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I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF
DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT
COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP, WHICH MERGES:

"SUNDOWNER OFFSHORE SERVICES, INC. "A NEVADA CORPORATION,

WITH AND INTO "NABORS OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC." UNDER THE NAME OF "NABORS OFFSHORE CORPORATION", A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, AS RECEIVED AND FILED IN THIS OFFICE THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF JULY, A.D. 1999, AT 12 O'CLOCK P.M.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AFORESAID CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP IS THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF JULY, A.D. 1999.

A FILED COPY OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE KENT COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS.

Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

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