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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Evergreen Mills, Inc.

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- Individual(s)
- Association
- General Partnership
- Limited Partnership
- Corporation-State Oklahoma
- Other

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

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment
- Merger
- Security Agreement
- Change of Name
- Other

Execution Date: September 30, 2001

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: Kent Feeds, Inc.

Internal

Address: Law Department

Street Address: 1600 Oregon Street

City: Muscatine State: IA Zip: 52761

- Individual(s) citizenship
- Association
- General Partnership
- Limited Partnership
- Corporation-State Iowa
- Other

If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative designation is attached:  Yes  No  
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Additional name(s) & address(es) attached?  Yes  No

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

A. Trademark Application No. (s) 76/058462

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

Name: Jay S. Huff

Internal Address: Law Department

Kent Feeds, Inc.

Street Address: 1600 Oregon Street

P.O. Box 749

City: Muscatine State: IA Zip: 52761

6. Total number of applications and registrations involved:

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7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$490.00

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9. Statement and signature.

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Jay S. Huff  
Name of Person Signing

November 2, 2001  
Date

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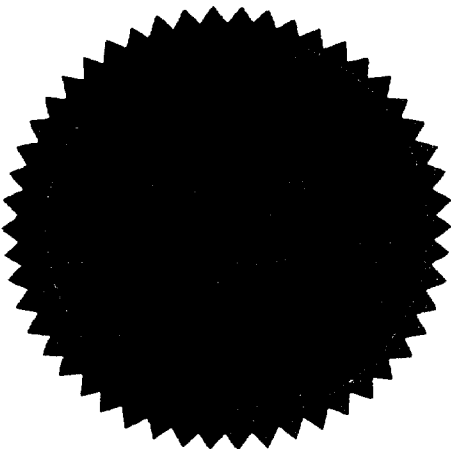
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The Secretary of State acknowledges receipt of the following document:

Articles of Merger

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**ARTICLES AND PLAN OF MERGER**  
**OF**  
**EVERGREEN MILLS, INCORPORATED**  
**(AN OKLAHOMA CORPORATION)**  
**INTO**  
**KENT FEEDS, INC.**  
**(AN IOWA CORPORATION)**

Pursuant to Section 1105 of the Iowa Business Corporation Act, the undersigned corporations adopt the following Articles and Plan of Merger:

1. The parties to these Articles and Plan of Merger are Evergreen Mills, Incorporated, incorporated in the State of Oklahoma, and Kent Feeds, Inc., incorporated in the State of Iowa. Evergreen Mills, Incorporated, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kent Feeds, Inc.
2. The surviving corporation will be Kent Feeds, Inc., an Iowa corporation.
3. The parties have adopted the following Plan of Merger:
  - a. Evergreen Mills, Incorporated, an Oklahoma corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of Kent Feeds, Inc., will be merged into Kent Feeds, Inc., an Iowa corporation, which will be the surviving corporation.
  - b. This plan constitutes a plan of merger in accordance with the Iowa Business Corporation Act and shall be liberally construed to carry out its intent.
  - c. As of the beginning of business on September 30, 2001 ("Effective Date"):
    - (1) All outstanding shares of Evergreen Mills, Incorporated common stock, which is the only class of stock outstanding, will be surrendered and canceled;
    - (2) All assets of Evergreen Mills, Incorporated will be distributed to and become the property of Kent Feeds, Inc., the surviving corporation; and
    - (3) Kent Feeds, Inc., will become responsible and liable for all the liabilities and obligations, whether known or unknown and whether contingent or otherwise, of Evergreen Mills, Incorporated.

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All transactions mentioned in this paragraph (c) will take place automatically and unconditionally as of the beginning of business on the Effective Date, by virtue of this plan, and no other document or act will be required to complete or evidence these transactions.

d. The Articles of Incorporation of the surviving corporation shall be those of Kent Feeds, Inc., as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Date, until changed or amended as provided by Iowa law.

e. The By-laws of the surviving corporation shall be those of Kent Feeds, Inc., as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Date, until changed or amended as provided therein.

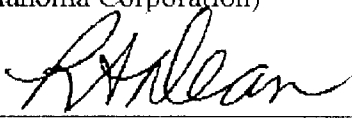
f. Articles of Merger will be executed and filed in accordance with the Iowa Business Corporation Act. The merger will be effective for corporate purposes as of the beginning of business on the Effective Date. However, neither the effectiveness nor the timing of the liquidation and distribution under this plan will be affected by the completion or timing of the merger under the Iowa Business Corporation Act.

g. The officers of both Corporations are severally authorized on behalf of each Corporation to do all acts and things which may be necessary or convenient to carry out the intent of this plan and resolution, including, without limitation, the authority to make, execute, seal, deliver, file, and perform all appropriate contracts, agreements, certificates, documents, and instruments.

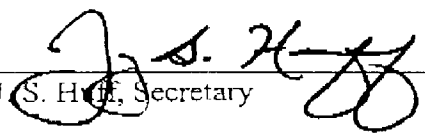
4. A shareholder vote was not required. These Articles and Plan of Merger were duly adopted and approved by the Boards of Directors of Evergreen Mills, Incorporated and Kent Feeds, Inc., in each case by written consent of all Directors in the manner and by the vote required by Iowa law.

Signed on AUGUST 10, 2001.

EVERGREEN MILLS, INCORPORATED  
(An Oklahoma Corporation)

By   
R. A. Dean, President

ATTEST:

  
J. S. Hoff, Secretary

KENT FEEDS, INC.  
(An Iowa Corporation)

By J. H. May  
J. H. May, President

ATTEST:

J. S. Huff  
J. S. Huff, Secretary

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