| 1 | STATE OF WASHINGTON | | | |
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| 2 | DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SECURITIES DIVISION | | | |
| 3 | IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING whether there has been a violation of the | Order No. S-03-115-03-S0 | C01 | |
| 4 | Securities Act of Washington by: | STATEMENT OF CHAR | | |
| 5 | NORTHWEST BEST DIRECT, INC., VINCENT E. BOZZI, and EMILY G. BOZZI, | AND DESIST, WITHDRA | INTENT TO ENTER AN ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, WITHDRAW EXEMPTIONS, ORDER APPROPRIATE AFFIRMATIVE | |
| 6 | Respondents. | ACTION, ORDER FINES AND ORDER COSTS | , REIMPOSE FINES, | |
| 7 | | Case No. S-03-115 | | |
| 8 9 | | thwest Best Direct, Inc. cent E. Bozzi, President | Vincent E. Bozzi Emily G. Bozzi | |
| 10 | 580 | 5 East Sharp Ave, Suite 2 kane, WA 99212 | 4024 E 13th Ave Spokane, WA 99202 | |
| 11 | STATEMENT OF CHARGES | | | |
| 12 | Please take notice that the Securities Administrator of the State of Washington has reason to believe that | | | |
| 13 | Respondents, Northwest Best Direct, Inc., Vincent E. Bozzi, and Emily G. Bozzi have each violated the | | | |
| 14 | Securities Act of Washington by violating an existing Order of the Administrator, by selling unregistered, | | | |
| 15 | non-exempt securities, and by making material misrepresentations and omissions in the course of those sales. | | | |
| 16 | The Securities Administrator believes that these violations justify the entry of an order against each pursuant | | | |
| 17 | to RCW 21.20.390 to cease and desist from those violations, and pursuant to RCW 21.20.325 withdrawing the | | | |
| 18 | availability of certain exemptions. The Securities Administrator finds as follows: | | | |
| 19 | TENTATIVE FINDINGS OF FACT | | | |
| 20 | I. Respondents | | | |
| 21 | 1. Northwest Best Direct, Inc. ("NBD") is an active Washington for-profit corporation authorized to | | | |
| 22 | do business June 25, 1997. NBD is engaged in the business of publishing coupon books and magazines | | | |
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| 24 25 | STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER AN ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, WITHDRAW EXEMPTIONS, ORDER APPROPRIATE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, ORDER FINES, REIMPOSE FINES, AND ORDER COSTS | 1 DEPARTMENT OF F | INANCIAL INSTITUTIONS Securities Division PO Box 9033 Olympia, WA 98507-9033 360-902-8760 | |
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for public distribution in Spokane County. NBD maintains its principal place of business at 5805 E. Sharp Avenue, Suite 2, Spokane, Washington.

2. Vincent E. Bozzi ("Bozzi") is the President and Chief Executive Officer of NBD.

3. Emily G. Bozzi is the Secretary and Treasurer of NBD. The Bozzis reside in Spokane.

II. Background

On November 20, 2001, the Securities Administrator issued a Summary Order to Cease and Desist, SDO-6 095-01, against the above-named Respondents. In lieu of an administrative hearing, Respondents elected to 7 submit a statement for consideration by the Securities Administrator. The statement requested that the 8 9 Division reconsider the conclusions of law and reduce any fines imposed. Finding no grounds in Respondents' statement to reconsider the conclusions of law, but finding support for minor factual changes 10 and suspension of the fine, on December 19, 2001, the Securities Administrator entered a Final Order to 11 Cease and Desist and Revoke Exemptions, SDO-108-01. On December 22, 2001, Respondents were served 12 with two copies of the Final Order, one addressed to the Bozzis, and one addressed to NBD. 13

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III. Nature Of Respondents' Conduct

4. On or about January 1, 2003, Respondent Bozzi read a biography about a local retired
businessman, LW¹, and wrote him about doing a feature story and excerpt from the book in one of his
magazines, Spokane Coeur d'Alene Living. LW responded with interest, and Bozzi met with LW to
discuss the story. During their meeting, Bozzi discovered that LW had previously financed a similar
magazine in the Spokane area. In need of financing for NBD, Bozzi took the opportunity to solicit LW for
a business loan to support NBD. After further discussions, instead of structuring the financing as a loan,
Bozzi prepared a Stock Purchase Agreement reflecting a \$30,000 investment in MBD by LW.

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¹ The investor's full name is not used to protect his privacy.

| 1 | 5. The agreement, dated March 4, 2003, calls for Vincent and Emily Bozzi, as sole owners and | | |
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| 2 | shareholders of NBD, to sell 497 shares of stock in NBD to LW, and for LW to pay Respondents \$30,000 | | |
| 3 | for the shares. In addition, the agreement provides that Respondents will provide LW with an additional | | |
| 4 | 497 shares of stock for assisting Respondents to raise an additional \$150,000 in investment capital. LW | | |
| 5 | wrote a check to NBD for the \$30,000 investment on the same date. | | |
| 6 | 6. On or about March 13, 2003, Bozzi spoke with a reporter from the Spokane Journal of Business. | | |
| 7 | Bozzi reported that LW had invested in NBD and would be assisting NBD find other potential investors. | | |
| 8 | Bozzi falsely reported that he had added LW to the NBD Board of Directors. | | |
| 9 | 7. The Division's Final Order to Cease and Desist and Revoke Exemptions, SDO-108-01, enjoined | | |
| 10 | Respondents from engaging in certain practices in violation of the Securities Act of Washington: | | |
| 11 | a) Offering and/or selling securities in any manner in violation of RCW 21.20.140, the securities registration provision; b) Acting as a broker-dealer or securities salesperson in violation of RCW 21.20.040, the broker-dealer and securities salesperson registration provision; and c) Making material misrepresentations or omissions in connection with the offer and/or sale of securities in violation of RCW 21.20.010, the anti-fraud provision. | | |
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| 14 | sale of securities in violation of Ke w 21.20.010, the anti-fraud provision. | | |
| 15 | In addition, the Final Order revoked the availability of certain exemptions from registration for a period of | | |
| 16 | five years, and imposed a \$20,000 fine. The fine was suspended based on future compliance with the | | |
| 17 | Final Order. | | |
| 18 | 8. The stock sold by Respondents was not registered with the Securities Division or exempt from | | |
| 19 | registration. None of the Respondents were registered with the Securities Division as broker-dealers or | | |
| 20 | securities salespersons. Respondents did not disclose any information relating to Respondents' prior | | |
| 21 | violations of the Securities Act to LW. | | |
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| 24 | STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER AN ORDER TO CEASE AND3DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS Securities Division | | |
| 25 | DESIST, WITHDRAW EXEMPTIONS, ORDERPO Box 9033APPROPRIATE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, ORDEROlympia, WA 98507-9033FINES, REIMPOSE FINES, AND ORDER COSTS360-902-8760 | | |

Based upon the above Tentative Findings of Fact, the following Conclusions of Law are made:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The offer and/or sale of stock by Respondents as described above constitutes the offer and/or sale of securities as defined in RCW 21.20.005(10) and (12).

2. Respondents have each knowingly or recklessly violated RCW 21.20.140, the securities registration provision of the Securities Act of Washington, by offering and/or selling said securities while no registration was on file with the Securities Division.

3. Respondents have each knowingly or recklessly violated RCW 21.20.040, the broker-dealer and securities salesperson registration provision of the Securities Act of Washington, by offering and/or selling said securities while not registered as broker-dealers or securities salespersons in Washington.

4. In the offer and sale of said securities, Respondents have each knowingly or recklessly violated RCW 21.20.010, the anti-fraud provision of the Securities Act of Washington, by failing to disclose information relating to Respondents' prior violations of the Securities Act, the Summary Order and Final Orders enter against them, and the fact Respondents were enjoined from selling unregistered securities.

5. Respondents have each knowingly or recklessly violated Final Order to Cease and Desist and Revoke Exemptions, SDO-108-01.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ORDER RESPONDENTS TO CEASE AND DESIST

Pursuant to RCW 21.20.390, based upon Respondents' knowing or reckless violation of the Securities Act, and upon the Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Securities Administrator intends to order that Respondents Northwest Best Direct, Inc., Vincent E. Bozzi, and Emily G. Bozzi, their officers, directors, employees, partners, agents, attorneys, accountants, affiliates, subsidiaries, and successors, shall

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each permanently cease and desist from violations of RCW 21.20.010, RCW 21.20.040, and RCW 21.20.140.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW EXEMPTIONS 4 Pursuant to RCW 21.20.325, based upon the Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the 5 Securities Administrator intends to order that the exemptions available to Respondents Northwest Best 6 7 Direct, Inc., Vincent E. Bozzi, and Emily G. Bozzi under RCW 21.20.320(1), (9), (11), and (17) shall be permanently withdrawn. 8 9 NOTICE OF INTENT TO ORDER APPROPRIATE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION 10 Pursuant to RCW 21.20.390, based upon the Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the 11 Securities Administrator intends to order that Respondents Northwest Best Direct, Inc., Vincent E. Bozzi, 12 and Emily G. Bozzi shall be jointly and severally liable for and shall provide appropriate affirmative action, 13 14 including, without limitation, providing full restitution to all Washington investors. 15 NOTICE OF INTENT TO ORDER FINES 16 17 Pursuant to RCW 21.20.395(1), based upon Respondents' knowing or reckless violation of RCW 21.20.010, and upon the Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Securities Administrator 18 intends to order that Respondents Northwest Best Direct, Inc., Vincent E. Bozzi, and Emily G. Bozzi shall 19 20 be jointly and severally liable for and pay a fine of \$10,000. 21 22 Pursuant to RCW 21.20.395(2), based upon Respondents' knowing or reckless violation of the Final 23 Order, and upon the Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Securities Administrator 5 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND NOTICE OF 24 Securities Division INTENT TO ENTER AN ORDER TO CEASE AND PO Box 9033 DESIST, WITHDRAW EXEMPTIONS, ORDER 25 Olympia, WA 98507-9033 APPROPRIATE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, ORDER 360-902-8760 FINES, REIMPOSE FINES, AND ORDER COSTS

intends to order that Respondents Northwest Best Direct, Inc., Vincent E. Bozzi, and Emily G. Bozzi shall 1 be jointly and severally liable for and pay a fine of \$25,000. 2 3 NOTICE OF INTENT TO REIMPOSE FINES 4 Pursuant to RCW 21.20.395(1), based upon Respondents' knowing or reckless violation of the Final 5 Order, and upon the Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Securities Administrator 6 7 intends to order that the suspended \$20,000 fine imposed on Respondents in the Division's Final Order to Cease and Desist and Revoke Exemptions, SDO-108-01, be un-suspended, and that Respondents Northwest 8 9 Best Direct, Inc., Vincent E. Bozzi, and Emily G. Bozzi shall be jointly and severally liable for and pay the fine from the Final Order of \$20,000. 10 11 NOTICE OF INTENT TO ORDER COSTS 12 Pursuant to RCW 21.20.390(5), and based upon the Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the 13 14 Securities Administrator intends to order that Respondents Northwest Best Direct, Inc., Vincent E. Bozzi, and Emily G. Bozzi shall be jointly and severally liable for and shall pay the costs, fees, and other expenses 15 incurred in the conduct of the administrative investigation, hearing, or court proceeding relating to this 16 17 matter. As of December 10, 2003, these costs total approximately seven thousand dollars (\$7,000). 18 **AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE** 19 20 This Statement of Charges is entered pursuant to the provisions of RCW 21.20.390 and RCW 21.20.325, and is subject to the provisions of RCW 34.05. Respondents may make a written request for a 21 22 hearing as set forth in the Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing accompanying this 23 Statement of Charges. If any Respondent does not request a hearing, as to that Respondent, the Securities DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS 6 STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND NOTICE OF 24 Securities Division INTENT TO ENTER AN ORDER TO CEASE AND PO Box 9033 DESIST, WITHDRAW EXEMPTIONS, ORDER 25 Olympia, WA 98507-9033 APPROPRIATE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, ORDER 360-902-8760 FINES, REIMPOSE FINES, AND ORDER COSTS

Administrator intends to adopt the above Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as final, and enter a final cease and desist order against that Respondent enjoining future violations of the Securities Act, withdrawing exemptions, ordering affirmative action, and imposing the fines and costs as described above.

Entered this 19^{th} day of December, 2003.

Order Entered by:

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DEBORAH R. BORTNER Securities Administrator

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