

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS**

TO: Maria Cecille Maristela  
Reliant Global Markets, LLC  
225 S. Lake Ave, #230  
Pasadena, California 91101

**DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER  
(For violations of section 29520 of the Corporations Code)**

The California Corporations Commissioner finds that:

1. At all relevant times, Reliant Global Markets, LLC ("RGM") was a California Limited Liability corporation with an office located at 225 S. Lake Ave, #230 Pasadena, California 91101. Maria Cecille Maristela ("Maristela") was the CEO and a member of RGM.
2. Beginning in or about March 2000, and continuing through at least July 2001, RGM and Maristela sold or purchased, or offered to sell or purchase commodities under commodities contracts, or offered to enter into, or entered into, as sellers or purchasers any commodity contracts in the state of California. During the period between March 2000 and continuing through February 2001, clients deposited funds with RGM for the purposes of investing in foreign currency transactions.
3. The commodity contracts RGM and Maristela offered and sold, or offered to be entered into or entered into as sellers or purchasers on behalf of investors, were primarily for speculative and investment purposes, in that, the contracts were purchased, sold, and entered into based on quoted price changes and fluctuations in particular currencies, rather than as a means of acquiring the physical commodities.
4. The foreign currencies purchased or sold, or offered to be purchased or sold under commodity contracts were commodities within the meaning § 29504 of the California Commodity Law of 1990 (hereinafter "CCL"). The types of foreign currencies offered, purchased, or sold under the commodity contracts included, but were not limited to, the Japanese Yen, the Swiss franc, the British pound, the Euro, and the Australian Dollar.

5. RGM's transactions fail to qualify under any exceptions or exemptions provided for under CCL §§ 29530, 29531 and 29532.

Based upon the foregoing findings, the California Corporations Commissioner is of the opinion that RGM and Maristela sold or purchased, or offered to sell or purchase commodities under commodities contracts, or offered to enter into, or entered into, as sellers or purchasers any commodity contracts.

Pursuant to Section 29542 of the California Commodity Law of 1990, RGM and Maristela are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from the further offer or sale of foreign currency contracts, or from the further offer to enter into, or from entering into, as sellers or purchasers, foreign currency contracts, in the State of California, unless and until such activity is not in violation of Corporations Code Section 29520 of said law. This Order is necessary, in the public interest, for the protection of investors and consistent with the purposes, policies, and provisions of the California Commodity Law of 1990.

Dated: May 12, 2003  
Los Angeles, California

DEMETRIOS A. BOUTRIS  
California Corporations Commissioner

By \_\_\_\_\_  
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