

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

BEFORE THE

COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

SECURITIES COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of Preferred Trust)
and Management, LTD. and)
Richard L. Solberg,)
Respondents,)

CONSENT AGREEMENT

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The North Dakota Securities Commissioner has determined, and the Respondent, Richard Solberg, 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 allegation that Richard Solberg solicited two persons to invest in the Preferred Trust and Management investment scheme.
2. Any solicitations made regarding the Preferred Trust and Management Program are made in violation of section 10-04-04 N.D.C.C. because it was not registered as a security in North Dakota, and does not qualify for any exemption from the securities registration provisions of the Securities Act.
3. Richard Solberg was not registered as an agent in North Dakota. Any such transactions would not constitute an exempt transaction under the Securities Act.
4. Any solicitations would have been in violation of section 10-04-15 N.D.C.C. because the North Dakota Securities Commissioner has determined that the program, as a whole, is a scheme or artifice to defraud investors or potential investors. Richard Solberg denies that he had knowledge that the program was a scheme to defraud investors.
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, in her discretion, 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. Such violations, if proven, would be sufficient grounds for the Commissioner to assess civil penalties pursuant to section 10-04-16 N.D.C.C.
7. Respondent, Richard Solberg enters into this Agreement willingly, without admitting the Commissioner's findings set forth above. Respondent, Richard Solberg, 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.
8. The following Agreement is necessary and appropriate in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED, THAT:

1. Respondent, Richard Solberg, in order to resolve the matter, agrees to pay to the Securities Commissioner, the amount of \$500.00 as a civil penalty as a settlement of its claim.
2. Respondent, Richard Solberg, 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 Richard Solberg, be paid to the Securities Protection Fund.
3. Respondent, Richard Solberg, shall agree to cooperate with any investigation by the 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.

4. Respondent, Richard Solberg, shall not contest any civil claim of liability made by Roger Gjellstad or Grant Management, Ltd. and their successors in interest.
5. The Cease and Desist Order, as issued against the respondent on April 10, 2001, is hereby vacated. The respondent agrees that he shall not engage in any violations of the securities act, and that any future violations of the securities act would be violations of this Consent Agreement.
6. This Agreement shall be effective upon signature of the Commissioner.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my hand and seal this 27 day of June, 2003.



Karen J. Tyler

Karen J. Tyler, Securities Commissioner
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Signed this 27 day of June, 2003.

Richard L. Solberg

Richard L. Solberg
 900 50th Street NW
 Minot, ND 58503

Sworn to before me this 27 day of June, 2003.

Marcy Smith

Notary Public
 State of North Dakota
 My commission expires:

