provide that the stock and transfer books be closed for a stated period, but not to exceed in any case, twenty (20) days. If the stock and transfer books be closed for the purpose of determining stockholders, such books shall be closed for at least ten (10) working days immediately preceding such meeting. In lieu of closing the stock and transfer books, the Board of Directors may fix in advance a date as the record date for any such determination of stockholders. Such date shall in no case be more than twenty (20) days prior to the date on which the particular action requiring such determination of stockholders is to be taken, except in instance where applicable rules and regulations provide otherwise.

## ARTICLE III

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Section 1. Powers\_of the Board Unless otherwise provided by law, the corporate powers of the corporation shall be exercised, all business conducted and all property of the corporation controlled and held by the Board of Directors to be elected by and from and among the stockholders. Without prejudice to such general powers and such other powers as may be granted by law, the Board of Directors shall have the following express powers:
- a) From time to time, to make and change rules and regulations not inconsistent with these by-laws for the management of the corporation's business and affairs;
- b) To purchase, receive, take or otherwise acquire in any lawful manner, for and in the name of the Corporation, any and all properties, rights, interest or privileges, including securities and bonds of other corporations, as the transaction of the business of the corporation may reasonably or necessarily require, for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as the Board may deem proper or convenient;
- c) To invest the funds of the corporation in another corporation or business for any other purposes other than those for which the corporation was organized, whenever in the judgement of the Board of Directors the interests of the corporation would thereby be protected, subject to such stockholders' approval as may be required by law:

- d) To incur such indebtedness as the Board may deem necessary and, for such purpose, to make issue evidence of such indebtedness including, without limitation, notes, deeds of trust, instruments, bonds, dentures, or securities, subject to such stockholder approval as may be required by law, and/or pledge, mortgage or otherwise encumber all part of the properties and rights of the corporation;
- e) To guarantee, for and in behalf of the corporation obligations of other corporation or entities in which it has lawful interest;
- f) To make provisions for the discharge of the obligations of the corporation as they mature, including payment for any property, or stocks, bonds, dentures, or other securities of the corporation lawfully issued for the purpose;
- g) To impose conditions as the Board may deem convenient, subject to the limitations prescribed by law, regarding the transfer of shares issued in total or partial payment of debts contracted or properties acquired by or services rendered to the corporation;
- h) To sell, lease, exchange, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of any property, real or personal, belonging to the corporation whenever in the Board's judgements, the corporation's interest would thereby be promoted.
- i) To establish pension, retirement, bonus, profit-sharing, or other types of incentives or compensation plans for the employees, including officers and directors of the corporation and to determine the persons to participate in any such plans and amount of their respective participations;
- j) To prosecute, maintain, defend, compromise or abandon any lawsuit in which the corporation or its officers are either plaintiffs or defendants in connection with the business of the corporation.
- k) To delegate, from time to time, any of the powers of the Board which may lawfully be delegated in the course of the current business or businesses of the corporation to any standing or special committee or to any officer or agent and to appoint any persons to be agents of the corporation with such powers (including the power to sub-delegate), and upon terms, as may be deemed fit;

- l) To implement these by-laws and to act on any matter not covered by these by-laws, provided such matter does not require the approval or consent of the stockholders under any existing law, rules or regulation.
- Section 2. <u>Election and Term</u> The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected during each regular meeting of stockholders and shall hold office for one (1) year and until their successors are elected and qualified.
- Section 3. <u>Vacancies</u> Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors other than by removal by the stockholders or by expiration of term, may be filled by the vote of at last a majority of the remaining directors, if still constituting quorum; otherwise, the vacancy must be filled by the stockholders at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose. A director so elected shall serve only for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.

Any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of directors shall be filled only by an election at a regular or at a special meeting of stockholders duly called for the purpose, or in the same meeting authorizing the increase of directors if so stated in the notice of the meeting.

The vacancy resulting from the removal of a director by the stockholders in the manner provided by law may be filled by election at the same meeting of stockholders without further notice, or at any regular or at any special meeting of stockholders called for the purpose, after giving notice as prescribed in this by-laws.

- Section 4. <u>Meetings</u> Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held once a month, on such dates and at such times and place as the Board may by resolution prescribe. Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time by the Chairman of the Board or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman or in his absence, the President or upon the request of a majority of the directors.
- Section 5. Notice Notice of the regular meeting or special meetings of the Board, specifying the date, time and place of the meeting, shall be communicated by the Secretary to each director personally, or by telephone, telex, telegram, or by written or oral message at least