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## The State of South Carolina,

**CHARTER** BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT WHEREAS,

W. L. SCHNORBACH and DAN O. BAYLESS

both of

Greenville, S. C.

September , 1959 , 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 HILTON VALVES, INC.

THIRD: That the principal place of business is GREENVILLE, S. C.

FOURTH: That the general nature of the business which it is proposed to do is

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To engage in the wholesale jobbing, distributing and/or retail business of purphasing, trading and dealing in or with any and all types of new or used mechanical supplies and equipment of every nature and type whatsoever, plumbing supplies and equipment, electrical supplies and equipment and any and all personal property of whatsoever kind and nature; to purchase, lease or otherwise acquire and to hold, sell, mortgage or otherwise dispose of, to invest, trade and deal in personal property of all kinds; to sell, improve, manage, develop and lease land; to engage in the general contractimprove, manage, develop and lease land; to engage in the general contracting business; to construct, alter, remodel, improve, erect and demolish buildings and structures of every kind; to can, use, purchase, lease, mertgage and trade in equipment and machinery; to manufacture, buy, sell, lease, trade and deal in as principal and/or agent at wholesale and/or retail all and every kind of building materials, mechanical supplies, electrical and plumbing supplies, air conditioning equipment, either manufactured or unmanufactured; to make contracts and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the corporation may determine, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage or pledge of all or any of its property, franchises and income. To lend money for its corporate purposes, invest its funds from time to time, and take and hold real property and tangible and intangible personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested. To acquire by purchase, subscription or otherwise, and to cem, hold, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, amchange or otherwise dispose of, and to deal in and deal with shares of capital stock, bonds, debentures, obligations, evidences of indebtedness and securities issued by any public or private corporation, government or municipality, or otherwise, and other property, real and personal, and to pay each therefor or to issue in exchange therefor the shares of capital stock, bonds, notes, debentures or obligations or evidences of indebtedness of the corporation. To conduct its business, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted in any state, territory, district, or possession of the United States, or in any foreign country; to purchase, take, receive, or otherwise acquire, hold, own, pledge, transfer, or otherwise dispose of its own shares. To enter into any lawful arrangement for sharing profits, union of interest, reciprocal association, or co-operative association with any corporation, association, partnership, individual, or other legal entity, for the carrying on of any business, the purpose of which is similar to the purposes set forth in the foregoing enumeration, and to enter into any general or limited partnership, the purpose of which is similar to such purposes. To have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the corporation is organized.