STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS

TO: Jeffrey Lenn Pickett, individually and doing business as Nutrition Marketing Company, Nutrition Marketing, Inc., Jeff Pickett Consulting, and Nutrition Marketing Limited 901 Sunrise Avenue, Suite A16 Roseville. California 95661

Jeffrey Lenn Pickett
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Nutrition Marketing Limited 13 St. Georges Street Douglas, Isle of Man IM11AJ

DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER

(For violations of sections 25110 and 25401 of the Corporations Code)

The California Corporations Commissioner finds that:

1. Jeffrey Lenn Pickett ("Pickett") is the owner and operator of a business called Nutrition Marketing Company which is located at 901 Sunrise Avenue, Suite A16 in Roseville, California 95661. Pickett's business card lists the company phone number as (916) 782-6450. A Yellow Pages listing for that number is maintained in the name "Jeff Pickett Consulting." Pickett has been doing business under the name "Nutrition Marketing Company" since at least 1991.

- 2. Nutrition Marketing, Inc. is a Nevada corporation filed July 30, 1997. Its registered office address is 2533 N. Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89706. According to records of the Nevada Secretary of State, Pickett is the president of Nutrition Marketing, Inc. Deanna W. Pickett is the company secretary and Brian R. Pickett is the company treasurer. The address of record of all three officers is 1507 Edgewater Court, Roseville, California 95678.
- 3. Pickett claims to have formed an offshore company on the Isle of Man called Nutrition Marketing Limited and claims that it conducts business at 13 St. Georges Street, Douglas, Isle of Man IM11AJ. Hereafter Nutrition Marketing Company, Nutrition Marketing, Inc. and Nutrition Marketing Limited are referred to collectively as "Nutrition Marketing."
- 4. During a period of time extending from at least mid-2001 to the present, Pickett has been attempting to attract potential investors in Nutrition Marketing by methods which have included ads placed in the Wall Street Journal.
- 5. In August of 2001, Pickett placed an ad in the Wall Street Journal seeking an investment in the amount of \$1.5 million. When persons responded to the ad, Pickett provided them solicitation materials setting forth a series of false representations concerning Pickett, his business activities, and the investment he was offering.
- 6. Pickett represented to potential investors that he is a business consultant in the natural foods industry with many years of experience and success in helping manufacturing companies to develop and market food products. He claimed that his crowning achievement occurred in the year 2000, when he developed the InterWellness High Protein Drink, which he claims is the healthiest and best tasting high protein food ever made. Pickett claimed that in the late 1990's he met a powerful, influential retired oil tycoon named

Sam White who was so impressed with Pickett that he joined forces with Pickett to launch the high protein drink onto the international trade scene.

7. Pickett claimed that with the help of Sam White he succeeded in arranging "high-level discussions" with a man named Ali Muhan who he claimed is "the heir to a \$25 Billion oil tycoon's fortune in Iran" with business connections throughout the Middle East. Pickett claimed that on March 7, 2000 Ali Muhan entered into an agreement to pay \$50 million for the exclusive rights to distribute the high protein drink in the Middle East.

8. Pickett claimed that he and Sam White next engaged in a "successful bid to forge a partnership with the largest food conglomerate in the world – Nestle of Switzerland." Pickett claimed that Nestle sensed "a golden opportunity for them to establish a major distribution foothold in the Middle East" and therefore agreed to provide Pickett and Sam White with a 1-year corporate bond, serial number 102593C, in the amount of \$150 million, bearing interest at the rate of 5%, in exchange for their services in expanding Nestle's distribution network in the Middle East. Pickett claimed that the agreement with Nestle was reached in a meeting that took place in Los Angeles on February 1, 2001 among Pickett, Sam White and Rainer Gut, the chairman of Nestle, who had flown to Los Angeles on that date "for the sole purpose of meeting with [them] to work out some kind of deal."

9. Pickett claimed further that he next formed "an offshore corporation, for business and tax purposes" in the name Nutrition Marketing, Ltd., on the Isle of Man. He claimed that he "determined that Scotland was the best emerging tax haven in Europe" and therefore decided that all of the banking for Nutrition Marketing, Ltd. would be transacted through the Bank of Scotland.

10. To investors who responded to the Wall Street Journal ad of late 2001, Pickett claimed that Nestle issued the \$150 million bond to Nutrition Marketing Limited on July 20,

2001, with a maturity date of July 20, 2002. Picket represented further that the Bank of Scotland held the bond in its "custodial account vault" and that it agreed to extend a \$100 million line of credit to Nutrition Marketing, Ltd. to be used to purchase raw materials and equipment necessary to produce the protein drink at a production facility in Edinburgh, Scotland. Pickett represented that the \$1.5 million investment he was seeking would be used as working capital and would be fully secured by the \$150 million bond. Pickett promised 15% of the common stock of Nutrition Marketing, Inc. and Nutrition Marketing, Ltd. to the investor who agreed to provide the \$1.5 million he was seeking. Pickett promised further that if the international food business was not operational by the target date of April 1, 2002, the investor would be paid 15%, or \$22.5 million, from the cash proceeds of the bond when it matured and was converted to cash on July 20, 2002, plus 15% of the accrued interest.

- 11. Pickett succeeded in obtaining at least \$750,000 in investment funds by means of these actions and representations.
- 12. More recently, in May of 2002, Pickett has placed a different ad in the Wall Street Journal, seeking an investment in the amount of \$5,000,000. To persons responding to the ad of May, 2002, Pickett has claimed that Nestle issued the \$150 million bond, serial number 102593C, to Nutrition Marketing Limited on March 1, 2002 pursuant to an agreement reached with Chairman Rainer Gut in Los Angeles on February 1, 2002. Pickett has claimed that the bond is due and payable on March 1, 2003. Pickett has represented that an investor who contributes \$5 million in working capital will receive 33.3% of the common stock of Nutrition Marketing Ltd. (U.K.) and 33.3% of the common stock of Nutrition Marketing, Inc. Pickett has represented further that in the event that the international food business is not operational by the target date of October 1, 2002, the investor will nevertheless receive 33.3%, or \$50 million, from the cash proceeds of the Nestle bond

when it matures and is converted to cash on March 1, 2003, plus 33.3% of the accrued interest.

13. As purported substantiation of the representations he is making about Sam White to induce investments, Pickett has provided potential investors an alleged report, dated June 6, 2001, of a background check that was carried out by a Los Angeles investigative agency at Pickett's request. The report Pickett has provided to potential investors culminates with the conclusion that "Sam White is, in fact, an oil tycoon and a billionaire and one of the leading industrialists of the world."

14. In fact, Pickett did request a Los Angeles investigative agency to carry out a background check of a man named Sam White allegedly residing in Los Angeles, and the agency did conduct such an investigation and did prepare a two-page report dated June 4, 2001. That report did not conclude, however, that Sam White is an oil tycoon and a billionaire but rather observed that:

This subject does not own any real property, does not own the property where he reportedly resides, and has a name that makes tracing his information hazy at best.... There are serious red flags involved with this subject and further scrutiny may be advised for clarification purposes once positive identifiers are in place.

- 15. The Nestle Corporation has not issued a bond to Pickett in the amount of \$150 million.
- 16. The Bank of Scotland has not extended a \$100 million line of credit to Pickett.
- 17. The Department of Corporations has not issued any permit, license or other form of authorization, approval or qualification to allow any person to offer and sell stock of Nutrition

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Marketing, including Nutrition Marketing Company, Nutrition Marketing Inc., and/or Nutrition Marketing, Ltd.

Based upon the foregoing findings, the California Corporations Commissioner is of the opinion that the common stock of Nutrition Marketing Inc. and Nutrition Marketing Limited constitute securities which are subject to qualification under the California Corporate Securities Law of 1968 and that these securities have been and are being offered and sold without being qualified.

The California Corporations Commissioner is of the further opinion that the securities of Nutrition Marketing, Inc. and Nutrition Marketing Limited have been and are being offered in this state by means of written and oral communications which include untrue statements of material fact, in violation of section 25401 of the California Corporate Securities Law of 1968.

Pursuant to Corporations Code section 25532, Jeffrey Lenn Pickett, Deanna W. Pickett, Brian R. Pickett, Nutrition Marketing, Inc. and Nutrition Marketing Limited are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from the further offer or sale in the State of California of common stock of Nutrition Marketing, Inc. and/or Nutrition Marketing Limited unless and until qualification has been made under the California Securities Law or until evidence is offered pursuant to Corporations Code section 25163 to establish that the offer or sale of such memberships is exempt from the qualification requirement.

Pursuant to Corporations Code section 25532, Jeffrey Lenn Pickett, Deanna W. Pickett, Brian R. Pickett, Nutrition Marketing, Inc. and Nutrition Marketing Limited are hereby further ordered to desist and refrain from the further offer or sale in the State of California of common stock of Nutrition Marketing, Inc. and/or Nutrition Marketing Limited by means of any written or oral communication which includes an untrue statement of a material fact.

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: August 21, 2002 Sacramento, California **DEMETRIOS A. BOUTRIS** California Corporations Commissioner By_ VIRGINIA JO DUNLAP Supervising Counsel Enforcement and Legal Services Division