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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 MERGER, WHICH MERGES:

"ASTEN MERGER, INC.", A DELAWARE CORPORATION,

WITH AND INTO "ASTEN, INC." UNDER THE NAME OF "ASTENJOHNSON, INC.", A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, AS RECEIVED AND FILED IN THIS OFFICE THE NINTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D. 1999, AT 10:30 O'CLOCK A.M.

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



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CERTIFICATE OF MERGER

OF

ASTEN MERGER, INC.

AND

ASTEN, INC.

**UNDER SECTION 251 OF THE GENERAL CORPORATION LAW
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

* * * * *

ASTEN, INC. (the "Company") hereby certifies the following information relating to the merger of ASTEN MERGER, INC. ("AMI") with and into the Company (the "Merger"):

1. The respective names and states of incorporation of the Company and AMI, which are the constituent corporations in the Merger (collectively, the "Constituent Corporations"), are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>State of Incorporation</u>
Asten, Inc.	Delaware
Asten Merger, Inc.	Delaware

2. An agreement of merger to which each of the Constituent Corporations is a party (the "Agreement"), setting forth the terms and conditions of the Merger, has been approved, adopted, certified, executed and acknowledged by each of the Constituent Corporations in accordance with Section 251 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

3. The name of the corporation surviving the Merger (the "Surviving Corporation") is Asten, Inc., which name is being changed to AstenJohnson, Inc.

4. The Certificate of Incorporation of the Company shall be the Certificate of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation, except that Section 1 thereof shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:


1. Name. The name of the Corporation is AstenJohnson, Inc.

5. An executed counterpart of the Agreement is on file at the principal place of business of the Surviving Corporation, which is located at 4399 Corporate Road, Charleston, South Carolina 29423-8001.

6. A copy of the executed Agreement will be furnished by the Surviving Corporation, on request and without cost, to any stockholder of either of the Constituent Corporations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Certificate of Merger has been executed this 9th day of September, 1999.

ASTEN, INC.

By 
William A. Finn
President