

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING GANADORES

On June 5, 2023, Vision Online, Inc., Ganadores IBR, Inc. and three related companies (the five companies collectively are called "Ganadores") were named as Defendants in a lawsuit filed by the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC"), an agency of the United States of America. In the lawsuit the FTC alleged that Ganadores's business operated in violation of various provisions of federal law, including:

- Section 5 of the FTC Act, which prohibits unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce;
- The Business Opportunity Rule, which prohibits "business opportunity sellers" from seeking to influence consumers to pay money by making false or unsubstantiated earnings claims;
- The Cooling Off Rule, which requires sellers of certain goods or services at places other than the seller's place of business to notify buyers of their right to cancel a transaction within three business days and prohibiting sellers from misrepresenting the cancellation rights; and
- The Consumer Review Fairness Act, which prohibits restrictions on an individual's ability to communicate reviews or, performance assessments about a seller's products or services.

Also named as Defendants in the lawsuit were Richard Alvarez, Sara Alvarez, Robert Shemin and Bryce Chamberlain (the "Individual Defendants"). All are alleged to have engaged in the same behavior alleged against Ganadores, and/or to have directed or controlled Ganadores to engage in the behavior alleged.

On June 7, 2023, the federal district court where the lawsuit was filed entered a Temporary Restraining Order ("TRO") that, among other things, enjoined Ganadores and the Individual Defendants from any business activities that violate any of the federal laws and rules mentioned above. The TRO also appointed Mark J. Bernet as a Temporary Monitor to take control of Ganadores to examine its business practices and make recommendations as to whether Ganadores could be operated "lawfully and profitably."

By Order entered July 18, 2023, the district court converted the TRO into a Preliminary Injunction, a copy of which can be viewed at this link: [Preliminary Injunction](#). Among other things, the Preliminary Injunction appointed Mr. Bernet as receiver for Ganadores (*see* Section XII, beginning on page 21) and charged him with various duties, including to cease Ganadores's business operations unless he determined the business could be operated "lawfully and profitably." In light of his investigation, and in light of an agreement between Ganadores and the FTC, Ganadores's business operations are being shut down, effective immediately.

In this receivership, the receiver is charged with marshaling Ganadores's assets. If Ganadores and the FTC reach a settlement concerning the lawsuit, the money that the Receiver obtains will be repaid to Ganadores's eligible students on a pro rata basis. The process could take

a year or more. It is not possible at this time to estimate the amount of the possible distributions to students.

Updates will be posted on this website, and also on the receiver's website, which is www.bernet-receiver.com.

Ganadores apologizes to all of its students for the abruptness of this announcement. In the near term, students may e-mail their questions and concerns to Ganadores at the e-mail addresses previously provided.