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Certificate of Authority  
(Foreign Business Entity)

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Pursuant to the provisions of KRS 14A - 030 the undersigned hereby applies for authority to transact business in Kentucky on behalf of the entity named below and, for that purpose, submits the following statements:

1. The entity is a: ☒ profit corporation ☐ nonprofit corporation ☐ professional limited liability company  
☐ business trust ☐ limited liability company ☐ statutory trust  
☐ limited partnership ☐ ltd cooperative association ☐ other  
☐ non-profit llc ☐ professional service corporation
2. The name of the entity is John Deere Construction & Forestry Company  
(The name must be identical to the name on record in the state where the entity was formed.)
3. The name of the entity to be used in Kentucky is (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Only provide if name on line 2 is unavailable for use; otherwise, leave blank.)
4. The state or country under whose law the entity is organized is Delaware
5. The date of organization is 06/16/1969 and the period of duration is \_\_\_\_\_  
(If left blank, duration is considered perpetual.)
6. The mailing address of the entity's principal office is  
One John Deere Place Moline IL 61265  
Street Address City State Zip Code
7. The street address of the entity's registered office in Kentucky is  
306 W. Main Street, Suite 512 Frankfort KY 40601  
Street Address (No P.O. Box Numbers) City State Zip Code
- and the name of the registered agent at that office is C T Corporation System
8. The names and business addresses of the entity's representatives (secretary, officers and directors, managers, trustees or general partners):
- | Name           | Street or P.O. Box | City   | State | Zip Code |
|----------------|--------------------|--------|-------|----------|
| Edward R. Berk | 1 John Deere Place | Moline | IL    | 61265    |
| Name           | Street or P.O. Box | City   | State | Zip Code |
| Name           | Street or P.O. Box | City   | State | Zip Code |
| Name           | Street or P.O. Box | City   | State | Zip Code |
9. If a professional service corporation, all the individual shareholders, not less than one half (1/2) of the directors, and all of the officers other than the secretary and treasurer are licensed in one or more states or territories of the United States or District of Columbia to render a professional service described in the statement of purposes of the corporation.
10. I certify that, as of the date of filing this application, the above-named entity validly exists under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation.
11. If a limited partnership, it elects to be a limited liability limited partnership. Check the box if applicable: ☐
12. If a limited liability company, check the box if manager-managed: ☐
13. This entity is a retailer of authorized vapor products as defined by KRS 438.305(2). Check the box, if applicable: ☐

Signature of Authorized Representative Edward R. Berk Printed Name & Title Secretary Date February 21, 2025

I, C T Corporation System, consent to serve as the registered agent on behalf of the business entity.  
Type/Print Name of Registered Agent

By: C T Corporation System Michele Miller Asst. Secretary 2/21/2025  
Signature of Registered Agent Printed Name Title Date

# Delaware

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I, CHARUNI PATIBANDA-SANCHEZ, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "JOHN DEERE CONSTRUCTION & FORESTRY COMPANY" IS DULY INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL CORPORATE EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 2025.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE ANNUAL REPORTS HAVE BEEN FILED TO DATE.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE FRANCHISE TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID TO DATE.



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You may verify this certificate online at [corp.delaware.gov/authver.shtml](http://corp.delaware.gov/authver.shtml)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "C. P. Sanchez", is written over a horizontal line.

Charuni Patibanda-Sanchez, Secretary of State

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Date: 02-21-25