# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,	)
Plaintiff,	) Case No. 11 C 2487
v.	) ) Judge Bucklo
AMBERVINE MARKETING LLC,	) ) Magistrate Judge Schenkier
a Minnesota limited liability company,	)
ENCASTLE INC.,	)
a Texas corporation, and	)
ZACHARY S. GRAHAM, individually and as an	)
officer of AMBERVINE MARKETING LLC and ENCASTLE INC.,	)
Defendants.	)
Detendants.	<i>)</i> _)

# STIPULATED TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER WITH OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION SHOULD NOT ISSUE

Plaintiff, the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission"), having filed its

Complaint for Permanent Injunction and Other Equitable Relief in this matter, pursuant to

Section 13(b) of the Federal Trade Commission Act ("FTC Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 53(b), and having

moved for a Temporary Restraining Order with Other Equitable Relief, and an Order to Show

Cause Why a Preliminary Injunction Should Not Issue pursuant to Rule 65 of the Federal Rules

of Civil Procedure, and the defendants being willing to agree to a TRO for settlement purposes

only, and the Court having considered the Complaint, declarations, exhibits, and memorandum

of law filed in support of such motion, and now being advised in the premises, finds that:

#### **FINDINGS**

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this case, and there is good cause to believe it will have jurisdiction over the parties.
  - 2. Venue lies properly with this Court.
- 3. Entry of this Order with asset preservation and other equitable relief is in the public interest.
- 4. The Commission and Defendants agree that this Order is binding in form and scope pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(d).
- 5. This Order does not constitute and shall not be interpreted to constitute an admission by Defendants, or a finding that Defendants have engaged in violations of the FTC Act or any other laws or regulations.
- 6. No security is required of any agency of the United States for the issuance of a temporary restraining order. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(c).

## **DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of this Temporary Restraining Order ("Order"), the following definitions shall apply:

- 1. "Acai Berry Product" or "Acai Berry Products" shall refer to any products, sold alone or in combination with companion products, that are advertised, marketed, promoted, offered for sale, distributed, or sold with express or implied representations that the product contains acai berries.
- 2. "Asset" or "Assets" means any legal or equitable interest in, right to, or claim to, any real or personal property, including, but not limited to, "goods," "instruments," "equipment,"

"fixtures," "general intangibles," "inventory," "checks," or "notes" (as these terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code), lines of credit, chattels, leaseholds, contracts, mail or other deliveries, shares of stock, lists of consumer names, accounts, credits, premises, receivables, funds, and all cash, wherever located.

- 3. "Assisting others" includes, but is not limited to: (a) performing customer service functions, including, but not limited to, receiving or responding to consumer complaints; (b) formulating or providing, or arranging for the formulation or provision of, any sales script or other marketing material; (c) providing names of, or assisting in the generation of, potential customers; (d) verifying, processing, fulfilling, or arranging for the fulfillment of orders; (e) performing or providing marketing, billing, or collection services of any kind, including, but not limited to, creating, hosting, or maintaining websites, or recruiting affiliates; or (f) acting as an officer or director of a business entity.
- 4. "Competent and reliable scientific evidence" means tests, analyses, research, or studies that have been conducted and evaluated in an objective manner by qualified persons and are generally accepted in the profession to yield accurate and reliable results.
- 5. **"Individual Defendant"** means Zachary S. Graham, and by whatever other names he may be known.
- 6. "Corporate Defendants" means Ambervine Marketing LLC, Encastle Inc., and their successors and assigns, as well as any subsidiaries, and any fictitious business entities or business names created or used by these entities, or any of them.
- 7. "Covered Product" means any dietary supplement, food, or drug, including but not limited to, Acai Berry Products.

8. **"Defendants"** means all of the Individual Defendants and the Corporate Defendants, individually, collectively, or in any combination.

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connection with the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, or sale of any product, service, or program, are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from:

- A. Misrepresenting, or assisting others in misrepresenting, expressly or by implication, that:
  - 1. Any website or other publication is an objective news report;
- 2. Objective news reporters have performed independent tests of any product, service, or program, including but not limited to, Acai Berry Products;
- Independent tests demonstrate the effectiveness of any product, service, or program featured in any website or other publication, including but not limited to, Acai Berry Products; and
- 4. Comments posted on websites express the views of independent consumers;
  - B. Failing to disclose, or disclose adequately:
- 1. Any material connection, when one exists, between any user or endorser of any product, service, or program and Defendants or any other person manufacturing,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, and their officers, agents, servants, and employees, and all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any trust, corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, or any of them, in connection with the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, or sale of any Covered Product, are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from making, or assisting others in making, expressly or by implication, including through the use of a product name, endorsement, depiction, or illustration, any representation that such product causes weight loss or rapid weight loss and any other representation about the health benefits, performance, or efficacy of such product, unless the representation is non-misleading, and, at the time of making such representation, Defendants possess and rely upon competent and reliable scientific evidence, as that term is defined above,

loaning, assigning, concealing, dissipating, converting, withdrawing or making any other disposition of any assets or any interest therein, wherever located, including any assets outside the territorial United States, that are owned, controlled or held by, or for the benefit of, in whole

case may be, signed under penalty of perjury. The financial statements shall include assets held outside the territory of the United States, shall be accurate as of the date of the entry of this Order, and shall be verified under oath. Defendants shall attach to these completed financial statements copies of all local, state, provincial, and federal income and property tax returns, with attachments and schedules, as called for by the instructions to the financial statements; and

- B. A detailed accounting of:
- the names of all products advertised, marketed, promoted, offered for sale, distributed, or sold since January 1, 2008;
- 2. gross revenues and net profits (in U.S. Dollars) obtained from the advertising, marketing, or sale of each product identified in Subsection IV.B.1 above, from inception of the advertising, marketing, or sale of that product through the date of entry of this Order; and
- 3. to the extent known or reasonably available to Defendants, the name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, website address, and contact person of each entity or person that: (i) supplied, manufactured, formulated, or created any product that is advertised, marketed, promoted, offered for sale, distributed, or sold by or on behalf of Defendants, (ii) provided any order fulfillment services of any kind, including, but not limited to, drop shipping, mailing, and/or distributing products, for or on behalf of Defendants, and (iii) paid Defendants, whether directly or indirectly, related to Defendants' advertisement of any products.

V.

#### POSTING NOTICE OF LAWSUITS ON WEBSITES

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, immediately upon service of the Order upon them, Defendants, and their officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any trust, corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, or any of them, and any other person or entity served with a copy of this Order, shall immediately take whatever action is necessary to ensure that any website used by any Defendant for the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, or sale of Acai Berry Products shall prominently display the following statement:

The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") has filed a lawsuit against Ambervine Marketing LLC, Encastle Inc., and Zachary S. Graham, alleging that they have engaged in deceptive practices relating to the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, or sale of acai berry products. The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois has issued a temporary restraining order

A. Failing to create (if normal practice is to create) and maintain books, records, accounts, bank statements, current accountants' reports, general ledgers, general journals, cash receipts ledgers, cash disbursements ledgers and source documents, documents indicating title to real or personal property, and any other data which, in reasonable detail, accurately, fairly, and

#### VII.

#### **EXPEDITED DISCOVERY**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 30(a), 31(a), 34, and 45, and notwithstanding the provisions of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 26(d) and (f), 30(a)(2)(A), and 31(a)(2)(A), the parties are granted leave, at any time after entry of this Order to:

- A. Take the deposition of any person, whether or not a party, for the purpose of discovering the nature, location, status, and extent of the assets of Defendants, and Defendants' affiliates and subsidiaries; the nature and location of documents reflecting the business transactions of Defendants, and Defendants' affiliates and subsidiaries; the location of any premises where Defendants, directly or through any third party, conduct business operations; the Defendants' whereabouts; and/or the applicability of any evidentiary privileges to this action; and
- B. Demand the production of Documents from any person, whether or not a party, relating to the nature, status, and extent of the assets of Defendants, and Defendants' affiliates and subsidiaries; the nature and location of documents reflecting the business transactions of Defendants, and Defendants' affiliates and subsidiaries; the location of any premises where Defendants, directly or through any third party, conduct business operations; the Defendants' whereabouts; and/or the applicability of any evidentiary privileges to this action.

Three (3) days notice shall be deemed sufficient for any such deposition, five (5) days notice shall be deemed sufficient for the production of any such documents, and twenty-four (24) hours notice shall be deemed sufficient for the production of any such documents that are

maintained or stored only as electronic data. The provisions of this Section shall apply both to parties to this case and to non-parties. The limitations and conditions set forth in Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 30(a)(2)(A)(ii) and 31(a)(2)(A)(ii) regarding subsequent depositions of an individual shall not apply to depositions taken pursuant to this Section. Any such depositions taken pursuant to this Section shall not be counted toward any limit on the number of depositions under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or the Local Rules of Civil Procedure for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, including those set forth in Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 30(a)(2)(A) and 31(a)(2)(A). Service of discovery upon a party, taken pursuant to this Section, shall be sufficient if made through the means described in Section IX of this Order.

#### VIII.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF ORDER BY DEFENDANTS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants shall immediately provide a copy of this Order to each of their corporations, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, directors, officers, agents, partners, successors, assigns, employees, attorneys, agents, representatives, sales entities, sales persons, telemarketers, independent contractors, and any other persons in active concert or participation with them. Within ten (10) calendar days from the date of entry of this Order, each Defendant shall serve on the Commission an affidavit identifying the name, title, address, telephone number, date of service, and manner of service of each person or entity Defendants served with a copy of this Order in compliance with this provision.

IX.

## **SERVICE OF ORDER**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of this Order may be served by any means, including facsimile transmission, electronic mail, personal or overnight delivery, or by U.S. Mail, by agents and employees of the Commission, by any law enforcement agency, or by private process server, upon any person that may have possession or control of any document of Defendants, or that may be subject to any provision of this Order.

X.

## **CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, pursuant to Section 604(a)(1) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(a)(1), any consumer reporting agency may furnish a consumer or credit report concerning any Defendant to the Commission.

XI.

#### DURATION OF THE TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Temporary Restraining Order, by consent of all

the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 45(a) and 52, and imposing such additional relief as may be appropriate.

**Provided that,** Defendants must file with the Clerk's Office and deliver to the counsel for the Commission any brief responding to the order to show cause why a preliminary injunction should not be entered no later than seven (7) business days before the time scheduled for the hearing. An evidentiary hearing on the Commission's request for a preliminary injunction is not necessary unless Defendants demonstrate that they have, and intend to

# XIII.

# CORRESPONDENCE WITH AND NOTICE TO PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANTS

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, for purposes of this Order, all correspondence and pleadings to the Commission shall be addressed to:

Guy G. Ward Federal Trade Commission

## Federal Trade Commission

s/Kenneth E. Kraus

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IT IS SO ORDERED, this 15th day of April, 2011

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