged as the By-Laws of the Surviving Corporation.

(d) Directors. From the Effective Time, the directors of LICO shall continue unchanged until their respective successors have been duly elected and qualified.

(e) Officers. From the Effective Time, the officers of LICO shall continue to serve unchanged at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

(f) Effective Time. The Merger shall become effective as of 11:00 a.m., on November 18, 1996 and Articles of Merger shall be filed pursuant to §490 of the Code of Iowa (1995) with the Secretary of State of the State of Iowa.

2. Further Assurances. From the Effective Time, the officers and directors of LICO are hereby authorized, in the name of the corporations which were the Constituent Corporations of the Merger, to execute, acknowledge and deliver all instruments and to do all acts and things as may, at any time, be deemed necessary or desirable to vest in LICO any property or rights of either of the Constituent Corporations to the Merger or to carry out any of the purposes expressed in this Agreement.

3. Headings. The descriptive headings of the several paragraphs of this Plan of Merger are inserted for convenience only and do not constitute a part of this Plan of Merger.

4. Governing Law. This Plan of Merger shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Iowa.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the Constituent Corporations to this Plan of Merger have caused this instrument to be executed by their respective officers, hereunto duly authorized, as of date and year first written above.

AMERUS FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

By: Jonna La Toure
Jonna LaToure, Vice President

LARTNEC INVESTMENT CO.

By: William C. Knapp II
William C. Knapp II, Vice President

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