

STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF SECURITIES  
121 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, ME 04333

IN RE:

Marketing Solutions International, Inc.  
and Consolidated Marketing Group, LC

NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO ISSUE CEASE  
AND DESIST ORDER  
04-095

ALLEGATIONS

1. Marketing Solutions International, Inc. ("Marketing Solutions") was incorporated in Nevada on February 19, 2002. Its address is 619 South Bluff, St. George, Utah 84770. Marketing Solution's corporate status was revoked in March 2005 due to failure to renew its license. Marketing Solutions' registered agent is Ladd Eldredge, located at the same address.
2. Consolidated Marketing Group, LC ("Consolidated Marketing") was incorporated in Utah on August 6, 1998. Its address is the same as the address of Marketing Solutions. As of August 11, 2005, Consolidated Marketing's corporate status was still active. During the time when Marketing Solutions' corporate status was active, Consolidated Marketing was an officer and/or director of Marketing Solutions.
3. Marketing Solutions has purported to offer an "internet success coaching program" where "you will find ideas for your internet business, website development and marketing both online and offline."
4. A Maine consumer attended a Marketing Solutions seminar held in Portland, Maine, on or about May 19, 2003. At the seminar, the Maine consumer was induced into entering into a Website Monthly Hosting Agreement with IrvineWebWorks, Inc. to establish a website and hosting account in the Maine consumer's name. Pursuant to the terms of the Website Monthly Hosting Agreement, the Maine consumer agreed to pay IrvineWebWorks, Inc. \$29.95 per website per month

5. Furthermore, on or about June 23, 2003, the Maine consumer paid Consolidated Marketing \$5,000.00 for the following products, as described in its invoice, in order to start her home-based business:

<u>Product Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Smart Web Stores Marketing Package	1
Executive Mentoring	12
Web Traffic Solutions – 2000 Unique Visitors	2
Search Engine Submissions (10 pages)	1

6. Upon this payment, the Maine consumer was provided a toll-free number to obtain her “executive mentoring,” i.e., assistance from “web coaches” to set up her website. However, the assistance that the Maine consumer received was minimal and inadequate.
7. Marketing Solutions and Consolidated Marketing have accordingly sold services and products to the Maine consumer for the purpose of enabling the Maine consumer to start a business pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 4691(3).
8. Pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 4696, the seller of a business opportunity shall register with the Administrator prior to selling, offering to sell, advertising or undertaking any other act relating to the promotion of business opportunities in Maine.
9. The Maine Office of Securities (“the Office”) has no record that either Marketing Solutions or Consolidated Marketing is, or was at all times relevant to this matter, registered as a business opportunity in Maine.
10. Pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 4692, the seller of a business opportunity shall provide all purchasers with a disclosure statement meeting the requirements of 32 M.R.S.A. § 4691 *et seq.*
11. The Maine consumer never received any form of disclosure statement from Marketing Solutions or Consolidated Marketing.
12. Pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 4699(1), it shall be unlawful for any seller of a business opportunity to fail to comply with any provision of 32 M.R.S.A. § 4691 *et seq.*, including, but not limited to:
- A. failing to register pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 4696 and 4697;
  - B. failing to provide all purchasers of the business opportunity with a disclosure statement as required by 32 M.R.S.A. § 4692.

13. On June 1, 2004, the Office sent a certified letter to Marketing Solutions, notifying it that it had been offering, selling, and advertising business opportunities in Maine contrary to the provisions of 32 M.R.S.A. § 4691 *et seq.* The Office requested that Marketing Solutions provide a list of all Maine persons who had purchased its business opportunity. The Office further requested that Marketing Solutions make rescission offers to all such Maine persons.
14. Marketing Solutions has failed to respond to the Office's letter.
15. On June 6, 2005, the Office sent a certified letter to Consolidated Marketing, notifying it that it had been offering, selling, and advertising business opportunities in Maine contrary to the provisions of 32 M.R.S.A. § 4691 *et seq.* The Office requested that Consolidated Marketing provide a list of all Maine persons who had purchased its business opportunity. The Office further requested that Consolidated Marketing make rescission offers to all such Maine persons.
16. By letter dated June 20, 2005, attorneys for Consolidated Marketing informed the Office that Consolidated Marketing ceased operations in early 2004 and had no assets from which the Maine consumer could be paid rescission.
17. For the reasons stated above, the Administrator reasonably believes that Marketing Solutions and Consolidated Marketing have engaged, are engaging or are about to engage in acts or practices constituting violations of 32 M.R.S.A. § 4691 *et seq.*
18. Pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 4700(5), whenever it appears to the Administrator that any person has engaged in or is about to engage in any act or practice constituting a violation of 32 M.R.S.A. § 4691 *et seq.*, the Administrator may issue an order directing the person to cease and desist from continuing the act or practice.

### NOTICE

Pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 4700(5), notice is hereby given that the Administrator intends to issue an Order to Cease and Desist against Marketing Solutions and Consolidated Marketing to prohibit further violations of 32 M.R.S.A. § 4691 *et seq.*

Pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. § 4700(5), Marketing Solutions and Consolidated Marketing have thirty (30) calendar days from the entry of this Notice of Intent to file a written request for a hearing.

Date: August 18, 2005

/s/ Michael J. Colleran  
Michael J. Colleran  
Securities Administrator

Date: August 18, 2005

Reviewed by:

/s/ Bonnie E. Russell  
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Assistant Securities Administrator

Date: August 18, 2005

/s/ Michael W. Atleson  
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Staff Attorney

Presented by:

Date: August 18, 2005

/s/ Christian D. Van Dyck  
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