STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

BEFORE THE

COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

SECURITIES COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of L. H. Ross & Co., Inc.) CONSENT ORDER
Respondent)

The North Dakota Securities Commissioner has advised the respondent, L. H. Ross & Co., Inc., that the Commissioner is prepared to commence formal action pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 10-04 and has determined as follows:

- Respondent is a broker dealer firm headquartered in Boca Raton, Florida, which is not now and has never been registered as a Broker Dealer in North Dakota.
- 2. During the fall of 2000, two employees of the Utah Department of Commerce, Securities Division, conducted an examination of a branch office of the respondent. That examination resulted in the issuance of an Emergency Order to Suspend the registration of the respondent as a dealer in the state of Utah. That order, which was based on allegations that the respondent failed to provide documents requested by the examiners, was issued on January 3, 2001.
- 3. The respondent requested a hearing, and such hearing was held in February of 2001. To date, no decision has been rendered as a result of that hearing, and the registration of the respondent remains suspended in the State of Utah.

- 4. On October 26, 2001, respondent completed an application to be registered as a dealer in North Dakota. Based principally on the suspension order issued by the State of Utah, referenced above, on November 13, 2001, the North Dakota Securities Commissioner issued a Proposed Order to Deny the Dealer application of the respondent.
- 5. Respondent made a timely request for a hearing on that proposed order, but no hearing has yet been held.
- 6. Pursuant to section 10-04-10(1) N.D.C.C., the Commissioner may refuse to approve a dealer if the Commissioner determines that the dealer is not of good business reputation. Pursuant to section 10-04-10(6) N.D.C.C., if the Commissioner determines that an applicant's registration could be revoked in accordance with section 10-04-11 N.D.C.C., such would be sufficient to determine that that applicant is not of good business reputation.
- 7. Pursuant to section 10-04-11(1)(i & j), N.D.C.C., an Order of suspension issued against a dealer is sufficient grounds to revoke the registration of that dealer in North Dakota. The above provisions are sufficient grounds for the Commissioner to deny the dealer application of the respondent.
- 8. The respondent has agreed to resolve this matter with the Commissioner through this Consent Order, and has waived its right to a hearing and to present arguments to the Commissioner.
- Respondent agrees to resolve this matter with the Securities Commissioner by this Consent Order, and this is evidenced by the signature below.
- 10. The following Order is necessary and appropriate in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, THAT:

- 1. Respondent, L. H. Ross & Co., Inc., does herein withdraw its pending application as a dealer in North Dakota.
- 2. Respondent, L. H. Ross & Co., Inc., agrees that it will not reapply to be registered as a dealer in North Dakota for two (2) years, unless both of the following conditions are met:
 - The Suspension Order, described above, is vacated by the State of Utah; and,
 - b. The dealer registration of L. H. Ross & Co., Inc. in the State of Utah is reinstated and fully effective, without any conditions or restrictions on its registration.
- The Commissioner's Proposed Order to Deny the Application of the Respondent, described above, is herein and hereby vacated.

4. This Order shall be effective upon signature of the Commissioner.

Signed and Sealed this 13 day of ____

_, 2002.

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SCOMMISSION

Karen J. Tyler, Securities Commissioner Office of the Securities Commissioner State Capitol-5th Floor 600 East Boulevard Ave. Bismarck, ND 58505-0510 (701) 328-2910

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that he has read the foregoing Consent contents and effects. He further states the in his professional capacity as a duacknowledges that respondent has wai	gent of respondent, L. H. Ross & Co., Inc. states Order and that he knows and fully understand its nat he is executing this Consent to Entry of Order ly authorized agent of the respondent. He ved its rights to a hearing with respect to this e Consent Order by the Securities Commissioner.
	e Consent Order constitutes the entire settlement there being no other promises or agreements, May, 2002.
	L. H. ROSS & CO., INC. 2255 Glades Road, Suite 425W Boca Raton, FL 33431 By: Franklyw Michelin (print name)
	Its: Pics (dent) (Authorized Signature)
Subscribed and Sworn before me	Marcel Ralambe
(Notary Seal)	Notary Public State: County: Marcelle S Balcombe Notary Public-State of New York No. 022A6041393 Outslifted in Kings County