In the Matter of

HOLLY A. BACON,

doing business as Cleansing Time Pro.

DOCKET NO. C-4238

DECISION AND ORDER

The Federal Trade Commission having initiated an investigation of certain acts and practices of the respondent named in the caption hereof, and the respondent having been furnished thereafter with a copy of a draft of complaint which the Western Region proposed to present to the Commission for its consideration and which, if issued by the Commission, would charge respondent with violation of the Federal Trade Commission Act; and

The respondent and counsel for the Commission having thereafter executed an agreement containing a consent order, an admission by the respondent of all the jurisdictional facts set forth in the aforesaid draft of complaint, a statement that the signing of said agreement is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by respondent that the law has been violated as alleged in such complaint, or that the facts as alleged in such complaint, other than jurisdictional facts, are true, and waivers and other provisions as required by the Commission’s Rules; and

The Commission having thereafter considered the matter and having determined that it had reason to believe that the respondent has violated the said Act, and that complaint should issue stating its charges in that respect, and having thereupon accepted the executed consent agreement and placed such agreement on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days, now in further conformity with the procedure prescribed in Section 2.34 of its Rules, the Commission hereby issues its complaint, makes the following jurisdictional findings, and enters the following order:

1. Respondent Holly A. Bacon is the sole proprietor of Cleansing Time Pro, a Nevada company with its principal office or place of business at 9732 State Rt. 445, #114, Sparks, Nevada 89436.

2. The Federal Trade Commission has jurisdiction of the subject matter of this proceeding and of the respondent, and the proceeding is in the public interest.
ORDER

DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this order, the following definitions shall apply:

1. Unless otherwise specified, “respondent” means Holly A. Bacon, individually and doing business as Cleansing Time Pro, her successors and assigns, and her officers, agents, representatives and employees.


3. “Competent and reliable scientific evidence” means tests, analyses, research, studies, or other evidence based on the expertise of professionals in the relevant area, that has been conducted and evaluated in an objective manner by persons qualified to do so, using procedures generally accepted in the profession to yield accurate and reliable results.


5. “Covered product or service” means any food, dietary supplement, or drug, including, but not limited to, Cleansing Time Pro Black Salve & Tablets, or any other health-related product, service, or program.

6. “Endorsement” means as defined in 16 C.F.R. § 255.0(b).

7. “Clearly and prominently” means as follows:

   a. In an advertisement communicated through an electronic medium (such as television, video, radio, and interactive media such as the Internet and online services), the disclosure shall be presented simultaneously in both the audio and video portions of the advertisement. Provided, however, that in any advertisement presented solely through video or audio means, the disclosure may be made through the same means in which the ad is presented. The audio disclosure shall be delivered in a volume and cadence sufficient for an ordinary consumer to hear and comprehend it. The video disclosure shall be of a size and shade, and shall appear on the screen for a duration, sufficient for an ordinary consumer to read and comprehend it. In addition to the foregoing, in interactive media the disclosure shall also be unavoidable and shall be presented prior to the consumer incurring any financial obligation.

   b. In a print advertisement, promotional material (including, but not limited to a rebate coupon or form), or instructional manual, the disclosure shall
be in a type size and location sufficiently noticeable for an ordinary consumer to read and comprehend it, in print that contrasts with the background against which it appears. In multipage documents, the disclosure shall appear on the cover or first page.

c. On a product label, the disclosure shall be in a type size and location on the principal display panel sufficiently noticeable for an ordinary consumer to read and comprehend it, in print that contrasts with the background against which it appears.

The disclosure shall be in understandable language and syntax. Nothing contrary to, inconsistent with, or in mitigation of the disclosure shall be used in any advertisement or on any label.

8. The term “including” in this order means “without limitation.”

9. The terms “and” and “or” in this order shall be construed conjunctively or disjunctively as necessary, to make the applicable phrase inclusive rather than exclusive.

I.

IT IS ORDERED that respondent, directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, in connection with the advertising, labeling, promotion, offering for sale, sale, or distribution of Cleansing Time Pro Black Salve & Tablets, or any other covered product or service, in or affecting commerce, shall not represent, in any manner, expressly or by implication, including through the use of a product name or endorsement:

A. that such product is effective in the prevention, treatment, or cure, or assists in the prevention, treatment, or cure, of cancer;

B. that such product is effective in the treatment of inoperable cancers;

C. that such product is effective in the treatment of skin cancer, including melanoma;

D. that such product reduces the size of, or eliminates, cancerous tumors;

E. that such product is safer and more effective in the treatment of cancer than are conventional cancer therapies, such as surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, and other drug treatments; or

F. that such product is effective in the prevention, treatment, or cure, or assists in the prevention, treatment, or cure, of hepatitis, HIV, SARS, West Nile Virus, or Avian Bird Flu,
unless the representation is true, non-misleading, and, at the time it is made, respondent possesses and relies upon competent and reliable scientific evidence that substantiates the representation.

II.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent, directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, in connection with the advertising, labeling, promotion, offering for sale, sale, or distribution of any covered product or service, in or affecting commerce, shall not make any representation, in any manner, expressly or by implication, including through the use of a product name or endorsement, about the absolute or comparative benefits, performance, efficacy, safety, or side effects of such covered product or service, unless the representation is true, non-misleading, and, at the time it is made, respondent possesses and relies upon competent and reliable scientific evidence that substantiates the representation.

III.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent, directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, in connection with the advertising, labeling, promotion, offering for sale, sale, or distribution of any covered product or service, in or affecting commerce, shall not make any representation, in any manner, expressly or by implication, about any user or endorser of such product or service unless she discloses, clearly and prominently, a material connection, when one exists, between such user or endorser and the respondent or any other individual or entity manufacturing, advertising, promoting, offering for sale, selling, or distributing such product or service. For purposes of this Part, “material connection” means any relationship that materially affects the weight or credibility of the user testimonial or endorsement and that would not reasonably be expected by consumers.

IV.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

A. Nothing in this order shall prohibit respondent from making any representation for any drug that is permitted in labeling for such drug under any tentative or final standard promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration, or under any new drug application approved by the Food and Drug Administration; and

B. Nothing in this order shall prohibit respondent from making any representation for any product that is specifically permitted in labeling for such product by regulations promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration pursuant to the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990.
V.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

A. Within thirty (30) days of the date of entry of this order, respondent shall compile a list containing the full name and mailing address, the product(s) purchased, and, if available, the consumer’s telephone number and email address, of every person who has purchased Cleansing Time Pro Black Salve & Tablets from the respondent since July 1, 2005; and

B. Within forty-five (45) days after the date of entry of this order, respondent shall send by first class mail, postage prepaid, an exact copy of the notice attached as Attachment A to all persons identified in Subparagraph A of this Paragraph. The mailing shall not include any other documents.

VI.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall not sell, rent, lease, transfer, or otherwise disclose the name, address, telephone number, credit card number, bank account number, e-mail address, or other identifying information of any person who paid any money to respondent, at any time prior to entry of this order, in connection with the purchase of Cleansing Time Pro Black Salve & Tablets. Provided, however: that respondent shall disclose to the FTC, upon request, the list compiled pursuant to Paragraph V.A of this order; and respondent may disclose such identifying information to a law enforcement agency or as required by any law, regulation, or court order.

VII.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall, for five (5) years after the last date of dissemination of any representation covered by this order, maintain and upon request make available to the Federal Trade Commission for inspection and copying:

A. A specimen copy of all advertisements and promotional materials containing the representation;

B. All materials that were relied upon in disseminating the representation; and

C. All tests, reports, studies, surveys, demonstrations, or other evidence in her possession or control that contradict, qualify, or call into question the representation, or the basis relied upon for the representation, including complaints and other communications with consumers or with governmental or consumer protection organizations.
VIII.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall deliver a copy of this order to all current and future principals, officers, directors, and managers, and to all current and future employees, agents, and representatives having responsibilities with respect to the subject matter of this order, and shall secure from each such person a signed and dated statement acknowledging receipt of the order. Respondent shall deliver this order to current personnel within thirty (30) days after the date of service of this order, and to future personnel within thirty (30) days after the person assumes such position or responsibilities. Respondent shall maintain and upon request make available to the Federal Trade Commission for inspection and copying a copy of each signed statement acknowledging receipt of the order.

IX.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent, for a period of three (3) years after the date of issuance of this order, shall notify the Commission of the discontinuance of her current business or employment, or of her affiliation with any new health-related business or employment. The notice shall include respondent's new business address and telephone number and a description of the nature of the business or employment and her duties and responsibilities. All notices required by this Part shall be sent by certified mail to the Associate Director, Division of Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580.

X.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall, within sixty (60) days after the date of service of this order, and at such other times as the Federal Trade Commission may require, file with the Commission a report, in writing, setting forth in detail the manner and form in which she has complied with this order.

XI.

This order will terminate on October 22, 2028, or twenty (20) years from the most recent date that the United States or the Federal Trade Commission files a complaint (with or without an accompanying consent decree) in federal court alleging any violation of the order, whichever comes later; provided, however, that the filing of such a complaint will not affect the duration of:

A. Any Part in this order that terminates in less than twenty (20) years;

B. This order’s application to any respondent that is not named as a defendant in such complaint; and

C. This order if such complaint is filed after the order has terminated pursuant to this Part.
Provided, further, that if such complaint is dismissed or a federal court rules that the respondent did not violate any provision of the order, and the dismissal or ruling is either not appealed or upheld on appeal, then the order will terminate according to this Part as though the complaint had never been filed, except that the order will not terminate between the date such complaint is filed and the later of the deadline for appealing such dismissal or ruling and the date such dismissal or ruling is upheld on appeal.

By the Commission.

Donald S. Clark
Secretary

ISSUED: October 22, 2008