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State Department of Finance Orders Halt to British Savings Bond Lottery Scheme

Boise, Idaho . . . The Idaho Department of Finance today issued a Cease and Desist Order against a Canadian corporation and its sole director ordering it to halt the offer and sale of securities to Idaho residents. Blackpool Investments, Inc. and Parkash Kotalwi of British Columbia, Canada, are named in the order and are alleged to have offered "National Savings Premium Bonds". The bonds are represented to be issued by the government of Great Britain, "100% secure and guaranteed" and the investment "as safe as the Bank of England". Investors are told that purchase of the bonds entitles them to participate in monthly drawings for tax-free prizes from \$100 to a "\$2 million jackpot every month -- guaranteed."

Although the government of Great Britain in fact issues Premium Savings Bonds, Blackpool and Kotalwi are not authorized to sell them.

The Cease and Desist Order requires the company and Mr. Kotalwi to cease offering and selling securities to Idaho residents until the securities and salespersons are registered in Idaho, and to return Idaho investors' money. The Department urges Idaho residents to make sure that the investments and investment professionals with whom they deal are registered. Investors can contact the Department at (208) 332-8004 or toll free within Idaho at 888-346-3378.