

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

BEFORE THE  
SECURITIES COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of Santoro's Gourmet )  
Foods, Inc.; William G. Santoro, )  
and their officers, directors, )  
agents and employees )  
Respondents. )

**CEASE AND DESIST ORDER,  
NOTICE OF CIVIL PENALTY,  
AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO  
REQUEST A HEARING**

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THE SECURITIES COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO  
SANTORO'S GOURMET FOODS, INC.; WILLIAM G. SANTORO, AND THEIR  
OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES:

The Securities Commissioner has reason to believe that the respondents have engaged in, are engaging in, or are about to engage in, acts, practices or transactions, as more fully described below, which are prohibited under Chapter 10-04 of the North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.). It is necessary and appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors to restrain these acts, practices, or transactions of the Respondents.

1. The respondents have offered for sale and/or sold investments in Santoro's Gourmet Foods, Inc. to residents of North Dakota. These investments are securities as defined in §10-04-02(13) N.D.C.C.
2. The subject investments have not been registered with the Securities Commissioner under §10-04-07; §10-04-07.1; §10-04-08; or §10-04-08.1 N.D.C.C.; are not exempt securities under §10-04-05 N.D.C.C.; and have not been offered for sale or sold in exempt transactions under §10-04-06 N.D.C.C. As such, the securities were offered for sale and sold in violation of §10-04-04 N.D.C.C.
3. The respondents have failed to register as dealers, and therefore the offer(s) and/or sale(s) were made in violation of §10-04-10(1) N.D.C.C.
4. The respondents have failed to register any salesman, and therefore the offer(s) and/or sale(s) were made in violation of §10-04-10(2) N.D.C.C.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED**, pursuant to §10-04-16 N.D.C.C., that the respondent immediately shall **CEASE AND DESIST**:

1. From offering for sale or selling in North Dakota the subject investment, or any other investment interest however denominated, unless and until such investment interests have been registered with the Securities Commissioner.

2. From offering for sale or selling investments in North Dakota unless and until they have registered with the Securities Commissioner as dealers or salesmen.

3. From providing false or misleading information during the offer and/or solicitation of any investments in North Dakota, or engaging in any scheme or artifice to defraud any North Dakota residents.

This order does not prohibit the offer or sale of securities through exempt securities transactions under §10-04-16(1) N.D.C.C., nor does it prohibit registered dealers and salesmen from offering or selling exempt securities under §10-04-05 N.D.C.C.

### NOTICE OF CIVIL PENALTIES

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that the above-cited violations are sufficient grounds for the imposition of civil penalties pursuant to §10-04-16(1) N.D.C.C. The Commissioner does not assess civil penalties herein but expressly reserves the authority to assess civil penalties against respondents regarding the violations outlined above, any other violations subsequently discovered, or any future securities violations or violations of this order.

### NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST A 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.

**IN TESTIMONY THEREOF**, witness my hand and seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1999.



*Syver Vinje*

Syver Vinje, Securities Commissioner  
Office of the Securities Commissioner  
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**AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

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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 this 29 day of March, 1999, I deposited in the Central Mailing Bureau of the United States Post Office Department in the State Capitol in Bismarck, North Dakota, a true and correct copy of each of the following documents:

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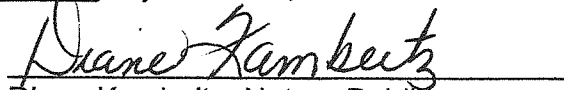
A copy of the above document was securely enclosed in an envelope with postage duly prepaid, sent via certified mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to each of the following:

William G. Santoro  
Santoro Gourmet Foods, Inc.  
1019 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S, Ste. 3  
Fargo, ND 58103-1716

To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the address given above is the actual mailing address for the party intended to be served.

  
Jacqui Ferderer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of March, 1999.

  
Diane Kambeitz, Notary Public  
Burleigh County, North Dakota  
My commission expires 03/10/2000