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**VIA TELEFAX AND U.S. MAIL**

David Marchant  
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123 S.E. 3rd Avenue, PMB #173  
Miami, FL 33131

**Re: Imperial Consolidated v. Marchant**

Dear Mr. Marchant:

Please be advised that this law firm represents Imperial Consolidated. We have been advised that you have contacted Imperial Consolidated directly, along with its public relations advisors, concerning a recent publication in the *El Mundo* newspaper article which is the subject of a pending litigation in Spain. We are working with Imperial Consolidated's attorney in Spain, Lic. Juan Pique Vidal, in connection with that matter. We are hereby advising you **not** to contact Imperial Consolidated or its advisors directly any further. Any and all future communication between you and Imperial Consolidated must be directed to undersigned counsel.

We are aware that you have propounded a series of questions directly to Imperial Consolidated which you demand to be answered by 5:00 p.m. today. In light of the pending litigation, Imperial Consolidated will not be responding to your questionnaire at this time. Once again, we reiterate that all further inquires to Imperial Consolidated should be directed to this law firm.

**Please govern yourself accordingly.**

Very truly yours,

**AKERMAN, SENTERFITT & EIDSON, P.A.**



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