

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

BEFORE THE
SECURITIES COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of)
New England International Surety)
Respondent)

**ORDER FOR AND NOTICE
OF CIVIL PENALTY AND
NOTICE OF RIGHT TO
REQUEST A HEARING**

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WHEREAS, on February 16, 2000, Respondent, New England International Surety, was the subject of a Cease and Desist Order issued by the Commissioner wherein the Commissioner alleged that Respondent engaged in the offer and/or sale of unregistered securities in North Dakota and to North Dakota resident while he was not registered as a salesman and he was not associated with a registered broker dealer in North Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioner sent the above-referenced Cease and Desist Order, via certified mail – return receipt, to several agents of the respondent on February 16, 2000; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioner received a certified receipt which indicates that agents of the respondent received the Cease and Desist Order on or prior to February 22, 2000; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioner has verified that the respondent has received actual knowledge of the Commissioner's Order prior to July 14, 2000, by the fact that respondents attorney contacted this office with that information; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioner did not receive any request for hearing by or on behalf of Respondent, nor has this office been provided with any information contrary to the Commissioner's Order dated February 16, 2000.

ORDER FOR AND NOTICE OF CIVIL PENALTY

Now, therefore, the Commissioner hereby reaffirms the allegations as set forth in the Cease and Desist Order dated February 16, 2000 and hereby **Orders** that Respondent pay to the Commissioner a civil penalty in the amount of **\$20,000.**

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST HEARING

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that pursuant to §10-04-12 N.D.C.C. you may request a hearing before the Securities Commissioner if such a request is made in writing WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THE RECEIPT OF THIS ORDER. The respondent has the right to be represented by legal counsel at the hearing.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota on this 6th day of November, 2000.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Syver Vinje".

Syver Vinje, Securities Commissioner
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**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE
BY MAIL**

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I, Jacqui Ferderer, being first duly sworn, state that I am a citizen of the United States over the age of twenty-one years and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled proceeding.

On, November 7, 2000, I deposited in the Central Mailing Bureau of the United States Post Office Department in the State Capitol in Bismarck, North Dakota, true and correct copies of the following document:

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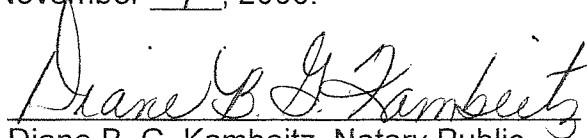
A copy of the above document was securely enclosed in an envelope with postage prepaid, sent via Certified U. S. mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to each of the following:

Joel Held
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To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the address given above is the last known address of the party intended to be served.


Jacqui Ferderer

Subscribed and sworn to before me on November 7, 2000.


Diane B. G. Kambeitz, Notary Public
Burleigh County, North Dakota
My commission expires 4/25/2006