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SUBMISSION TYPE:	NEW ASSIGNMENT
NATURE OF CONVEYANCE:	MERGER
EFFECTIVE DATE:	01/31/2010

CONVEYING PARTY DATA

Name	Formerly	Execution Date	Entity Type
Litho Research Incorporated		01/31/2010	CORPORATION: ILLINOIS

RECEIVING PARTY DATA

Name:	Nicoat Environmental Specialties, LLC
Street Address:	1600 Glenlake Avenue
City:	Itasca
State/Country:	ILLINOIS
Postal Code:	60143
Entity Type:	LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: ILLINOIS

PROPERTY NUMBERS Total: 1

Property Type	Number	Word Mark
Registration Number:	1774001	CLEARZ-IT

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01/31/2010

DAVID LOREY 1600 GLENLAKE AVE ITASCA, IL 60143-0000

RE NICOAT ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALTIES, LLC

DEAR SIR OR MADAM:

ARTICLES OF MERGER FOR THE ABOVE-NAMED COMPANY HAVE BEEN PLACED ON FILE.

THE REQUIRED FEE IS HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED.

SINCERELY YOURS,

JESSE WHITE

SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SECTION

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Form LLC-37.25

April 2008

Secretary of State Jesse White Department of Business Services Limited Liability Division 501 S. Second St., Rm. 351 Springfield, IL 62756 217-524-8008 www.cyberdriveillinois.com

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Illinois Limited Liability Company Act Articles of Merger

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1.	Names of Entities proposing t	o merge, and State or Country of O	rganization:	
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	Specialties, LLC	Limited Liability Company	Illinois	0290-419-5
•	Environmental Specialties,	Inc. Corporation	Illinois	5397-402-3
	Litho Research,	Corporation	Illinois	5620-286-2
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2.	The plan of merger has been merge. If a corporation is a pa	approved and signed by each Limit arty to the merger, a copy of the plan	ed Liability Company and as approved is attached	d other entity that is to d to these Articles of Merger.
3.	a. Name of Surviving Entity: _1	Nicoat Environmental Specialties. L	.c	
	b. Address of Surviving Entity:	1600 Glenlake Avenue, Itasca, IL	60143	ı
4.	Effective date of merger: (checa. ☐ the filing date, or b. ☑ a later date, but not more	sk one) e than 30 days subsequent to the filir	ng date: <u>January 31, 20</u> Month	010 1, Day, Year
5.	If the survivor is a Limited Lia son of this merger:	bility Company, indicate changes th	at are necessary to its A	rticles of Organization by rea-
	None			

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6.	For the Limited Liability Compa	nies that are parties to th	e merger,	complete the following:	
	. Name of LLC	Jurisdiction		Organization Date	Date of Admission to illinois (foreign LLC's)
	Nicoat Environmental				
	Specialties, LLC	Illinois		12/15/09	
7.	If the surviving entity is not a Lin and is subject to liability in any ity Company previously subject of the right of members of any L tity.	action or proceeding for to to suit in this State, which	he enford h Is to me	ement of any liability or obl erge, and for the enforceme	igation of a Limited Liabil- nt, as provided in this Act,
8.	The undersigned entities cause affirms, under penalty of perjury Dated January 29 Month & E	, that the facts stated her	rein are tr	gned by the duly authorized ue.	person, each of whom
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Signatures must be in black ink on an original document.

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Dated	Mohif)& Day	Year	Exact Name of Corporation	
	Any Authorized Officer's Signature			
_	David J. Lorey, Chief Pinancial Officer			
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	Any Authorized Officer's Signature David J. Lorey, Chief Financial Officer			
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AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

THIS AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of January 29, 2010, by and between Environmental Specialties, Inc., an Illinois corporation ("ES INC"), Litho Research, Incorporated, an Illinois corporation ("Litho"), and Nicoat Environmental Specialties, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company ("ES LLC"; ES LLC, ES INC and Litho are hereinafter sometimes referred to individually as a "Constituent Entity" and collectively as the "Constituent Entities").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of ES INC has determined that the merger of ES INC and Litho with and into ES LLC is advisable and in the best interests of ES INC and has accepted, adopted and approved the execution, delivery and performance by ES INC of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby in their entirety;

WHEREAS, the sole shareholder of ES INC has authorized and approved this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Litho has determined that the merger of Litho and ES INC with and into ES LLC is advisable and in the best interests of Litho and has accepted, adopted and approved the execution, delivery and performance by Litho of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby in their entirety;

WHEREAS, the sole shareholder of Litho has authorized and approved this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby; and

WHEREAS, the sole member of ES LLC has determined that the merger of ES INC and Litho with and into ES LLC is advisable and in the best interests of ES LLC and has accepted, adopted and approved the execution, delivery and performance by ES LLC of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby in their entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements hereinafter set forth, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree that ES INC and Litho shall be merged with and into ES LLC and that the terms and conditions thereof are and shall be as follows:

ARTICLE I

Merger

1.1 On the Effective Date (as defined in <u>Section 1.2</u>), ES INC and Litho shall be merged with and into ES LLC (the "Merger"). Upon the effectiveness of the Merger, the separate existence of ES INC and Litho shall cease and ES LLC shall be the surviving entity (the "Surviving Entity") and shall continue unaffected and unimpaired by the Merger, with all the rights, privileges, immunities and powers and subject to all the duties and liabilities of a limited

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liability company organized under the Illinois Limited Liability Company Act, as amended (the "Illinois LLC Act").

1.2 The Merger shall be effective on January 31, 2010 (the "Effective Date"). For accounting purposes only, the Merger shall be effective at 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time on January 31, 2010.

ARTICLE II

Articles of Organization, Operating Agreement, Effect of Merger

- 2.1 The Articles of Organization of ES LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois on December 15, 2009. The Articles of Organization of the Surviving Entity shall be the Articles of Organization of ES LLC in effect on the Effective Date, and shall thereafter continue to be the Articles of Organization of the Surviving Entity until the same shall be altered or amended in accordance with the Illinois LLC Act.
- 2.2 The Operating Agreement of the Surviving Entity shall be the Operating Agreement of ES LLC in effect immediately prior to the Effective Date, and such Operating Agreement shall continue to be the Operating Agreement of the Surviving Entity until the same shall be altered or amended.
- 2.3 The name of the Surviving Entity shall be Nicoat Environmental Specialties, LLC.
- 2.4 The principal place of business of the Surviving Entity shall be 1600 Glenlake Avenue, Itasca, IL 60143.
- 2.5 Immediately upon the Effective Date with respect to the legal effect of the Merger, all the real and personal property, rights and interest, privileges, franchises, patents, trade secrets and confidential information, trademarks, licenses, registrations and all other legal rights and assets of every kind and description of each of the Constituent Entities, whether tangible or intangible, shall be automatically transferred to, vested in and devolve upon ES LLC as the Surviving Entity without further act or deed.
- 2.6 Immediately upon the Effective Date, without limiting the force and effect of any applicable provisions of the Illinois LLC Act with respect to the legal effect of the Merger, all of the liabilities of each of the Constituent Entities shall be automatically assumed by ES LLC as the Surviving Entity.
- 2.7 Each of the Constituent Entities hereby represents and warrants that it is not a party, jointly or severally, to any contract or agreement the terms of which would be violated or breached by it upon execution and consummation of this Agreement and that this Agreement is enforceable against each of the Constituent Entities in accordance with its terms.
- 2.8 ES LLC as the Surviving Entity shall be responsible and liable for all debts, liabilities and other obligations of each of the Constituent Entities; and any claim existing or action or proceeding pending by or against any of the Constituent Entities may be prosecuted to

judgment as if the Merger had not taken place, or ES LLC as the Surviving Entity may be substituted in the place of either of the Constituent Entities, and neither the rights of creditors nor any liens upon the property of either of the Constituent Entities shall be impaired by the Merger. ES LLC shall execute and deliver any and all documents which may be required for it to assume or otherwise comply with outstanding obligations of either of the Constituent Entities.

ARTICLE III

Capitalization

- 3.1 All of the issued and outstanding shares of ES INC and Litho and all of the ownership interests in ES LLC are directly or indirectly owned by the same party.
- 3.2 Each ownership interest in ES LLC outstanding immediately prior to the Merger becoming effective shall be an identical outstanding ownership interest in ES LLC upon the Merger becoming effective. The members of ES LLC immediately prior to the Merger becoming effective shall continue as members of ES LLC upon the Merger becoming effective.
- 3.3 Each share of capital stock of ES INC issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Merger becoming effective shall be cancelled upon the Merger becoming effective and no further consideration shall be given therefor.
- 3.4 Each share of capital stock of Litho issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Merger becoming effective shall be cancelled upon the Merger becoming effective and no further consideration shall be given therefor.

ARTICLE IV

Termination

4.1 This Agreement may be terminated and abandoned at any time before the filing of the Articles of Merger by the mutual consent of the Constituent Entities.

ARTICLE V

Miscellaneous

- 5.1 Each of the Constituent Entities shall take or cause to be taken all actions or do or cause to be done all things necessary, proper or advisable under the laws of the State of Illinois to consummate and make effective the Merger.
- 5.2 This Agreement (a) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws (and not laws of conflict) of the State of Illinois, (b) shall not be waived, except by an instrument in writing, signed by the party to be charged, and (c) shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

- 5.3 This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Facsimile signatures and e-mail of a "pdf" signature may be relied upon as originals.
- 5.4 The parties hereto each agree to do, execute, acknowledge and deliver all such further acts, instruments and assurances, and to take all such further action, including, without limitation, the execution and filing of such instruments in the States of Illinois and any other state as shall be necessary or desirable to carry out this Agreement and to consummate and effect the Merger.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned parties have executed this Agreement and Plan of Merger as of the date first written above.

NICOAT ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALITIES, LLC

By: National Industrial Coatings, Inc.

Its: Member

Ву:

Name: David J. Lorey

As Its: Chief Pinancial Office

ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALTIES, INC.

By:

Name: David J. Louey

As Its: Chief Financial Officer

LITHO RESEARCH, INCORPORATED

By:

Name: David J. Lorey

As Its: Chief Financial Officer

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