

The State of South Carolina,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS,

**CHARTER
BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE
GREENVILLE CO. S. C.**

THOMAS C. STEVENSON, JR., 2 South Battery, Charleston, S. C.

and

J. CONRAD ZIMMERMAN, Summerville, S. C.

OLLIE L. MAURIN
S. C.

did on the 1st day of May, 1958, file with the Secretary of State a written Declaration, signed by themselves, setting forth:

FIRST: That their names and residences are as above given.

SECOND: That the name of the proposed corporation is **INDUSTRIAL WELDING SUPPLIES, INC. OF GREENVILLE**

THIRD: That the principal place of business is 306 Westfield St., Greenville, S. C.

FOURTH: That the general nature of the business which it is proposed to do is to distribute and sell at wholesale and retail compressed and liquified gases, welding supplies, mills supplies and safety equipment and to have all powers authorized under Section 12-74 of the South Carolina Code of Laws for 1952, including the right to acquire, own, buy, sell, manage, improve, pledge, encumber, lease, rent, deal in, convey, and otherwise dispose of real and personal property of all kinds and descriptions; under contract or otherwise; and in addition to have and exercise all powers conferred by the laws of the State of South Carolina.

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FIFTH: That the amount of the capital stock is One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars payable in money, services or property.

SIXTH: That the number of shares into which the capital stock is divided is One Hundred (100) of the par value of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars.

SEVENTH: That, after due notice, a meeting of the subscribers was held on the 28th day of February, 1958, at which a majority of all stock in value being present in person or by proxy, the following were elected directors: Thomas C. Stevenson, Jr., and J. Conrad Zimmerman

EIGHTH: That subsequently there was elected as President, Thomas C. Stevenson, Jr. ; as Vice-President, J. Conrad Zimmerman ; as Secretary, Thomas C. Stevenson, Jr. ; as Treasurer, J. Conrad Zimmerman

NINTH: That all requirements of Title 12, Article 1, Chapter 2, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, and all amendments thereto have been duly and fully complied with, 50 per cent. of the aggregate amount of the capital stock having been subscribed by bona fide subscribers, 20 per cent. of the capital stock subscribed having been paid to the Treasurer, and three days' public notice of the intention to file this Declaration with the Secretary of State having been given in **The Greenville News** a newspaper published in the County of **Greenville**

NOW, THEREFORE, I, O. FRANK THORNTON, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the aforesaid Code and Acts amendatory thereto, do hereby certify that the said Company has been fully organized according to the laws of South Carolina, under the name and for the purposes indicated in their written declaration, and that they are fully authorized to commence business under their charter; and I do hereby direct that a copy of this certificate be filed and recorded in the office of the Register of Mesne Conveyance or Clerk of Court in each county where such Corporation shall have a business office.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the State, at Columbia, this 1st day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight and in the one hundred and eighty-second year of the Independence of the United States of America.



O. Frank Thornton
Secretary of State.

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