STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

BEFORE THE

COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

SECURITIES COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of Preferred Trust)
and Management, LTD. and) CONSENT ORDER
Mitchell Keiser,	
Respondents.)

The North Dakota Securities Commissioner has a determined, and the Respondent, Mitchell Keiser, admits as follows:

- 1. On April 10, 2001, the North Dakota Securities Commissioner issued a Cease and Desist Order in the above captioned matter based on the fact that Mitchell Keiser solicited at least several persons to invest in the Preferred Trust and Management investment scheme. Specific information regarding this matter is contained in the Affidavit of Mitchell Keiser, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. Each solicitation was made in violation of section 10-04-04 N.D.C.C. because the Preferred Trust and Management program was not registered as a security in North Dakota, nor does the program qualify for any exemption from the securities registration provisions of the Securities Act.
- 3. Each solicitation was made in violation of section 10-04-10 N.D.C.C. because Mitchell Keiser was not registered as an agent in North Dakota, nor did the transaction constitute an exempt transaction under the Securities Act.
- 4. Each solicitation was made in violation of section 10-04-15 N.D.C.C. because the program, as a whole, is a scheme or artifice to defraud investors or potential investors. Mitchell Keiser denies that he had any knowledge of the fraudulent scheme at the time he solicited persons to invest in the scheme.

- 5. Pursuant to section 10-04-16 N.D.C.C., when it shall appear to the Commissioner that any person has engaged in, or is engaging in, or is about to engage in any act or practice which is declared illegal in this chapter, the Commissioner may issue any order and collect civil penalties against any person found in an administrative action to have violated any provision of the chapter in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for each violation.
- 6. The violations described above are sufficient grounds for the Commissioner to assess civil penalties against respondent pursuant to section 10-04-16 N.D.C.C.
- 7. Respondent, Mitchell Keiser, has claimed and produced evidence that he is presently subject to extreme financial hardship.
- 8. Respondent, Mitchell Keiser, has admitted the factual and legal conclusions contained in this Order, and enters into this Order willingly. Respondent, Mitchell Keiser, acknowledges his right to a hearing regarding this matter to present arguments before the Commissioner, and has waived all rights to a hearing regarding this matter.
- 9. The following Order is necessary and appropriate in the public interest.
 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, THAT:
- 1. Respondent, Mitchell Keiser, shall pay to the Securities Commissioner, pursuant to section 10-04-16 N.D.C.C., a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,000.
- 2. Respondent, Mitchell Keiser, shall pay to the Securities Commissioner's Securities Protection Fund all funds, which have been or will be received in profits, commissions or other payments from soliciting persons to participate in the program. Any additional funds received shall, within ten (10) days of their receipt by Mitchell Keiser, shall be paid to the Securities Protection Fund.

- Respondent, Mitchell Keiser, shall agree to cooperate with any investigation by the 3. Securities Commissioner or any law enforcement agency, regardless of jurisdiction, and shall willingly and openly testify in any proceeding, be it administrative, civil or criminal in nature, in a truthful matter not inconsistent with the Affidavit submitted herewith (Attachment A).
- Respondent, Mitchell Keiser, shall and herein does acknowledge liability, pursuant 4. to section 10-04-17 N.D.C.C., to each of the persons he solicited. Respondent, Mitchell Keiser, shall not contest any civil claim of liability to any of those persons based on any denial of applicability of that statute, or that the facts of this case do not give rise to a claim under that statute.
- The Cease and Desist Order, as issued on April 10, 2001, shall remain in effect, 5. and any violations of that Order can be pursued without any regard to this Consent Order.

This Order shall be effective upon signature of the Commissioner. 6.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my hand and seal this _____ day of

(SEAL)

Karen J. Tyler, Securities Commissioner Office of the Securities Commissioner

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The undersigned Respondent, Mitchell Keiser, states that he has read the
foregoing Consent Order, and that he knows and fully understands its contents and
effects. Mitchell Keiser further acknowledges that he has waived his right to a hearing with
respect to this matter; and that he consents to the entry of the Consent Order by the
Securities Commissioner, and expressly admits the findings of fact and conclusions of law
contained therein. It is further expressly understood that the Consent Order constitutes the
entire settlement agreement between the parties hereto, there being no other promises o
agreements, either expressed or implied.
Dated this day of taker_, 2003.
Mitchell Keiser 1221 33rd Ave SW Minot, ND 58701-7253 Sworn before me this day of, 2003.
, notary public State of: , County: My Commission Expires: