

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS**

TO: Estelita A. Meris a.k.a. Lita Meris  
Jem Landscape Materials  
8841 Scenic Elk Court  
Elk Grove, California 95624

OR

7707 Margerum Ave., #211,  
San Diego, California, 92120-1404

**DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER  
(For violations of section 25110 of the Corporations Code)**

The California Corporations Commissioner finds that:

1. At all relevant times, Estelita A. Meris also known as Lita Meris (“Meris”) was conducting business as Jem Landscape Materials (“Jem Landscape”), a lawn and garden equipment and supplies company.
2. At all relevant times, Jem Landscape was and has been conducting business at 8841 Scenic Elk Court, Elk Grove, California or 7707 Margerum Ave., #211, San Diego, California.
3. Beginning in or about August 1999, Meris offered and sold securities in the form of notes or evidences of indebtedness or investment contracts in Jem Landscape for subcontract agreements on approved contracts from National Nigerian Petroleum Corporation located in Nigeria, Africa.
4. The purported purpose of the Jem Landscape offering was to raise \$300,000 to enable Jem Landscape to pay certain fees to National Nigerian Petroleum Corporation in return for the release of \$30 million from an agreement executed between Jem Landscape and National Nigerian Petroleum Corporation.
5. These securities were offered or sold in this state in issuer transactions. The Department of Corporations has not issued a permit or other form of qualification authorizing any person to offer and sell these securities in this state.

Based upon the foregoing, the California Corporations Commissioner is of the opinion that the notes or evidences of indebtedness or investment contracts in Jem Landscape are securities subject to qualification under the California Corporate Securities Law of 1968 and are being or have been offered or sold without being qualified. Pursuant to Section 25532 of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968, Meris and Jem Landscape are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from the further offer or sale in the State of California of securities, in the form of

notes or evidences of indebtedness or investment contracts in Jem Landscape for subcontract agreements on approved contracts from National Nigerian Petroleum Corporation, unless and until qualification has been made under said law or unless exempt. The sale of such securities is subject to qualification under said law and such securities are being or have been offered for sale without first being so qualified. This Order is necessary, in the public interest, for the protection of investors and consistent with the purposes, policies, and provisions of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968.

Dated: September 19, 2002  
Los Angeles, California

DEMETRIOS A. BOUTRIS  
California Corporations Commissioner

By \_\_\_\_\_  
ALAN S. WEINGER  
Supervising Counsel

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**DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER  
(For violations of section 25401 of the Corporations Code)**

The California Corporations Commissioner finds that:

1. At all relevant times, Estelita A. Meris also known as Lita Meris (“Meris”) was conducting business as Jem Landscape Materials (“Jem Landscape”), a lawn and garden equipment and supplies company.
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5. In connection with these offers and sales, Meris and Jem Landscape misrepresented or omitted to state material facts to some or all of the investors, including but not limited to, the following:
  - a. the misrepresentation that investors would received a return of three hundred thirty percent (330%) on any amount invested, when in fact there was no reasonable basis for these projections;
  - b. the misrepresentation that the investors’ funds would be paid back within three to six months; and
  - c. the misrepresentation that the investors’ funds were insured and guaranteed.

Based upon the foregoing, the California Corporations Commissioner is of the opinion that the securities of Jem Landscape were offered or sold in this state by means of written or oral communications which included an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, in violation of section 25401 of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968. Pursuant to Section 25532 of the Corporate Securities of 1968, Meris and Jem Landscape are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from offering or selling any security,

in the State of California, by means of any written or oral communication, which includes an untrue statement of material fact or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. This Order is necessary, in the public interest, for the protection of investors and consistent with the purposes, policies, and provisions of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968.

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