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The franchise is for the establishment and operation of a business that promotes and sells cooperative direct mail advertising in VALPAK® Envelopes to be distributed within designated geographic areas (a "VALPAK® Business").

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a VALPAK® Business, exclusive of working capital, insurance and the cost of a vehicle for use in the business, ranges from \$80,600 to \$200,800. These totals include the following amounts in Item 5 that must be paid to us or our affiliates: (1) a \$2,000 initial franchise fee for an operating franchise or \$2,500 for a dormant franchise; (2) a \$13,000 training fee for an operating franchise or \$15,000 for a dormant franchise; and (3) a territory acquisition fee that varies depending on the size of the Franchisee's territory and its current mailing status, but not less than \$12,000. If you purchase an existing VALPAK® Business from us or one of our affiliates, the total investment ranges from \$148,500 to \$356,800, which includes the initial franchise fee of \$2,000 and a \$13,000 training fee (the territory acquisition fee is part of the purchase price).

This Disclosure Document summarizes certain provisions of your Franchise Agreement and other information in plain English. Read this Disclosure Document and all accompanying agreements carefully. You must receive this Disclosure Document at least 14 calendar days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make any payment to, the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale. **Note, however, that no governmental agency has verified the information contained in this document.** 

You may wish to receive your Disclosure Document in another format that is more convenient for you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different formats, contact Dana Schmitt, 805 Executive Center Drive West, St. Petersburg, Florida 33702; (727) 393-1270.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on the Disclosure Document alone to understand your contract. Read all of your contract carefully. Show your contract and this Disclosure Document to an advisor, like a lawyer or accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this Disclosure Document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as "A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise," which can help you understand how to use this Disclosure Document, is available from the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at www.ftc.gov for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

There may also be laws on franchising in your state. Ask your state agencies about them.

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## STATE COVER PAGE

Your state may have a franchise law that requires a franchisor to register or file with a state franchise administrator before offering or selling in your state. REGISTRATION OF A FRANCHISE BY A STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE STATE RECOMMENDS THE FRANCHISE OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state franchise administrator listed in Exhibit "G" for information about the franchisor or about franchising in your state.

MANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS DO NOT ALLOW YOU TO RENEW UNCONDITIONALLY AFTER THE INITIAL TERM EXPIRES. YOU MAY HAVE TO SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT WITH DIFFERENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE YOUR BUSINESS. BEFORE YOU BUY, CONSIDER WHAT RIGHTS YOU HAVE TO RENEW YOUR FRANCHISE, IF ANY, AND WHAT TERMS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT IN ORDER TO RENEW.

Please consider the following RISK FACTORS before you buy this franchise:

## Risk Factors:

- 1. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES YOU TO RESOLVE CERTAIN DISPUTES INVOLVING THE INTERMARKET SALES POLICY WITH US BY ARBITRATION ONLY IN PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA. OUT-OF-STATE ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO ARBITRATE WITH US IN FLORIDA THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT PERMITS THE FRANCHISEE TO SUE US ONLY IN FLORIDA. OUT-OF-STATE LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO LITIGATE WITH US IN FLORIDA THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
- 3. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT FLORIDA LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- 4. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

We use the services of one or more FRANCHISE BROKERS or referral sources to assist us in selling our franchise. A franchise broker or referral source represents us, not you. We pay this person a fee for selling our franchise or referring you to us. You should be sure to do your own investigation of the franchise.

The effective dates of this Disclosure Document in the states with franchise registration laws in which we have sought registration appear on the following page.

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