RECORL Form PTO-1594 **EPARTMENT OF COMMERCE** (Rev. 10/02) S. Patent and Trademark Office TRA OMB No. 0651-0027 (exp. 6/30/2005) 102370121 Tab settings ⇒⇒⇒ To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof. 1. Name of conveying party(ies): 2. Name and address of receiving party(ies) Name: BB&T Factors Corporation Phillips Financial Corporation Internal Address: Individual(s) Association Street Address: Post Office Box 1429 General Partnership Limited Partnership City: High Point Corporation-State NC State: NC Zip: 27261-1429 Other Individual(s) citizenship__ Association_ Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes V No General Partnership 3. Nature of conveyance: Limited Partnership _ Corporation-State_North Carolina Assignment Merger Security Agreement Change of Name Other If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative designation is attached: Yes No Other Execution Date: December 29, 1999 (Designations must be a separate document from assignment)
Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes 4. Application number(s) or registration number(s): B. Trademark Registration No.(s) 2,030,969 A. Trademark Application No.(s) Yes 🗸 No Additional number(s) attached 5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence 6. Total number of applications and concerning document should be mailed: registrations involved: Name:_Francis M. Pinckney, Esq. 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41).....\$ 40.00 Internal Address: Kennedy Covington ✓ Enclosed Hearst Tower - 47th Floor Authorized to be charged to deposit account 8. Deposit account number: 214 North Tryon Street Street Address: 18-1215 City: Charlotte State: NC Zip:²⁸²⁰² DO NOT USE THIS SPACE 9. Signature. Francis M. Pinckney February 10, 2003 Name of Person Signing Signature Date fotal number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document: /21/2003 ECDOPER 00000145 2030969 Mail documents to be recorded with required cover sheet information to Commissioner of Patent & Trademarks, Box Assignments Washington, D.C. 20231 Ø1 FC:8521

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ARTICLES OF MERGER OF

PHILLIPS FINANCIAL CORPORATION WITH AND INTO BB&T FACTORS CORPORATION

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The undersigned corporations, pursuant to Section 55-11-04 of the North Carolina Business Corporation Act (the "NCBCA"), hereby execute the following Articles of Merger. Heretofore, Phillips Financial Corporation, a North Carolina corporation ("Phillips Financial"), has been a wholly owned subsidiary of BB&T Factors Corporation, a North Carolina corporation ("BB&T Factors"), formerly known as Phillips Factors Corporation.

ONE

The merger of Phillips Financial with and into BB&T Factors, shall be in accordance with the Plan of Merger attached hereto as Exhibit I (the "Plan of Merger").

TWO

The Plan of Merger was adopted and approved by the Board of Directors of BB&T Factors, on behalf of such corporation and as the sole shareholder of Phillips Financial. The shareholder of BB&T Factors was not required to approve the Plan of Merger.

THREE

The Merger is permitted under the laws of North Carolina, and BB&T Factors has complied with the applicable laws of North Carolina.

FOUR

These Articles of Merger shall become effective upon filing,

The undersigned, each of BB&T Factors and Phillips Financial, declares that the facts herein stated are true as of December 29, 1999.

BB&T FACTORS CORPORATION

Robert C. Niebauer, President

PHILLIPS FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Robert C. Niebauer, President

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PLAN OF MERGER OF PHILLIPS FINANCIAL CORPORATION WITH AND INTO BB&T FACTORS CORPORATION

- Section 1. Corporations Proposing to Merge and Surviving Corporation. Phillips Financial Corporation, a North Carolina corporation ("Phillips Financial") shall be merged (the "Merger") with and into BB&T Factors Corporation, a North Carolina corporation ("BB&T Factors") and parent and sole shareholder of Phillips Financial, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Plan of Merger (the "Plan of Merger"). The effective time for the Merger (the "Effective Time") shall be set forth in the Articles of Merger to be filed with the Secretary of State of North Carolina. BB&T Factors shall continue as the surviving corporation (the "Surviving Corporation") in the Merger and the separate corporate existence of Phillips Financial shall cease.
- Section 2. <u>Effects of the Merger</u>. The Merger shall have the effects set forth in Section 55-11-06 of the North Carolina Business Corporation Act (the "NCBCA").
- Section 3. Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of BB&T Factors as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time shall become the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Surviving Corporation following the Effective Time until changed in accordance with their terms and the NCBA.

Section 4. Retirement of Phillips Financial Shares.

- (a) All shares of Phillips Financial held by BB&T Factors, the sole shareholder of Phillips Financial, shall be cancelled and forever retired as of the Effective Time.
- (b) Each share of the common stock of BB&T Factors issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall continue to be issued and outstanding.
- Section 5. <u>BB&T Payroll Resources, a division</u>. From and after the Effective Date, the assets, liabilities, and employees formerly of Phillips Financial shall be assets, liabilities and employees of BB&T Factors, but shall operate as BB&T Payroll Resources, a Division of BB&T Factors.

Executed this 21st day of December, 1999.

BB&T FACTORS CORPORATION

Robert C. Niebauer, President

PHILLIPS FINANCIAL CORPORATION

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