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IDAHO-BASED COMPANY AND OFFICER SUED FOR SECURITIES LAW VIOLATIONS

Boise, Idaho. . . . Gavin M. Gee, Director of the Idaho Department of Finance, today announced the filing of a civil lawsuit against Earth Search Sciences, Inc. (ESSI) and its president, Larry F. Vance. ESSI is a Utah corporation headquartered in McCall, Idaho. Mr. Vance also acted as a securities salesman for ESSI.

ESSI is allegedly engaged in the development of remote sensing technology. ESSI stock is publicly traded on the over-the-counter bulletin board system.

The complaint alleges that the defendants violated the registration provisions of the Idaho Securities Act by offering and selling ESSI stock to residents of Idaho and other states at a time when neither the stock nor Mr. Vance were registered in Idaho. In addition, the complaint alleges that the defendants have issued numerous press releases and made numerous statements publicly and to individual investors regarding ESSI's involvement in the remote sensing business. Many of these press releases and statements are alleged to contain misrepresentations and omissions of material fact in violation of the anti-fraud provisions of the securities laws.

The State's lawsuit seeks an order from the court permanently enjoining the defendants from future violations of the securities laws. It also seeks rescission of all securities transactions that occurred in violation of the securities laws, civil penalties and costs, and restrictions on future business activities in Idaho.

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