May 27th, 1916.

CHARTER OF GULF DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INCORPORATED.

United States of America, State of Louisiana, Parish of Orleans, City of New Orleans.

Be it known, that on this twenty-seventh day of the month of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-first, before me, Emile Pomes, a notary public, duly commissioned and qualified in and for this city, and state aforesaid, and therein residing and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared: The persons whose names are subscribed, who declared that they, acting for themselves of the provisions of the laws of this State, relative to the organization of corporations, and more particularly these portions they have agreed, form, covenant and agree and declare as such and constitute themselves into a corporation or other persons who may hereafter join or become associated with them, into a corporation and body politic and corporate, for the objects and purposes and under the agreements and stipulations following, to-wit:

Article I.—The name, style and title of this corporation shall be "Gulf Development Company, Incorporated." and under such name it shall have and enjoy all the rights, privileges and advantages granted by law to corporations; it shall exist for a period of ninety-nine years from date hereof, and shall have the power to contract, sue and be sued in its corporate name; to make and use a corporate seal and the same to break and alter at pleasure; to hold, receive, purchase, mortgage, convey, hypothecate or pledge property both real and personal, to issue bonds, notes and other obligations, to have and employ such managers, directors, officers, agents and other employees as the interest and convenience of said corporation may require or demand; to make and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations for the corporate management and control of its affairs that may be deemed necessary and expedient.

Article II.—The domicile of said corporation shall be established in the City of New Orleans, State of Louisiana, and all citations and other legal process shall be served on the President; and in the absence of both on the Secretary.

Article III.—The objects and purposes for which this corporation is formed, and the nature of the business to be carried on by it, are hereby declared to be: to manufacture sell, buy, deal in, consign and receive on consignment, paints, oils, brushes, glassware and other materials of like character, and to do a general contracting business and generally to engage in and carry on any other enterprise or business which may be germane or incidental to, or connected, with, the purposes hereinabove set forth or contemplated by this charter.

Article IV.—The capital stock of this corporation is fixed at the sum of five thousand ($5000) dollars, divided into fifty shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each. All shares of stock shall be full paid and non-assessable. No transfer of stock shall be binding upon the corporation unless made upon its books, and all certificates of stock shall be signed by such officers as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

This corporation shall have the right to increase its capital stock up to the further sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred ($100) dollars each, provided said increase in the capital stock shall have been authorized by the stockholders at a meeting to be held pursuant to the provisions of Article V of this charter.

Article V.—All the corporate powers of the company shall be vested in, and the management and control of its affairs shall be exercised by a Board of Directors composed of four stockholders, the membership of which board may be increased to five. A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business. The directors shall be elected annually by ballot, by the stockholders, on the first Monday in January in each year. Each stockholder shall be entitled in person or by proxy to a vote for every share owned by him, and all elections shall be held under such rules and regulations as may be determined by the Board of Directors, after fifteen days' notice by mail of such election shall have been sent to each stockholder at his last known address. The directors thus elected shall continue in office for one year, or until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified. No failure to elect shall be regarded as a forfeiture of this charter. Any vacancy occurring on said board shall be filled by the remaining directors for the unexpired term; the said board shall likewise elect the additional members in case they should determine to increase the number of said board. Said Board of Directors shall at its first meeting after its election, nominate out of its number, a president, a vice-president and treasurer, and a secretary. Said board shall have the right to consolidate any two of the said offices into one, or to segregate said offices, as also the right to appoint and dismiss such clerks, managers and other employees of the corporation as conditions may justify or the business of the corporation may require. The tenure of office of all the employees of the corporation shall be during the pleasure of the Board of Directors. Any of the directors or officers shall have the right to appoint, by written instrument, another director or stockholder to act as his proxy and in his stead at any and all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Article VI.—No stockholders shall ever be held liable or responsible for the contracts, faults or debts of said corporation, nor shall any mere informality in its organization have the effect of rendering this charter null, or of exposing a stockholder to any liability beyond the unpaid balance due on the shares owned by him.

Article VII.—This act of incorporation may be changed, modified or altered, or this corporation may be dissolved, with the assent of the stockholders owning two-thirds of all the stock of the corporation at a general meeting convened for that purpose, and after at least ten days' written notice of this meeting has been given through mail addressed to each shareholder at his last known place of residence. In case of dissolution by the expiration of this charter or otherwise, the stockholders shall elect three liquidators from among their number, to liquidate and settle the business and affairs of the company. In case of death or disability of any one of said commissioners or liquidators, the survivors or remaining liquidators shall appoint a successor to him. The said liquidators shall have full power to settle said company's debts, and divide the remaining money and property among the stockholders. They shall also have power to meet and act under the by-laws of the corporation and under regulations to be made by a majority of said liquidators; to fix the price and prescribe the terms of sale of said property and the manner in which the sale shall be made, and take notes and bonds, secured by mortgage or otherwise, for part of the purchase price for all or any part of said property, provided, however, that the rights herein conferred upon the liquidators may be modified, changed or denied by a majority of the shares of the capital stock of the corporation. The said liquidators shall have authority to sue for and recover the debts and property in the name of the corporation, and may be sued by the same name, and they shall be liable in solido to any creditor or stockholders for the monies and property of the corporation, which shall come to their hands or possession as liquidators and for the proper application and distribution thereof.

Article VIII.—Twenty-five hundred dollars has been subscribed to the capital stock of this corporation, as follows: Herbert E. Steiner, whose address is Birmingham, Ala., 4 shares; G. I. Fall, whose address is 1472 Constance street, New Orleans, La., 10 shares; J. Raynaud, whose address is 5441 Coliseum street, New Orleans, La., 15 shares; and Arthur S. Steiner whose address is 2238 Berlin street, New Orleans, La., 21 shares.

Article IX.—Until the election to be held on the second Monday in January, 1917, the following shall constitute the first Board of Directors, viz: The said J. Raynaud as President, the said Arthur S. Steiner, as Vice-President and treasurer, and the said G. I. Fall, as secretary.

Thus done and passed in my office, on the day, month and year, first above written, in the presence of Frank B. Twomey and Joseph L. Weiss, competent witnesses, who have signed with the parties and me, the notary, after reading the whole.

(Original Signed: I. Raynaud, 15 shares; A. S. Steiner, 21 shares; H. E. Steiner, per A. S. Steiner, 4 shares; G. I. Fall, 10 shares; F. B. Twomey, J. L. Weiss.

FELIX J. DREYFOUS, Not. Pub.

I, the undersigned, Recorder of Mortgages, for the Parish of Orleans and City of New Orleans, do hereby certify that the foregoing act of incorporation of the "Ra-No Paint Co. Inc.", was this day duly recorded in my office in Book 1195, Folio 540.

New Orleans, May 11, 1916.

(Signed) EMILE J. LEONARD, Dy. R.

A true copy from the original act.

FELIX J. DREYFOUS, Not. Pub.

(Seal) 304 Carondelet Street.

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The Feminine Pessimist.

The feminine pessimist worries because she is not as young as she once was; the optimist of the same sex rejoices that she is not so old as she will be.—Life.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

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Percy—The footpad held me up for all I had.

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Circumstances.

Believe only that your circumstances are those most suited to develop your character. They have been selected out of all possible combinations of events and conditions, in order to effect in you the highest finish of usefulness and beauty; they would have been the ones selected by you, if all the wide range of omniscient knowledge had been within reach.—F. B. Meyer.

CHARTER OF NEW ORLEANS REFINING COMPANY, INC.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Orleans, City of New Orleans.

Be it known, That on this 26th day of May, 1916, before me, Pierre D. Olivier, a notary public, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, personally came and appeared Richard Airey, a resident of London, England, and Esmond Phelps and Thos. C. Nicholls, Jr., residents of the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, whose signatures are appended hereto, who declared in my presence, and in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses, that, availing themselves of the laws of the State of Louisiana in such cases made and provided, they have associated themselves, and do by these presents hereby associate themselves as a corporation under the following articles of agreement, to-wit:

Article First—The name of the corporation shall be New Orleans Refining Company, Inc.

Article Second—The purposes for which the said corporation is formed are hereby declared to be:

1. To engage in and carry on the business of drilling and exploring for, mining, extracting, producing, refining, distilling, treating, manufacturing, piping, dealing in, buying and selling oils, petroleum, mineral oil, natural gas and other minerals and mineral and hydro-carbon substances and all kinds of products and by-products derived from said substances, or any of them, and all implements, materials and things incidental to or useful in connection with the business of the corporation, and of transporting and transmitting the same in any manner whatsoever except for public service, and to engage in and carry on any other business which may conveniently be conducted in conjunction with any of the businesses aforesaid.

2. To purchase, lease, hire or otherwise acquire, hold, own, develop, improve and dispose of, and to aid and subscribe toward the acquisition, development or improvement of real property and rights and privileges therein, necessary and proper for any of the businesses of the corporation, in any part of the world, and personal property and rights and privileges therein, suitable or convenient for any of the businesses of the corporation, and to acquire, take, hold, own, construct, erect, improve, manage and operate, and to aid and subscribe toward the acquisition, construction or improvement of oil wells, gas wells, mines, refineries, manufactories, pipe lines, tanks, cars, piers, wharves, steam and other vessels for water transportation and any other works, property or appliances which may appertain to or be useful in the conduct of any of the businesses of the corporation, but only to the extent authorized by the laws of the State of Louisiana.

3. To apply for, obtain, purchase or otherwise acquire any patents, licenses, trade-marks and the like, in respect of any inventions which may seem capable of being used for any of the purposes of the corporation, and to use, exercise and develop the same, and grant licenses and other rights and privileges in respect thereof.

4. To acquire by purchase, subscription or otherwise, and to hold, sell, assign, transfer, exchange, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of any shares of the capital stock, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness of any other corporation or corporations, association or associations, domestic or foreign, engaged in any business in which this corporation may be authorized to engage, or the ownership of whose securities would be advantageous or convenient in the protection or promotion of any of the purposes or interests of this corporation, but only to the extent authorized by the laws of the State of Louisiana.

5. To carry out all or any part of the foregoing objects as principal, factor, agent, contractor or otherwise, either alone or in conjunction with any person, firm, association or corporation, and in any part of the world; and in carrying on its business and for the purpose of attaining or furthering any of its objects, to make and perform such contracts of any kind and descriptions, to do such acts and things, and to exercise any and all such powers, as a natural person could lawfully make, perform, do or exercise, provided the same be not inconsistent with the laws under which this corporation is organized.

Article Third—The capital stock of the corporation is hereby fixed at the sum of four hundred thousand dollars ($400,000), to be represented by four thousand (4,000) certificates of the par value of one hundred dollars ($100) each, said stock to be issued for cash, or for property received, or labor or services rendered to the corporation at such times and under such terms and conditions not inconsistent with law, as the board of directors may prescribe.

Article Fourth.—The capital stock of the corporation may be increased, in accordance with law, to the sum of two million dollars ($2,000,000).

Article Fifth—The location of the domicile of the corporation shall be in the city of New Orleans, State of Louisiana.

Article Sixth—The period of duration of the corporation shall be the term of ninety-nine (99) years.

Article Seventh—All the corporate powers of the corporation shall be vested in a board of directors to consist of three (3) persons to be elected annually on the fourth Tuesday of May of each year, the directors so elected to serve until their successors shall be elected and qualified. The names and post office addresses of the directors for the first year, who shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified, are as follows:

Richard Airey, St. Helen's Court, London, E. C., England; Esmond Phelps, 708 Union St., New Orleans, La.; Thomas C. Nicholls, Jr., 708 Union St., New O-leans, La.

Article Eighth—The names and post office addresses of the subscribers to these articles of incorporation and a statement of the number of shares of stock to which each has subscribed are as follows:

Richard Airey St. Helen's Court, London E. C., England, 1,998 shares; Esmond Phelps, 708 Union St., New Orleans, La., 1 share; Thomas C. Nicholls, Jr., 708 Union St., New Orleans, La., 1 share.

In witness whereof, I have caused these presents to be signed at New Orleans, Louisiana, by the said appearers, in my presence and in the presence of Messrs. Chas. Payne Fenner and Chas. E. Dunbar, Jr., undersigned competent witnesses therein residing, on the day, month and year first above written.

Signed: Rich. Airey, 1,998 shares; Esmond Phelps, 1 share; Thos. C. Nicholls, Jr., 1 share. Witnesses: Chas. Payne Fenner, C. E. Dunbar, Jr.

PIERRE D. OLIVIER, Notary Public.

I, the undersigned, recorder of mortgages, in and for the parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing act of incorporation, of the New Orleans Refining Company Inc., was this day duly recorded in my office, in book 1195, folio 591.

New Orleans, May 26, 1916.

(Signed) EMILE J. LEONARD, Dy. R.

I certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of incorporation of the New Orleans Refining Company, Inc., and of the certificate of the recorder of mortgages, appended thereto, on file and of record in my office.

New Orleans, May 30, 1916.

PIERRE D. OLIVIER,

(Seal) Notary Public.

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CHARTER OF THE LAND TRUST COMPANY, INCORPORATED.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Orleans, City of New Orleans.

Be it known, that on this eighth day of the month of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, before me, Gustave A. Llambias, a notary public in and for the parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, duly commissioned and qualified, and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, personally came and appeared: the several persons whose names are hereafter subscribed, of the full age of majority, who declared to me, that availing themselves of the laws of this State relative to the organization of corporations, and more especially of Act 267 of the acts of 1914, page 521, of the Legislative Acts of this state, they have covenanted and agreed, and by these presents do covenant and agree for themselves and their successors and assigns to form themselves into a corporation and body politic, for the objects and purposes and under the stipulations hereinafter set forth, to-wit:

Article I.—The name and title of this corporation shall be "The Land Trust Company, Incorporated," and under such title it shall have and enjoy succession for a period of ninety-nine (99) years from date hereof and shall have power and authority to contract, sue and be sued, make and use a corporate seal, the same to break and alter at pleasure; to hold, sell, lease, mortgage, hypothecate, or pledge property, real, personal or mixed, necessary, incidental or proper for the carrying on of its business; to buy and hold stock in any other company or companies that may assist this company in its objects and purposes; to make and issue notes and certificates of indebtedness; to name, elect and appoint managers, directors and clerks or other employees to properly conduct its corporate business and to make such by-laws, rules and regulations as may be found necessary or desirable for the management and business affairs of this corporation, and generally to do every other act, matter or thing necessary for the complete and proper carrying out of said business.

Article II.—The domicile of this corporation shall be in the city of New Orleans, parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, where all citation and other legal process shall be served upon the president, or in the absence of the president upon the vice-president, or in the absence of both upon the secretary.

Article III.—The objects and purposes of this corporation are hereby declared and stated to be:

To deal in, acquire, purchase, hold, lease, sell, pledge and mortgage property movable or immovable, and mixed, situated in this State, or elsewhere, and to issue stock and bonds thereon, and deal in mortgage notes, bonds, stocks and other securities; to promote and underwrite land and other projects; to develop, cultivate, and reclaim lands, and for this purpose to build levees, ditches, bridges and roads, to install pumping plants for drainage and irrigation, to operate dredges, to erect, build, construct and contract for the erection of dwellings and other buildings; and to prospect for mineral deposits, and operate or mine oil, gas, salt and other deposits.

Article IV.—(a) The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at the sum of two million ($2,000,000.00) dollars, divided into two hundred thousand shares of the par value of ten ($10.00) dollars each, provided that the amount to which the capital stock of this corporation may be increased shall be two million, five hundred thousand ($2,500,000.00) dollars.

Fifty (50%) per cent of the capital stock of this corporation must be subscribed for before the filing of the articles of incorporation. The subscribed capital stock of this corporation shall be payable in cash and in property, real or personal.

(b) No stockholder shall ever be held liable or responsible for the faults, contracts or debts of this corporation in any further sum than the unpaid balance due the corporation on the shares of stock subscribed for by him, nor shall any mere informality in the organization have the effect of rendering this charter null or of exposing any shareholder to any liability whatsoever.

(c) This corporation shall not engage in business until five hundred thousand ($500,000.00) dollars of the capital stock shall have been issued and actually paid in, either in cash or property, as aforesaid. If any of the stock of this corporation is exchanged, in whole or in part, for property, in that event the provisions of section three of Act 267 of 1914 shall be strictly complied with.

(d) All of the stock subscribed for herein by William J. Castell, in his capacity of trustee, as set forth in Article Nine hereof, shall be held for the benefit of the corporation as treasury stock, and said William J. Castell has no personal right in, nor personal liability to pay for, said stock. Said treasury stock shall be sold for cash only; but the board of directors may fix the price at such sum as they may deem to the corporation's best interest, or may sell the same through brokers on commission and on instalments, holding the stock as collateral until fully paid for.

(e) All transfers of stock of this corporation shall be made on the books of the corporation at its office in the city of New Orleans.

Article V.—All the corporate powers of this corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a board of directors composed of not less than three (3), nor more than fifteen (15) stockholders, each of whom shall own, in his own right, during his term of office, at least one full-paid and unpledged share of the capital stock, which shall be shown by his written declaration, the number necessary for a quorum for the transaction of business to be fixed in the by-laws to be adopted by the board of directors. Said board of directors shall be elected annually on the third Monday in January, beginning with the year 1920. They, together with the officers elected by them, shall continue in office for one year, or until their successors shall have been elected and inducted into office.

The election of the directors shall be held in the office of the corporation, under the supervision of two commissioners appointed by the board of directors. Fifteen days previous notice of such election shall be given to each stockholder by the secretary by letter deposited in the postoffice properly addressed to each stockholder as prescribed by law. All elections shall be by ballot. A majority of the votes cast shall elect and one vote shall be allowed for each share of stock represented by the holder in person, or by written proxy. Any vacancy occurring in said board from any cause shall be filled for the unexpired term by the remaining directors. The board of directors shall at their first meeting each year, elect from their own number a president, a vice-president, and shall also elect a secretary and treasurer, who may or may not be members of the board, or the same person may be elected both secretary and treasurer. Any member of the board of directors who cannot be present in person at any meeting of the board shall have the right to be represented by a proxy, designated in writing for that purpose, who shall be a stockholder.

Article VI.—The first board of directors shall consist of William J. Castell, 626 Gravier street, New Orleans, Louisiana, C. H. Rice, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Comer E. Jones, of Morgan City, Louisiana with the said William J. Castell, as president, and C. H. Rice as vice-president, and these directors and officers shall serve until the third Monday in January, 1920, or until their successors are elected and inducted into office.

The first board of directors shall elect a secretary and treasurer for such period of time as they may determine.

The board of directors shall have the power to increase the membership of the board from among the stockholders from time to time, provided the total number of directors shall not at any one time exceed fifteen (15).

Article VII.—This charter may be modified, changed, altered or amended, the capital stock thereof decreased or increased, or this corporation may be dissolved with the assent of two-thirds of all its stock, after prior notice in writing to each stockholder, or mailed to him at his last known post-office address in manner and form as prescribed by law.

Article VIII.—At the expiration of this charter, or earlier dissolution of this corporation for any cause, its affairs shall be liquidated by one or more commissioners, to be elected by the stockholders, all of whom shall hold stock in said company and said commissioners are hereby vested with full power and authority to liquidate the affairs of said company, with full power to act under the terms of section thirty of Act 267 of 1914.

Article IX.—The appearers hereby declare that they have subscribed to the following number of shares of the capital stock of this corporation, to-wit:

William J. Castell, 626 Gravier street, New Orleans, Louisiana, eighty-one thousand six hundred and nine shares; C. H. Rice, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, one hundred shares; Comer E. Jones, Morgan City, Louisiana, one hundred shares; William J. Castell, 626 Gravier street, New Orleans, Louisiana, twenty thousand shares; William J. Castell, trustee, 626 Gravier street, New Orleans, Louisiana, one hundred and forty-one shares.

The said subscription of William J. Castell of eighty-one thousand, six hundred and nine (81,609) shares first above set forth shall be fully paid for and settled by the transfer by him to this corporation of a certain tract of land, together with all the improvements thereon, consisting of eighty-three thousand, six hundred (83,600) acres, more or less, situated in the parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana; an accurate, detailed and itemized statement and description of said property being annexed hereto, to be read in connection herewith, and the said property having been duly appraised by the board of directors of this corporation at the valuation set forth in said annexed memorandum, marked "Exhibit A."

Thus done and passed, in my office, in the city of New Orleans, on the day, month and year first above written, in the presence of St. Clair Adams and Anthony Vizard, competent witnesses, who have signed these presents together with the said affiants and me, notary, after due reading of the whole.

(Signed): (Signatures)

Witnesses: St. Clair Adams, A. Vizard.

GUS. A. LLAMBIAS, Not. Pub.

I, the undersigned recorder of mortgages, in and for the parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing act of incorporation of the Land Trust Company, Incorporated, was this day duly recorded in my office, in book 1195, folio 522. New Orleans, May 9, 1916.

(Signed) EMILE J. LEONARD, Dy. R.

A true copy.

GUS. A. LLAMBIAS, Not. Pub.

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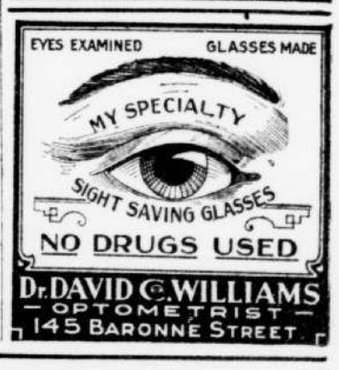

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