

# State of Idaho

Office of the Secretary of State

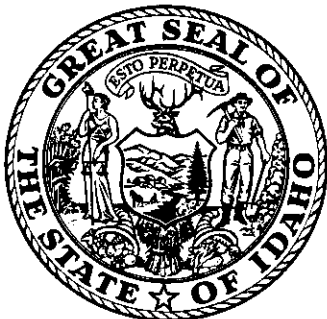
**CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY  
OF  
JOSEPH T. RYERSON & SON, INC.**

File Number C 164254

I, BEN YSURSA, Secretary of State of the State of Idaho, hereby certify that an Application for Certificate of Authority, duly executed pursuant to the provisions of the Idaho Business Corporation Act, has been received in this office and is found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I issue this Certificate of Authority to transact business in this State and attach hereto a duplicate of the application for such certificate.

Dated: 3 January 2006



*Ben Yursa*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

By *[Signature]*

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# APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY (For Profit)

(Instructions on Back of Application)

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The undersigned Corporation applies for a Certificate of Authority and states as follows:

SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE OF IDAHO

1. The name of the corporation is:

Joseph T. Ryerson & Son, Inc.

2. The name which it shall use in Idaho is:
- Joseph T. Ryerson & Son, Inc.

3. It is incorporated under the laws of:
- Delaware

4. Its date of incorporation is:
- 8/24/1935

5. The address of its principal office is:

2621 West 15th Place, Chicago, IL 60608

6. The address to which correspondence should be addressed, if different from item 5, is:

7. The street address of its registered office in Idaho is:
- C T Corporation System, 300 North 6th Street, Boise, Idaho 83702

and its registered agent in Idaho at that address is: C T Corporation System

8. The names and respective business addresses of its directors and officers are:

| Name               | Office | Address |
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| see attached rider |        |         |
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Dated: December 16, 2005Signature: Virginia M. DowlingTyped Name: Virginia M. DowlingCapacity: Secretary

(The signer must be a director or an officer of the corporation.)

Customer Acct #:

(If using pre-paid account)

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RIDERJOSEPH T. RYERSON & SON, INC.DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

All located at:  
2621 West 15<sup>th</sup> Place  
Chicago, IL 60608

Directors:

Jay M. Gratz

Gary J. Niederpruem

Neil S. Novich

Officers:

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Gary J. Niederpruem  | President                                      |
| Jay M. Gratz         | President and CFO                              |
| Donald G. Morrison   | Vice President – Financial Planning & Analysis |
| Terence R. Rogers    | Vice President and Treasurer                   |
| Lily L. May          | Vice President, Controller & CAO               |
| Frank J. Aquino      | Vice President                                 |
| Robert Bell          | Vice President                                 |
| Theresa J. Brisko    | Vice President                                 |
| James M. Delaney     | Vice President                                 |
| Thomas A. Endres     | Vice President                                 |
| David Fischer        | Vice President                                 |
| Anthony J. Hammess   | Vice President                                 |
| Michael Heitzenrader | Vice President                                 |
| Eden Jackson         | Vice President                                 |

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| David M. Keatley       | Vice President      |
| Raymond J. Lepp        | Vice President      |
| Leslie M. Norgren      | Vice President      |
| Marshall L. Persky     | Vice President      |
| Michael Reichenbacher  | Vice President      |
| Patricia L. Mosbrooker | Vice President      |
| Virginia M. Dowling    | Secretary           |
| Laurie H. Beaudet      | Assistant Secretary |
| Joyce E. Mims          | Assistant Secretary |

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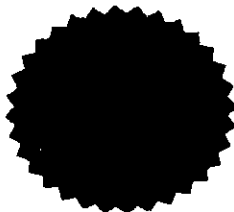
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I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "JOSEPH T. RYERSON & SON, INC." IS DULY INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL CORPORATE EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 2005.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE FRANCHISE TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID TO DATE.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE ANNUAL REPORTS HAVE BEEN FILED TO DATE.

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*Harriet Smith Windsor*  
Harriet Smith Windsor, Secretary of State  
AUTHENTICATION: 4400501

DATE: 12-23-05

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