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WARNING LETTER

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RE: Unapproved and Misbranded Products Related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

This is to advise you that the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reviewed your websites at the Internet addresses www.drrimatruthreports.com, www.opensourcetruth.com, www.truthaboutcoronavirus.com, and www.nsfmarketplace.com on March 11, 2020 and May 6, 2020, respectively. Your websites www.drrimatruthreports.com, www.opensourcetruth.com, and www.TruthAboutCoronavirus.com direct consumers to www.nsfmarketplace.com to purchase your products. The FDA has observed that your website www.nsfmarketplace.com offers a line of “Dr. Rima Recommends™ Nano Silver 10 PPM” products for sale in the United States and that these products are intended to mitigate, prevent, treat, diagnose, or cure COVID-19¹ in people. Based on our review, these products are unapproved new drugs sold in violation of section 505(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act), 21 U.S.C. § 355(a). Furthermore, these products are misbranded drugs under section 502 of the FD&C Act, 21 U.S.C. § 352. The introduction or delivery for introduction of these products into interstate commerce is prohibited under section 301(a) and (d) of the FD&C Act, 21 U.S.C. § 331(a) and (d).

There is currently a global outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus that has been named “severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2” (SARS-CoV-2). The disease caused by the virus has been named “Coronavirus Disease 2019” (COVID-19). On January 31, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a declaration of a public health emergency related to COVID-19 and mobilized the Operating Divisions of HHS.² In addition, on March 13, 2020, the President declared a national emergency in response to COVID-19.³ Therefore, FDA is taking urgent measures to protect consumers from certain products that, without approval or authorization by FDA, claim to mitigate,

¹ As explained in the next paragraph, there is currently an outbreak of a respiratory disease named “Coronavirus 2019” (COVID-19).

² Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex M. Azar II, “Determination that a Public Health Emergency Exists. Jan. 31, 2020. (Accessible at <https://www.phe.gov/emergency/news/healthactions/phe/Pages/2019-nCoV.aspx>). The declaration was renewed for another 90 days on April 21, 2020. Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex M. Azar II, Renewal of Determination that a Public Health Emergency Exists. April 21, 2020. (Accessible at <https://www.phe.gov/emergency/news/healthactions/phe/Pages/covid19-21apr2020.aspx>).

³ President Donald J. Trump, Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). Mar. 13, 2020. (Accessible at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-declaring-national-emergency-concerning-novel-coronavirus-disease-covid-19-outbreak/>).

prevent, treat, diagnose, or cure COVID-19 in people. We request that you take immediate action to cease the sale of such unapproved and unauthorized products for the mitigation, prevention, treatment, diagnosis, or cure of COVID-19.

Some examples of the claims on your websites that establish the intended use of your products and misleadingly represent them as safe and/or effective for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19 include:

- “Once you have access to The Silver Solution, Nano Silver 10 PPM, you have no reason to participate in the COVID-19 panic!” [from your website www.opensourcetruth.com/stop-apr-end-covid-panic/]
- “This Nano Silver 10 PPM is your totally non-toxic key to halting COVID-19 APR – Attachment, Penetration, and Replication – to keep yourself and those you love healthy.” [from your website www.opensourcetruth.com/stop-apr-end-covid-panic/]
- “The science is clear. Nano Silver 10 PPM and coronaviruses do not mix! Nano Silver 10 PPM wins every time by providing proven immune support.” [from your website www.opensourcetruth.com/covid-19-reinfection-danger/]
- “I believe it is prudent to have ... ALL Nano Silver 10 PPM YOU AND THOSE IN QUARANTINE WITH YOU ARE LIKELY TO NEED, AND THEN SOME.” [from your website www.opensourcetruth.com/covid-19-reinfection-danger/]
- “[S]cientific documentation, including that submitted to Congress on the subject, shows that in the presence [of] my Nano Silver 10 PPM, available at <http://www.NSFMarketplace.com>, ... the action of SARS, widely believed to be the parent virus of COVID19, is stopped dead in its tracks. In vitro tests showed that SARS and other viruses could not penetrate living human cell membranes in the presence of the Nano Silver 10 PM [*sic*].” [from your website www.opensourcetruth.com/covid19-are-face-masks-enough/]
- “It is my considered opinion, based on the evidence and science available to me that this particular Nano Silver 10 PPM, plus sensible hand-washing ... can be literally life-saving in pandemic situations.”]” [from your website <http://www.opensourcetruth.com/covid19-are-face-masks-enough/>]

You should take immediate action to correct the violations cited in this letter. This letter is not meant to be an all-inclusive list of violations that exist in connection with your products or operations. It is your responsibility to ensure that the products you sell are in compliance with the FD&C Act and FDA's implementing regulations. We advise you to review your websites, product labels, and other labeling and promotional materials to ensure that you are not representing your products for a COVID-19 related use for which they have not been approved by FDA and that you do not make claims that misbrand the products in violation of the FD&C Act. **Within 48 hours, please send an email to COVID-19-Task-Force-CFSAN@fda.hhs.gov** describing the specific steps you have taken to correct these violations. Include an explanation of each step being taken to prevent the recurrence of violations, as well as copies of related documentation. Failure to immediately correct the violations cited in this letter may result in legal action, including, without limitation, seizure and injunction.

FDA is advising consumers not to purchase or use certain products that have not been approved, cleared, or authorized by FDA and that are being misleadingly represented as safe and/or effective for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19. Your firm will be added to a published list on FDA's website of firms and websites that have received warning letters from FDA concerning the sale or distribution of COVID-19 related products in violation of the FD&C Act. This list can be found at www.fda.gov/consumers/health-fraud-scams/fraudulent-coronavirus-disease-covid-19-products. Once you have taken corrective actions to cease the sale of your unapproved and unauthorized products for the mitigation, prevention, treatment, diagnosis, or cure of COVID-19, and such actions have been confirmed by the FDA, the published list will


be updated to indicate that your firm has taken appropriate corrective action.

If you cannot complete corrective action within 48 hours, state the reason for the delay and the time within which you will complete the corrections. If you believe that your products are not in violation of the FD&C Act, include your reasoning and any supporting information for our consideration.

If you are not located in the United States, please note that products that appear to be misbranded or unapproved new drugs are subject to detention and refusal of admission if they are offered for importation into the United States. We may advise the appropriate regulatory officials in the country from which you operate that FDA considers your product(s) listed above to be unapproved and misbranded products that cannot be legally sold to consumers in the United States. Please direct any inquiries to FDA at COVID-19-Task-Force-CFSAN@fda.hhs.gov.

In addition, it is unlawful under the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 41 et seq., to advertise that a product can prevent, treat, or cure human disease unless you possess competent and reliable scientific evidence, including, when appropriate, well-controlled human clinical studies, substantiating that the claims are true at the time they are made. For COVID-19, no such study is currently known to exist for the products identified above. Thus, any coronavirus-related prevention or treatment claims regarding such products are not supported by competent and reliable scientific evidence. You must immediately cease making all such claims. Violations of the FTC Act may result in legal action seeking a Federal District Court injunction and an order may require that you pay back money to consumers. Within 48 hours, please send an email to Richard Cleland, Assistant Director of the FTC's Division of Advertising Practices, via electronic mail at rcleland@ftc.gov describing the specific actions you have taken to address the FTC's concerns. If you have any questions regarding compliance with the FTC Act, please contact Mr. Cleland at 202-326-3088.

Sincerely,

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