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## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

In the Matter of

JONATHAN BARASH, individually and as an officer of DBS Laboratories, LLC. Docket No. C-4115

## **COMPLAINT**

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The Federal Trade Commission, having reason to believe that Jonathan Barash (hereinafter "Respondent") has violated the provisions of the Federal Trade Commission Act, and it appearing to the Commission that this proceeding is in the public interest, alleges:

1. Dynamic Health of Florida, LLC ("Dynamic Health"), a respondent in Docket No. 9317 (hereinafter "Docket 9317 Respondent"), is a Florida limited liability company with offices located at 1455 North Park Dr., Weston, Florida.

2. Chhabra Group, LLC ("Chhabra Group"), a respondent in Docket No. 9317 (hereinafter "Docket 9317 Respondent"), is a Florida limited liability company located at 1455 North Park Dr., Weston, Florida.

3. DBS Laboratories, LLC ("DBS Laboratories"), a respondent in Docket No. 9317 (hereinafter "Docket 9317 Respondent"), is a Florida limited liability company with offices located at 1485 North Park Dr., Weston, Florida.

4. Vineet K. Chhabra a/k/a Vincent K. Chhabra, a Respondent in Docket No. 9317 (hereinafter "Docket 9317 Respondent"), is an officer of Dynamic Health and Chhabra Group. Individually, or in concert with others, he has formulated, directed, participated in, or controlled the acts or practices of Dynamic Health and Chhabra Group, including the acts and practices alleged in this complaint. His principal office or place of business is 1455 North Park Dr., Weston, Florida.

5. Respondent Jonathan Barash (hereinafter "Respondent") is an owner and officer of DBS Laboratories, LLC and has participated in its day to day operations. Individually, or in concert with others, he has formulated, directed, participated in, or controlled the acts or practices of DBS Laboratories LLC, including the acts or practices challenged in the complaint. His principal office or place of business is 6599 NW 97th Drive, Parkland, Florida 33076.

6. The Docket 9317 Respondents and Respondent have advertised, labeled, offered for sale, sold, and distributed products to the public, including Pedia Loss, a weight loss supplement, and Fabulously Feminine, a female sexual enhancement supplement. Pedia Loss and Fabulously Feminine are either a "food" or a "drug" within the meaning of Sections 12 and 15 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 52 and 55.

7. The acts and practices of the Docket 9317 Respondents and Respondent alleged in this complaint have been in or affecting commerce, as "commerce" is defined in Section 4 of the Federal Trade Commission Act.

### PEDIA LOSS

8. The Docket 9317 Respondents and Respondent have disseminated or caused to be disseminated advertisements for Pedia Loss through various Internet websites, including <u>www.pedialoss.com</u>, <u>www.dynamichealthproducts.com</u>, and <u>www.dbslabs.com</u>, as well as print advertising in Cosmopolitan magazine. According to the product labels, Pedia Loss contains, among other ingredients, fructose, inulin, glutamine, lecithin, citric acid, and hydroxycitric acid (HCA). Advertisements for Pedia Loss products include, but are not necessarily limited to, the attached Exhibits A through C. The advertisements contain the following statements, among others:

# a. **Pedia Loss**

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Child obesity is a growing problem in North America. Pedia Loss is an appetite suppressant for children 6 years and older. Allow children to enjoy their favorite foods without gaining weight. This revolutionary new formula slows the absorption of carbohydrates, allowing more to be burned for energy and less to be stored as fat. This highly effective and natural dietary supplement comes in berry-flavored chewable tablets for easy consumption. In conjunction with a proper diet and exercise program, Pedia Loss can keep your child from becoming a statistic.

Please consult your healthcare provider before giving Pedia Loss to your child.

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This synergistic formula was designed to aide in a child's glucose metabolism. Since many of their favorite foods are rich in carbohydrates but very low in dietary fiber, their digestive tracts and insulin never function properly. Now with Pedia Loss children can still enjoy their favorite food but with the help of Inulin their bodies with [sic] slow down the absorption of carbohydrate, allowing more to be burned for energy and less to be stored as fat, and give a great source of soluble fiber. In addition to this highly advanced ingredient, we have included supplemental amounts of both glutamine and FOS, which have both been proven to drastically improve intestinal health. Finally this product contains a highly effective compound called HCA. This compound has been shown to safely burn fat without any form of stimulants.

(Exhibit A: web page from www.dynamichealthproducts.com)

b. Pedia Loss is highly effective for children 6 years of age and older. Children can still enjoy their favorite food in moderation while slowing the absorption of carbohydrates, allowing more to be burned for energy and less to be stored as fat. For best results use in conjunction with an exercise program and a low fat low calorie diet. Please consult your healthcare provider before giving this product for your child.

(Exhibit B: product label)

# c. Child Obesity

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, childhood obesity is a growing problem in the U.S., with one in ten pre-schoolers considered clinically obese. Pedia Loss addresses this growing health care issue in children 6 years of age and older. Children can still enjoy their favorite foods in moderation, while slowing the absorption of carbohydrates. The use of Pedia Loss enables more carbs to be burned for energy and less to be stored as fat. This highly effective and natural dietary supplement comes in berry-flavored chewable tablets that will appeal to children. Best of all is the feeling of strength and confidence they'll experience by overcoming childhood weight problems. . . .

(Exhibit C: ad in Cosmopolitan Magazine)

9. Through the means described in Paragraph 8, the Docket 9317 Respondents and Respondent have represented, expressly or by implication, that:

- a. Pedia Loss causes weight loss in overweight or obese children ages 6 and over, and
- b. When taken by overweight or obese children ages 6 and over, Pedia Loss causes weight loss by suppressing appetite, increasing fat burning, and slowing carbohydrate absorption.

10. Through the means described in Paragraph 8, the Docket 9317 Respondents and Respondent have represented, expressly or by implication, that they possessed and relied upon a reasonable basis that substantiated the representations set forth in Paragraph 9, at the time the representations were made.

11. In truth and in fact, the Docket 9317 Respondents and Respondent did not possess and rely upon a reasonable basis that substantiated the representations set forth in Paragraph 9, at the time the representations were made. Therefore, the representation set forth in Paragraph 10 was, and is, false or misleading.

# FABULOUSLY FEMININE

12. The Docket 9317 Respondents and Respondent have disseminated or caused to be disseminated advertisements for Fabulously Feminine through various Internet websites, including <u>www.usaprescription.com</u>, <u>www.dbslabs.com</u>, and <u>www.medprescribe.com</u>, as well as print ads in various newspaper publications. According to the product labels, Fabulously Feminine contains L-arginine, ginseng, damiana leaf, gingko biloba leaf, and horny goat weed, among other ingredients. Advertisements for Fabulously Feminine products include, but are not necessarily limited to, the attached Exhibits D through F. The advertisements contain the following statements, among others:

## a. **Fabulously Feminine**

Do you crave more from sexual intimacy? Rev up your sex drive with FABULOUSLY FEMININE. All-natural FABULOUSLY FEMININE can help you build the stamina you need to make your sexual experiences more intense and lasting. . . It's all a matter of stimulating blood flow and increasing sensitivity, and FABULOUSLY FEMININE'S herbal and amino acid formula accomplishes this naturally, yet powerfully. . . .

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## **PRODUCT INFORMATION**

Fabulously Feminine is a safe, natural way to enhance sexual desire, satisfaction and enjoyment. The ingredients in Fabulously Feminine, when taken daily with a multivitamin, have been shown in a double-blind, placebo-controlled Stanford University study to enhance satisfaction with sex life, the level of sexual desire and frequency of sexual encounters.

It is estimated that 43% of women experience a loss of sexual vitality at some time in their lives. External factors such as stress and fatigue may contribute to the decline in sexual interest....

(Exhibit D : web page from www.usaprescription.com)

It is not unusual for men and women, young or old, to lose desire, arousal and overall satisfaction in the bedroom. Let **DBS Laboratories** give you the fuel you need to re-kindle the fire inside you.

LIBIDO ENHANCER FABULOUSLY FEMININE Dietary Supplement

Millions of women are dealing with the same issues you are. Put your confidence and your relationship in the hands of **Fabulously Feminine** – The safe, natural way to enhance sexual desire, satisfaction and enjoyment. A special libido enhancing formula designed specifically for women, **Fabulously Feminine** contains a proprietary blend of traditional libido enhancing herbs. Not being in the mood for sex is often times the result of poor stimulation; lack of energy, and hormonal imbalance. This product was specially formulated to address these issues. These all-natural ingredients are known to stimulate blood flow and increase sensitivity, making this product one of the most potent available on the market.

(Exhibit E: National Examiner newspaper ad)

c. LIBIDO ENHANCER FABULOUSLY ™ FEMININE Dietary Supplement \* \* \*

A scientific formula designed especially for women, **Fabulously Feminine** contains a proprietary blend of clinically proven ingredients for libido health. Not being in the mood for sex is oftentimes the result of poor stimulation, lack of energy, and hormonal imbalance. This product has been formulated to address these issues....

(Exhibit F: National Enquirer newspaper ad)

13. Through the means described in Paragraph 12, the Docket 9317 Respondents and Respondent have represented, expressly or by implication, that clinical testing proves that Fabulously Feminine enhances a woman's satisfaction with her sex life and level of sexual desire.

14. In truth and in fact, clinical testing does not prove that Fabulously Feminine enhances a woman's satisfaction with her sex life and level of sexual desire. Therefore, the representation set forth in Paragraph 13 was, and is, false or misleading.

15. Through the means described in Paragraph 12, the Docket 9317 Respondents and Respondent have represented, expressly or by implication, that Fabulously Feminine will increase a woman's libido, sexual desire, and sexual satisfaction by stimulating blood flow and increasing sensitivity.

16. Through the means described in Paragraph 12, the Docket 9317 Respondents and Respondent have represented, expressly or by implication, that they possessed and relied upon a reasonable basis that substantiated the representation set forth in Paragraph 15, at the time the representation was made.

17. In truth and in fact, the Docket 9317 Respondents and Respondent did not possess and rely upon a reasonable basis that substantiated the representation set forth in Paragraph 15, at the time the representation was made. Therefore, the representation set forth in Paragraph 16 was, and is, false or misleading.

18. The acts and practices of the Docket 9317 Respondents and Respondent as alleged in this complaint constitute unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce in violation of Sections 5(a) and 12 of the Federal Trade Commission Act.

THEREFORE, the Federal Trade Commission this thirteenth day of August, 2004, has issued this complaint against Respondent.

By the Commission.

Donald S. Clark Secretary

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