IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, TAMPA DIVISION

Nutrilab Corporation, et al.)
Plaintiffs,) Civil Action No. 8:00 CV 1418 T 24MSS
Nature Sweet, Inc., et al.)) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
Defendants) }

PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO APPEAR AT JULY 2, 2001 STATUS CONFERENCE VIA TELEPHONE

NOW COMES Plaintiffs, by and through their attorneys, WEAVER & AMIN, and hereby move this Honorable Court pursuant to Local Rule 3.01(i) for an Order granting Plaintiffs' attorney permission to appear via telephone at the Status Conference scheduled by this Court for July 2, 2001. Plaintiff states in support thereof the following:

- 1. On June 19, 2001 this Court contacted plaintiffs' attorney regarding the scheduling of a status conference on July 2, 2001 at which time this Court would take up the Motions pending before it;
- 2. Lead counsel for the Plaintiffs is located in Chicago, Illinois. Lead counsel has a previously scheduled matter for the morning of July 2, 2001. Lead counsel does not believe that it is in the best interests of this litigation to incur travel and other expenses if not necessary or required by this Honorable Court. If required to fly to Tampa to attend this hearing, lead counsel for Plaintiffs would incur over \$1,000.00 in travel expenses and \$2,000.00 in attorney's fees that would be avoided if he appeared by telephone;

Lead counsel for the Plaintiffs believes that it is necessary that he be a part of this hearing since he is empowered to direct the course of this litigation and to direct any settlement discussions; and

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4. Lead counsel for Plaintiffs believes that participation via telephone at the July 2, 2001 hearing will not adversely affect or prejudice any of the parties involved in this dispute.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request that this Honorable Court enter an order allowing their lead counsel, Rakesh M. Amin of Weaver & Amin, to appear via telephone on their behalf at the hearing scheduled for July 2, 2001 at 2:30 p.m.

Dated: June 21, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

Pursuant to the Local Rule 3.01g for the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, the undersigned does hereby certify that I spoke with David B. McEwen, counsel for Defendants, on June 20, 2001 concerning the issues raised in this Motion. Mr. McEwen as counsel for Defendants indicated that he does not object to this Motion.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, an attorney, deposes and states that a copy of the foregoing Plaintiffs' Motion For Permission To Appear At The Status Hearing Scheduled for July 2, 2001 Via Telephone was served upon David B. McEwen, 150 Second Ave. North, Sufte #1500, St. Petersburg, FL 33701 attorney for the Defendants by United States Mail, by depositing such in the U.S. Mail postage pre-paid at 150 N. Wacker Dr., Chicago, Illinois and by facsimile transmission to Mr. McEwen at 727-894-4444, on June 20, 2001.

One of the Attorneys for the Plaintiffs

Date Printed: 06/26/2001

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