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STATE ORDERS SPOKANE BROKERS TO CEASE ACTIVITIES

Boise, Idaho . . . Gavin Gee, Director of the Idaho Department of Finance, today announced the issuance of a Cease and Desist Order against stockbrokers Lee Douglas Tusberg and Barbara Edgemon, both of Spokane. Also named as a Respondent is Trans-Link Research and Development Group, Inc., a dissolved Washington corporation in which Tusberg was an officer. Tusberg and Edgemon were formerly employees in the Spokane office of KMS Financial Services, Inc.

The Order alleges that the Respondents offered and sold Trans-Link securities to Idaho residents and others in violation of the Idaho Securities Act registration provisions. In addition, Tusberg and Edgemon are alleged to have made misrepresentations and omissions in connection with the sale of these securities. These include a) failing to disclose that KMS was unaware of the offers of Trans-Link and had not authorized the securities to be sold, b) failing to disclose that the Trans-Link securities were not registered for sale in Idaho, and c) misrepresenting that the investments were safe and would pay 12% upon maturity.

The State's Order directs the Respondents to immediately cease violating the Idaho Securities Act.

Any investors who purchased Trans-Link securities are urged to contact the Idaho Department of Finance at (208) 332-8004 or toll free within Idaho at 888-346-3378.

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.

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