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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

<p>1. Name of conveying party(ies): Praxair Services, Inc.</p> <p>Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>3. Nature of conveyance:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment      <input type="checkbox"/> Merger  <input type="checkbox"/> Security Agreement      <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Name  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>Execution Date: June 2, 2003</p>	<p>2. Name and address of receiving party(ies) Name: PRAXAIR TECHNOLOGY, INC.</p> <p>Internal Address: _____</p> <p>Street Address: 39 Old Ridgebury Road</p> <p>City: Danbury State: CT Zip: 06810</p> <p>Additional name(s) &amp; address(es) attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):  
 If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Patent Application No.(s)	B. Patent No.(s)
	5,339,911
	5,305,631

Additional numbers attached?  Yes  No

<p>5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:        Name: Joann M. Jelsa        Internal Address: _____        Praxair, Inc.        Law Department - M1 557        Street Address: 39 Old Ridgebury Road        City: Danbury State: CT Zip: 06810</p>	<p>6. Total number of applications and patents involved: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1</p> <p>7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41).....\$ 80.00  <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to deposit account</p> <p>8. Deposit account number: 16-2440</p> <p>(Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)</p>
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9. Statement and signature.  
*To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.*

David M. Rosenblum           6/4/03  
 Name of Person Signing      Signature      Date

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**PATENT**  
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## ASSIGNMENT

PRAXAIR SERVICES, INC. (hereinafter, the "Assignor") a Texas corporation having offices at 222 Pennbriht Drive, Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77090 hereby states under oath, through its duly authorized officer, that it owns, by virtue of a merger with Tracer Research Corporation, formerly an Arizona Corporation, and by virtue of a merger between Tracer Research Corporation and Corrocon, Inc., formerly a Colorado corporation, all of the right title and interest in and to the following patents and any and all inventions claimed therein:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Issued</u>
Cathodic protection, leak detection process and apparatus	5,339,911	08/23/1994
Cathodic protection and leak detection process and apparatus	5,305,631	04/26/1994

The aforesaid patents are assigned of record to Corrocon, Inc. Copies of the Articles of Merger filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission (Exhibit A) and a Certificate of Merger issued by the Office of the Secretary of State of Texas (Exhibit B) concerning the merger between Tracer Research Corporation and Praxair Services, Inc. are attached. The merger between Tracer Research Corporation and Corrocon, Inc. is set forth in Articles of Merger of Corrocon, Inc. and Tracer Research Corporation filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission and the Secretary of State of Colorado (Exhibits C and D, also attached).

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of One (\$1.00) Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged;

ASSIGNOR DOES HEREBY SELL, ASSIGN, TRANSFER, AND SETS OVER to PRAXAIR TECHNOLOGY, INC., a Delaware Corporation, having an office at 39 Old Ridgebury Road, Danbury, Connecticut 06810, United States of America, its successors, assigns, and nominees (hereinafter the "Assignee"), its lawful successors and assigns, Assignor's entire right, title, and interest in and to the foregoing listed patents, the inventions claimed therein, any other patent application directed to the inventions, and all Letters Patent in the United States that may be granted thereon, and all reissues, reexaminations, and extensions thereof; and all rights to claim priority on the basis of such application, and all applications for Letters Patent that may be filed for the invention in any foreign country and all Letters Patent that may be granted on the invention in any foreign country, and all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof; and Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States and any official of any foreign country whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as described above, to issue all Letters Patent for this invention to Assignee, its successors and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this Assignment;

AND, ASSIGNOR HEREBY further covenants that it has the full right to convey the interest assigned by this Assignment, Assignor will take all action and execute all documents

necessary to perfect the interest assigned hereby, and Assignor has not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict with this Assignment;

AND, ASSIGNOR HEREBY further covenants and agrees that it, through its officers and employees, will, without further consideration, communicate with the Assignee, its successors and assigns, any facts known to Assignor and its officers and employees respecting the invention and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers when called upon to do so, execute and deliver all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to the invention in said Assignee, its successors and assigns, execute all divisional, continuation, and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid Assignee, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for the invention in the United States and any foreign country, it being understood that any expense incident to the execution of such papers shall be borne by Assignee, its successors and assigns.

SIGNED and SEALED at Danbury, Connecticut, U.S.A. 2<sup>nd</sup> day of

June, 2003.

**ASSIGNOR:**

PRAXAIR SERVICES, INC.

By: 

Name: Mark S. Lyon

Title: Assistant Secretary

State of Connecticut

County of Fairfield

This 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2003, before me personally came the above-named MARK S. LYON, to me personally known as the Assistant Secretary of the above-named corporation and acknowledged that he, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing the name of the corporation by himself as such officer.

(SEAL)

  
Notary Public

**ANNETTE SIMMONS**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAR. 31, 2006

**PATENT**  
**REEL: 014154 FRAME: 0028**

ACCEPTANCE BY ASSIGNEE

WE, the undersigned, PRAXAIR TECHNOLOGY, INC. of 39 Old Ridgebury Road, Danbury, Connecticut 06810, United States of America, do hereby declare that we have accepted the foregoing assignment.

Danbury, Connecticut, U.S.A. June 2, 2003

(Seal)

PRAXAIR TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Christina Monner  
Witness:

[Signature]  
Witness:

By: Joann M Jelsa  
Joann M. Jelsa  
Authorized Agent

## ARTICLES OF MERGER

OF

~~TRACER RESEARCH CORPORATION~~

AND

PRAXAIR SERVICES, INC.

To the Arizona Corporation Commission  
of the State of Arizona

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 1 through 17 of Title 10, Arizona Revised Statutes, governing the merger of a domestic wholly-owned subsidiary business corporation into its foreign parent business corporation, the foreign parent business corporation hereinafter named does hereby submit the following Articles of Merger.

1. The name of the subsidiary corporation, which is a business corporation organized under the laws of the State of Arizona, and which is subject to the provisions of Chapters 1 through 17 of Title 10, Arizona Revised Statutes, is Tracer Research Corporation.
2. The name of the surviving parent corporation, which is a business corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas, is Praxair Services, Inc.
3. The number of outstanding shares of Tracer Research Corporation is 516,500, all of which are of one class, and all of which are owned by Praxair Services, Inc.
4. The address of the known place of business in Arizona of Praxair Services, Inc. is 3755 North Business Center Drive, Tucson, AZ 85705. The name and address of the statutory agent of Praxair Services, Inc. in Arizona are Corporation Service Company, 818 East Osborn Road, Phoenix, AZ 85014.
5. Shareholder approval was not required.
6. The laws of the jurisdiction of organization of Praxair Services, Inc. permit a merger of an Arizona wholly-owned subsidiary business corporation into a parent business corporation of another jurisdiction and the merger of Tracer Research Corporation into Praxair Services, Inc. is in compliance with the laws of the jurisdiction of organization of Praxair Services, Inc.

7. The address to which the Arizona Corporation Commission may forward a copy of any process served on it against the surviving corporation is 3755 North Business Center Drive, Tucson, AZ 85705.

8. The effective time and date in the State of Arizona of the merger herein provided for shall be 11:59 p.m. (E.S.T.) on March 31, 2003.

Executed on March 17, 2003

Tracer Research Corporation.

By:   
Name: Mark S. Lyon  
Capacity: Assistant Secretary

Praxair Services, Inc.

By:   
Name: Mark S. Lyon  
Capacity: Assistant Secretary

**PLAN OF MERGER**

The following is the Plan of Merger for merging Tracer Research Corporation into Praxair Services, Inc. as approved by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors of Praxair Services, Inc. on March 17, 2003:


1. Praxair Services, Inc., which is a business corporation of the State of Texas and is the parent corporation and the owner of all of the outstanding shares of Tracer Research Corporation, which is a business corporation of the State of Arizona and the subsidiary corporation, hereby merges Tracer Research Corporation into Praxair Services, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 1 through 17 of Title 10, Arizona Revised Statutes and pursuant to the provisions of the laws of the jurisdiction of organization of Tracer Research Corporation.
2. The separate existence of Tracer Research Corporation shall cease at the effective time and date of the merger pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 1 through 17 of Title 10, Arizona Revised Statutes; and Praxair Services, Inc. shall continue its existence as the surviving corporation pursuant to the provisions of the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization.
3. The issued shares of Tracer Research Corporation shall not be converted in any manner, but each said share which is issued as of the effective time and date of the merger shall be surrendered and extinguished.
4. The Board of Directors and the proper officers of Tracer Research Corporation and of Praxair Services, Inc. are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to do any and all acts and things, and to make, execute, deliver, file and/or record any and all instruments, papers, and documents which shall be or become necessary, proper, or convenient to carry out or put into effect any of the provisions of the Plan of Merger or of the merger herein provided for.

Executed on March 17, 2003

Tracer Research Corporation

By:   
Name: Mark S. Lyon  
Capacity: Assistant Secretary

Praxair Services, Inc.

By:   
Name: Mark S. Lyon  
Capacity: Assistant Secretary

AZ. CORP. COMMISSION  
DELIVERED

MAR 25 2003

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DATE 3/25/2003

Tracer Research Corporation 0509127-3

Merged Into

Praxair Services, Inc. (No Record) M-1071283-5





## Office of the Secretary of State

### CERTIFICATE OF MERGER

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of Texas, hereby certifies that the attached articles of merger of

~~Praxair Research Corporation~~

Foreign Business Corporation  
AZ, USA

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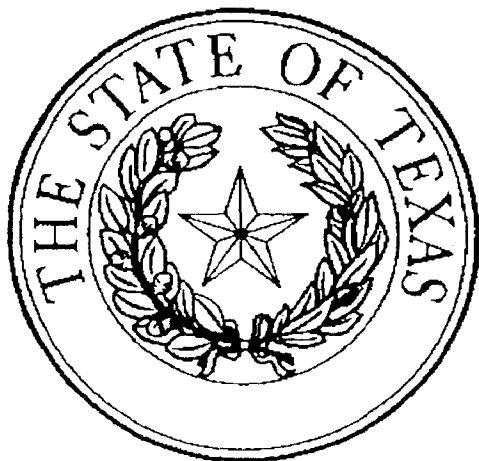
Praxair Services, Inc.  
Domestic Business Corporation  
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have been filed in this office as of the date of this certificate.

Accordingly, the undersigned, as Secretary of State, and by the virtue of the authority vested in the secretary by law, hereby issues this certificate of merger.

Dated:03/25/2003

Effective:03/31/2003 @ 11:59 p.m.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gwyn Shea".

Gwyn Shea  
Secretary of State

**ARTICLES OF MERGER  
OF  
TRACER RESEARCH CORPORATION  
INTO  
PRAXAIR SERVICES, INC.**

**FILED**  
In the Office of the  
Secretary of State of Texas  
**MAR 25 2003**  
Corporations Section

To Secretary of State  
State of Texas

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 5.16 of the Texas Business Corporation Act, the domestic parent corporation hereinafter named does hereby adopt the following articles of merger for the purpose of merging its foreign wholly-owned subsidiary corporation into said domestic parent corporation.

1. The name of the parent corporation is Praxair Services, Inc.; and the jurisdiction under which it is organized is the State of Texas.
2. The name of the subsidiary corporation is Tracer Research Corporation; and the jurisdiction under which it is organized is the State of Arizona.
3. The number of outstanding shares of the subsidiary corporation is 516,500, all of which are of one class, and all of which are owned by the parent corporation.
4. The following is a copy of the resolution to merge the subsidiary corporation into the parent corporation as adopted by the Board of Directors of the parent corporation on March 17, 2003:

**"RESOLVED, that Tracer Research Corporation ("Tracer") be merged with and into Praxair Services, Inc. ("Praxair"), and that all of the estate, property, rights, privileges, powers and franchises of Tracer be vested in and held and enjoyed by Praxair as fully and entirely and without change or diminution as the same were before held and enjoyed by Tracer in its name; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that Praxair shall assume all of the obligations of Tracer, including the payment of fees and franchise taxes as required by law, and will be obligated to pay such fees and franchise taxes if not timely paid; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that Praxair shall cause to be executed and filed and/or recorded the documents prescribed by the laws of the State of Texas, by the laws of the State of Arizona and by the laws of any other appropriate jurisdiction, and will cause to be performed all necessary acts within the State of Texas, the State of Arizona and within any other appropriate jurisdiction to effectuate and record the merger; and be it further**

RESOLVED, that the Articles of Merger merging Tracer with and into Praxair, be and it is hereby adopted; and be it further

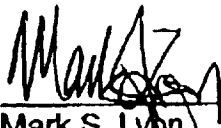
RESOLVED, that the effective time of the merger shall be 11:59 p.m. (E.S.T.) on March 31, 2003."

5. The approval of the Plan of Merger was duly authorized by all action required by the laws under which Tracer Research Corporation was incorporated and by its constituent documents.

6. The merger herein provided for shall be effective in the State of Texas at 11:59 p.m. (E.S.T.) on March 31, 2003.

Executed on March 17, 2003

Praxair Services, Inc.

By:   
Mark S. Lyon  
Assistant Secretary



## Office of the Secretary of State

March 26, 2003

Corporation Service Company  
One Commodore Plaza, 800 Brazos, Suite 750  
Austin, TX 78701 USA

RE: Praxair Services, Inc. ( Filing No: 17350600)

It has been our pleasure to approve and place on record your articles of merger. The appropriate evidence is attached for your files. Payment of the filing fee is acknowledged by this letter.

If we can be of further service at any time, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Corporations Section  
Statutory Filings Division

Enclosure

**ARTICLES OF MERGER**

**OF**

**CORROCON, INC.**

**AND**

**~~TRACER RESEARCH CORPORATION~~**

To the Arizona Corporation Commission  
of the State of Arizona

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 1 through 17 of Title 10, Arizona Revised Statutes, the domestic corporation and the foreign corporation herein named do hereby submit the following Articles of Merger.

1. This document is submitted for the purpose of merging Corrocon, Inc., a business corporation organized under the laws of the State of Colorado, with and into Tracer Research Corporation, a business corporation organized under the laws of the State of Arizona, as approved by resolution adopted by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors of Corrocon, Inc. on March 17, 2003 and as approved by resolution adopted by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors of Tracer Research Corporation on March 17, 2003.

2. The merger herein provided for is permitted by the laws of the jurisdiction of organization of Corrocon, Inc. and is in compliance with said laws.

3. The name of the surviving corporation is Tracer Research Corporation, and the address of its known place of business in the State of Arizona is 3755 North Business Center Drive, Tucson, AZ 85705.

4. The name and the address of the statutory agent of Tracer Research Corporation in the State of Arizona are Corporation Service Company, 818 East Osborn Road, Phoenix, AZ 85014.

5. In respect of Tracer Research Corporation, the designation, the number of outstanding shares, and the number of votes entitled to be cast by each voting group entitled to vote on the Plan of Merger, are as follows:

- (a) Designation of voting group: Class A Common Stock
- (b) Number of outstanding shares of voting group: 516,500
- (c) Number of votes of voting group entitled to be cast by each voting group entitled to vote on the merger: 516,500

6. In respect of Tracer Research Corporation, the total number of undisputed votes cast for the Plan of Merger by each voting group entitled to vote on the said Plan of Merger is as follows:


- (a) Designation of voting group: Class A Common Stock
- (b) Number of undisputed votes of voting group cast for merger: 516,500

7. The said number of votes cast for the said Plan of Merger was sufficient for the approval thereof by the said voting group.


The effective time and date of the merger herein provided in the State of Arizona shall be 11:58 p.m. (E.S.T.) on March 31, 2003.

Executed on March 17, 2003

Corrocon, Inc.

By:   
 Name: Mark S. Lyon  
 Capacity: Assistant Secretary

Tracer Research Corporation

By:   
 Name: Mark S. Lyon  
 Capacity: Assistant Secretary

PLAN OF MERGER adopted by Corrocon, Inc., a business corporation organized under the laws of the State of Colorado, by resolution of its Board of Directors on March 17, 2003, and adopted by Tracer Research Corporation, a business corporation organized under the laws of the State of Arizona, by resolution of its Board of Directors on March 17, 2003. The names of the corporations planning to merge are Corrocon, Inc., a business corporation organized under the laws of the State of Colorado, and Tracer Research Corporation, a business corporation organized under the laws of the State of Arizona. The name of the surviving corporation into which Corrocon, Inc. plans to merge is Tracer Research Corporation.

1. Corrocon, Inc. and Tracer Research Corporation shall, pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 1 through 17 of Title 10, Arizona Revised Statutes and the provisions of the laws of the jurisdiction of organization of the non-surviving corporation, be merged with and into a single corporation, to wit, Tracer Research Corporation, which shall be the surviving corporation at the effective time and date of the merger and which is sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "surviving corporation", and which shall continue to exist as said surviving corporation under its present name pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 1 through 17 of Title 10, Arizona Revised Statutes. The separate existence of Corrocon, Inc., which is sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "non-surviving corporation", shall cease at the effective time and date of the merger in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation.

2. The present Articles of Incorporation of the surviving corporation shall be the Articles of Incorporation of said surviving corporation, and said Articles of Incorporation shall continue in full force and effect until amended and changed in the manner prescribed by the provisions of the laws of the jurisdiction of organization of the surviving corporation.

3. The present bylaws of the surviving corporation will be the bylaws of said surviving corporation and will continue in full force and effect until changed, altered, or amended as therein provided and in the manner prescribed by the provisions of the laws of the jurisdiction of organization of the surviving corporation.

4. The directors and officers in office of the surviving corporation at the effective time and date of the merger shall be the members of the first Board of Directors and the first officers of the surviving corporation, all of whom shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and qualified, or until their tenure is otherwise terminated in accordance with the bylaws of the surviving corporation.

5. Each issued share of the non-surviving corporation immediately before the effective time and date of the merger shall not be converted or exchanged in any manner, but each said share which is issued at the effective time and date of the merger shall be, at the effective time and date of the merger, surrendered and extinguished. The issued shares of the surviving corporation shall not be converted or exchanged in any manner, but each said share which is issued at the effective time and date of the merger shall continue to represent one issued share of the surviving corporation.

6. The Plan of Merger herein made and approved shall be submitted to the shareholders of the non-surviving corporation and to the shareholders of the surviving corporation for their approval or rejection in the manner prescribed by the provisions of Chapters 1 through 17 of Title 10, Arizona Revised Statutes and by the provisions of the laws of the jurisdiction of incorporation of the non-surviving corporation.

7. In the event that the Plan of Merger shall have been approved by the shareholders entitled to vote of the non-surviving corporation in the manner prescribed by the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation and by the shareholders entitled to vote of the surviving corporation in the manner prescribed by the provisions of Chapters 1 through 17 of Title 10, Arizona Revised Statutes, the non-surviving corporation and the surviving corporation hereby stipulate that they will cause to be executed and filed and/or recorded any document or documents prescribed by the laws of the State of Arizona, and that they will cause to be performed all necessary acts therein and elsewhere to effectuate the merger.

8. The Board of Directors and the proper officers of the non-surviving corporation and the Board of Directors and the proper officers of the surviving corporation, respectively, are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to do any and all acts and things, and to make, execute, deliver, file, and/or record any and all instruments, papers, and documents which shall be or become necessary, proper, or convenient to carry out or put into effect any of the provisions of this Plan of Merger or of the merger herein provided for.

Executed on March 17, 2003

Corrocon, Inc.

By: Mark S. Lyon  
Name: Mark S. Lyon  
Capacity: Assistant Secretary

Tracer Research Corporation

By: Mark S. Lyon  
Name: Mark S. Lyon  
Capacity: Assistant Secretary



U.S. CORP. COMMISSION  
DELIVERED

MAR 25 2003

LED BY *Sonia Durr*  
FORM \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE 3/25/2003

Corrocon, Inc. (No Record) M-1071271-1

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ARTICLES OF MERGER

OF

CORROCON, INC.

AND



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To the Secretary of State  
State of Colorado

Pursuant to the provisions of the Colorado Business Corporation Act governing the merger of a domestic wholly owned subsidiary business corporation into its foreign parent business corporation, the foreign parent business corporation hereinafter named does hereby submit the following Articles of Merger.

1. The name of the subsidiary corporation, which is a business corporation organized under the laws of the State of Colorado is Corrocon, Inc.
2. The name of the parent corporation, which is a business corporation organized under the laws of the State of Arizona, is Tracer Research Corporation.
3. All of the outstanding shares of Corrocon, Inc. are of one class, and are owned by Tracer Research Corporation.
4. The following resolutions for merging Corrocon, Inc. into Tracer Research Corporation were approved by the unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors of Tracer Research Corporation on March 17, 2003.

"RESOLVED, that Tracer Research Corporation, a business corporation of the State of Arizona and the parent corporation and owner of all of the outstanding shares of Corrocon, Inc., a business corporation of the State of Colorado and the subsidiary corporation, hereby merges Corrocon, Inc. into Tracer Research Corporation pursuant to the provisions of the Colorado Business Corporation Act and to the provisions of Chapters 1 through 17 of Title 10, Arizona Revised Statutes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the separate existence of Corrocon, Inc. shall cease at the effective time and date of the merger and Tracer Research Corporation shall continue its existence as the surviving corporation pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 1 through 17 of Title 10, Arizona Revised Statutes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the issued shares of Corrocon, Inc. shall not be converted in any manner, but each said share which is issued at the

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effective time and date of the merger shall be surrendered and extinguished; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the effective time and date of the merger shall be 11:58 p.m. (E.S.T.) on March 31, 2003; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors and the proper officers of Tracer Research Corporation are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all acts and things, and to make, execute, deliver, file and/or record any and all instruments, papers and documents which shall be or become necessary, proper or convenient to carry out or put into effect any of the provisions of the Plan of Merger or of the merger herein provided for."

5. Shareholder approval was not required.
6. The merger herein provided for is permitted by the laws of the jurisdiction of organization of Tracer Research Corporation and is in compliance therewith.
7. The address, wherever located, of the principal office of the surviving corporation is 3755 North Business Center Drive, Tucson AZ 85705.
8. The effective time and date in the State of Colorado of the merger herein provided for shall be 11:58 p.m. (E.S.T.) on March 31, 2003. Such effective date complies with Section 7-111-104(5) of the Colorado Business Corporation Act.

The name and mailing address of the individual who caused this document to be delivered for filing, and to whom the Secretary of State may deliver notice if filing of this document is refused, is: Mark S. Lyon, Praxair, Inc., 39 Old Ridgebury Road, Danbury, CT 06810-5113.

**PLAN OF MERGER** adopted by Corrocon, Inc., a business corporation organized under the laws of the State of Colorado, by resolution of its Board of Directors on March 17, 2003, and adopted by Tracer Research Corporation, a business corporation organized under the laws of the State of Arizona, by resolution of its Board of Directors on March 17, 2003. The names of the corporations planning to merge are Corrocon, Inc., a business corporation organized under the laws of the State of Colorado, and Tracer Research Corporation, a business corporation organized under the laws of the State of Arizona. The name of the surviving corporation into which Corrocon, Inc. plans to merge is Tracer Research Corporation.

1. Corrocon, Inc. and Tracer Research Corporation shall, pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 1 through 17 of Title 10, Arizona Revised Statutes and the provisions of the laws of the jurisdiction of organization of the non-surviving corporation, be merged with and into a single corporation, to wit, Tracer Research Corporation, which shall be the surviving corporation at the effective time and date of the merger and which is sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "surviving corporation", and which shall continue to exist as said surviving corporation under its present name pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 1 through 17 of Title 10, Arizona Revised Statutes. The separate existence of Corrocon, Inc., which is sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "non-surviving corporation", shall cease at the effective time and date of the merger in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation.

2. The present Articles of Incorporation of the surviving corporation shall be the Articles of Incorporation of said surviving corporation, and said Articles of Incorporation shall continue in full force and effect until amended and changed in the manner prescribed by the provisions of the laws of the jurisdiction of organization of the surviving corporation.

3. The present bylaws of the surviving corporation will be the bylaws of said surviving corporation and will continue in full force and effect until changed, altered, or amended as therein provided and in the manner prescribed by the provisions of the laws of the jurisdiction of organization of the surviving corporation.

4. The directors and officers in office of the surviving corporation at the effective time and date of the merger shall be the members of the first Board of Directors and the first officers of the surviving corporation, all of whom shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and qualified, or until their tenure is otherwise terminated in accordance with the bylaws of the surviving corporation.

5. Each issued share of the non-surviving corporation immediately before the effective time and date of the merger shall not be converted or exchanged in any manner, but each said share which is issued at the effective time and date of the merger shall be, at the effective time and date of the merger, surrendered and extinguished. The issued shares of the surviving corporation shall not be converted or exchanged in any manner, but each said share which is issued at the effective time and date of the merger shall continue to represent one issued share of the surviving corporation.

6. The Plan of Merger herein made and approved shall be submitted to the shareholders of the non-surviving corporation and to the shareholders of the surviving corporation for their approval or rejection in the manner prescribed by the provisions of Chapters 1 through 17 of Title 10, Arizona Revised Statutes and by the provisions of the laws of the jurisdiction of incorporation of the non-surviving corporation.

7. In the event that the Plan of Merger shall have been approved by the shareholders entitled to vote of the non-surviving corporation in the manner prescribed by the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation and by the shareholders entitled to vote of the surviving corporation in the manner prescribed by the provisions of Chapters 1 through 17 of Title 10, Arizona Revised Statutes, the non-surviving corporation and the surviving corporation hereby stipulate that they will cause to be executed and filed and/or recorded any document or documents prescribed by the laws of the State of Arizona, and that they will cause to be performed all necessary acts therein and elsewhere to effectuate the merger.

8. The Board of Directors and the proper officers of the non-surviving corporation and the Board of Directors and the proper officers of the surviving corporation, respectively, are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to do any and all acts and things, and to make, execute, deliver, file, and/or record any and all instruments, papers, and documents which shall be or become necessary, proper, or convenient to carry out or put into effect any of the provisions of this Plan of Merger or of the merger herein provided for.

Executed on March 17, 2003

Corrocon, Inc.

By: 

Name: Mark S. Lyon

Capacity: Assistant Secretary

Tracer Research Corporation

By: 

Name: Mark S. Lyon

Capacity: Assistant Secretary