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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **COFFEE COMPANY AGENT SANCTIONED**

Boise, Idaho .....Gavin M. Gee, Director of the Idaho Department of Finance, today announced that the Honorable N. Randy Smith, District Judge in the Sixth District Court in Pocatello, entered default judgment against Venable Dance, a sales agent of Z3 Capital Corporation and Stella Bella Corporation. Z3 Capital Corporation is a California venture financing company and the holding company of defendant Stella Bella. Stella Bella is a specialty coffee company. The three-count lawsuit alleged that the defendants, through defendant Dance, made unsolicited telephone "cold calls" to at least one Idaho resident, attempting to sell the Idahoan shares of Stella Bella stock. None of the defendants are registered to conduct securities business in Idaho nor is Stella Bella stock qualified for sale in Idaho. The defendants are also accused of failing to disclose to potential investors that the State of Wisconsin had issued an order of prohibition against Z3 alleging that it had offered and sold unregistered Stella Bella stock to residents of Wisconsin while Z3 was not licensed to do so.

The court's order finds that there were violations of the Idaho Securities Act and permanently enjoins Dance from further violations of the securities laws. The court's order also requires that Dance repay any investors for investments made, restricts other business practices in Idaho, and imposes a fine of \$10,000.

The lawsuit continues against the remaining defendants.

The Idaho Department of Finance cautions all persons to invest in securities only with licensed securities professionals and only after carefully reviewing disclosure documents.

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