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been able to slowly rebuild and stabilize its business. Gross sales for March 2016 through May 2016 are as follows:

March 2016	\$998,606.00
April 2016	\$919,309.00
May 2016	\$909,057.00

Between March 29, 2016 and April 7, 2016, the company was unable to process any credit card orders or run its scheduled auto ship program because its foreign merchant, processing through the Bank of Mauritius, unilaterally terminated Vemma's account without any prior notice. The Bank also withheld over \$600,000 of Vemma's funds, of which approximately \$300,000 have been released. The Bank's actions adversely affected both April and May 2016 gross sales. During the preceding five months, Vemma had processed over \$4,800,000 worth of credit card orders with the bank with an extremely low rate of charge backs and had not received any communication indicating there was a problem with the account. Vemma finally secured another foreign merchant in Canada and started processing orders on April 8, 2016. Vemma has also been able to secure the services of a second merchant processor.

## II. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The following table sets forth Vemma's revenue and operating results for March 2016 through May 2016. As discussed further below, Vemma is currently generating positive net operating income before depreciation. The monthly loss shown on the Vemma income statement is solely a result of extraordinary expenses that arose from the Temporary Receiver's worldwide shutdown of the business. Vemma has been addressing these expenses on a case by case basis.

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North America	March 2016	<u>April 2016</u>	May 2016
Revenue:	\$998,606	\$919,309	\$909,057
Cost of Sales:	\$531,053	\$469,494	\$457,184
Operating Expenses:	\$189,262	\$220,452	\$203,174
General and Administrative	\$452,405	\$371,411	\$317,719
Expenses			
Operating Income/( Loss)	(\$174,114)	(\$142,048)	(\$69,019)
Other Income and (Expense)	(\$90,112)	(\$85,186)	(\$38,327)
Net Operating Income/ (Loss)	(\$264,226)	(\$227,234)	(\$107,346)
Operating Income/(Loss) Before	(\$190,028)	(\$153,508)	(\$34,067)
Depreciation		. ()	$\sim$
Extraordinary Expense		(\$55,768)	(\$54,249)
Income/(Loss) before income	(\$264,226)	(\$283,002)	(\$161,595)
taxes			

Vemma's revenue for June 1- 15, 2016 is \$504,637.43.

Exhibit A sets forth Vemma's financial position from an operational cash flow standpoint for the months of January 2016 through May 2016. Only cash actually received from sales is recorded, as deposits from other sources are excluded. Vemma receives its credit card receipts about a week and a half in arrears and its foreign merchant processor applies a 5% to 8% hold back on all sales. Accordingly, the monthly revenue numbers for March, April and May 2016 set forth in the chart above will be different than the actual cash receipt numbers contained in Exhibit A. Exhibit A also reflects payment

Examples of other deposits received by the company include refunds of credit card reserves held by credit card processors, and a \$500,000 loan to Vemma from Peggi Enders, a cousin of Benson Keith Boreyko.

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IV. <u>CUSTOMERS AND AFFILIATES</u>

Despite the significant operational obstacles discussed above and in its previous Quarterly Reports, to date 19,089 Customers and 1,270 Affiliates have purchased nutritional products from Vemma since the Company restarted its operations on October 8, 2015.

for current invoices and does not include payments for accounts payable in existence at the time the Temporary Receiver shut down the business and other extraordinary expenses resulting from the Temporary Receiver's shut down of the business.

Prior to the FTC action against Vemma, Vemma's commission expense averaged approximately 42% of the Company's monthly sales revenue. Commission expense for March 2016 through May 2016 averaged 11% of Vemma's monthly revenue. Notwithstanding a 31% reduction in commission expense, both Affiliates and Customers continue to purchase Vemma's products. The company's sales continue to be driven by consumer demand for its products and are not motivated by a desire to earn commissions.

# III. CHARGE BACKS

Vemma's charge backs for March 2016 through May 2016 are set forth below. In March and April, 2016, Vemma was the victim of certain fraudulent transactions. The company became aware of the matter and took several actions to stop the fraudulent conduct. The charge backs for May 2016 are representative of the company's monthly average charge backs.

Month	Total of Charge backs	% of Monthly Sales
March 2016	\$ 5,955.66	0.60%
April 2016	\$ 10,169.69	1.11.%
May 2016	\$ 412.82	0.05%

### V. COMPENSATION PLAN

Vemma added a new bonus to its Compensation Plan for the months of May, 2016 and June, 2016. Referred to as the "New Customer Bonus," this bonus further emphasizes retail sales.<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to the new bonus, an Affiliate will be paid \$10 for every 25 point product order that was purchased by a new Customer<sup>3</sup>. If the new Customer did not sign up for auto ship the Affiliate would also receive the applicable retail sales bonus as well.<sup>4</sup> In addition, Vemma will set aside \$2 per 25 points of new Customer volume into a New Customer Bonus Pool. The pool will be divided among those Affiliates who generate minimum sales of 200 new Customer points during the two month promotion. The three Affiliates with the most new Customer points will receive an additional bonus of \$500, \$300 and \$200 respectively.

#### VI. LEGAL

In May 2016, Hanover Insurance Company sued Vemma in Federal District Court in Arizona, Case No. CV-16-1071-PHX-JJT. The issue in this case concerns whether Vemma is entitled to insurance coverage on its Director and Officer Insurance Liability Policy issued by Hanover Insurance Company. Other than the Hanover matter, there is no other new litigation.

### VII. THE FUTURE

Vemma continues to address the issues created by the Temporary Receiver's shutdown of the business. Monthly sales have stabilized and Vemma is focused on increasing its customer base and growing sales. Once the Company completes its

The FTC reviewed this new bonus and did not object prior to its implementation.

For example, if an Affiliate sold the new Customer a one pack of 32 ounce Vemma (two bottles which is 25 points), the Affiliate would receive a new customer bonus of \$10.

There is a price discount for signing up for auto ship. If the Customer does not sign up for auto ship, the difference is paid out as the retail bonus.

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1	resolution of the extraordinary expenses caused by the Temporary Receiver's actions, the
2	Company will be operating in a profitable manner.
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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 2 3 I hereby certify that on June 20, 2016, I electronically transmitted the attached 4 document to the Clerk's Office using the CM/ECF System for filing and a copy was 5 electronically submitted to counsel at the e-mail addresses below: 6 Counsel for Plaintiff, Federal Trade Counsel for Receiver Robb Evans & 7 **Commission:** Associates, LLC: 8 Jonathan E. Neuchterlein Dentons US LLP General Counsel Gary Owen Caris 9 gary.caris@dentons.com Angeleque P. Linville alinville@ftc.gov 10 Lesley Anne Hawes leslev.hawes@dentons.com 11 Jason C. Moon imoon@ftc.gov Joshua S. Akbar 12 joshua.akbar@dentons.com Anne D. Lejeune 13 alejeune@ftc.gov Counsel for Defendant Benson K. 14 Emily B. Robinson **Boreyko:** erobinson@ftc.gov 15 John R. Clemency 16 **Counsel for Defendants Tom and** Gallagher & Kennedy **Bethany Alkazin:** john.clemency@gknet.com 17 Coppersmith & Brockelman PLC Lindsi Michelle Weber 18 Keith Beauchamp lindsi.weber@gknet.com kbeauchamp@cblawyers.com 19 Marvin Christopher Ruth 20 mruth@cblawyers.com 21 22 Donna Lockwood 23 24 QB\40357000.2 2.5 26

# **EXHIBIT A**

Vemma Nutritional Company Monthly Cash Flow

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<sup>(1)</sup> Includes 6 weeks of invoices as one week of April was paid first week of May and May had five weeks.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(2)</sup> Due to the current status with the FTC, Vemma vendors are requiring 100% prepayment of orders resulting in Vemma paying for product approximately 10 weeks prior to delivery to Vemma.