

State of Idaho

Department of State

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY OF

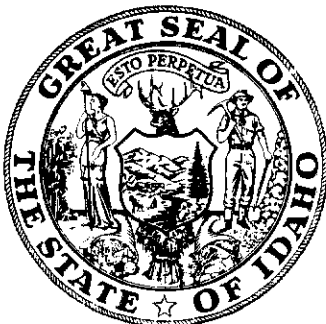
GEN-PROBE SALES & SERVICE, INC.

File number C 121625

I, PETE T. CENARRUSA, Secretary of State of the State of Idaho, hereby certify that duplicate originals of an Application of GEN-PROBE SALES & SERVICE, INC. for a Certificate of Authority to transact business in this State, duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of the Idaho Business Corporation Act, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I issue this Certificate of Authority to GEN-PROBE SALES & SERVICE, INC. to transact business in this State under the name GEN-PROBE SALES & SERVICE, INC. and attach hereto a duplicate original of the Application for such Certificate.

Dated: November 20, 1997



Pete T. Cenarrusa
SECRETARY OF STATE

By

Larry J. Clark

(Instructions on Back of Application)

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

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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Dated: 02/1/99

(Corporation name)

David W. Kramer

Assistant Secretary
(specify capacity of signer)

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Office of the Secretary of State

I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "GEN-PROBE SALES & SERVICE, 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 FOURTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 1997.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE FRANCHISE TAXES HAVE NOT BEEN ASSESSED TO DATE.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edward J. Freel".

Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

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AUTHENTICATION:

DATE:

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