

GRANITE DIRECT INC.

This Director's Order was issued under s. 157 of the *Fair Trading Act* in response to, in the opinion of the Director, contraventions of the Act. As mandated by s. 157.1 of the *Fair Trading Act*, this Director's Order is part of the public record.

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DIRECTOR'S ORDER UNDER SECTION 157 OF THE FAIR TRADING ACT

TO

GRANITE DIRECT INC.

AND TO

**ANY EMPLOYEE, REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ASSOCIATE OF
GRANITE DIRECT INC.**

ISSUES:

Granite Direct was the holder of a Prepaid Contracting Business License. This license was not continued as of June 2005 because the company said it no longer engaged in the prepaid contracting business.

On December 18, 2006 one of your employees, Lisa Regan, negotiated and concluded a contract in the home of Pearl Glazier. A deposit was taken of \$5000 making this a prepaid contract.

On January 11, 2007 one of your employees, Jenna Hopper, negotiated and concluded a contract in the home of Fehmina Chaudhry. A deposit of \$3,348.15 was taken making this a prepaid contract.

Your company representative advised us that concluding contracts away from the office is against company policy. Sales people are to conclude this business in the office.

A "Prepaid Contracting Business" means the activities of soliciting, negotiating or concluding in person, at any place other than the seller's place of business, prepaid contract.

A "Prepaid Contract" means a construction or maintenance contract in which all or part of the contract price is to be paid before all the goods or services called for in the contract are provided.

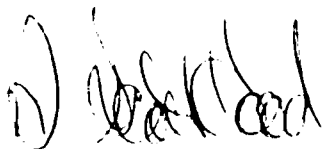
A "Construction or Maintenance Contract" in part means a contract for the purpose of constructing, altering, maintaining, repairing, adding to or improving a person's own private dwelling or a structure/building located on the same property to be used in connection with the person's own private dwelling/building/structure.

ORDER:

- Granite Direct Inc. or any employee, representative, agent, or associate must immediately stop engaging in the activities of a "Prepaid Contracting Business" by soliciting, negotiating or concluding in person, at any place other than the seller's place of business, a prepaid contract.

NON COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER:

- **ANY PERSON WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH AN ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR UNDER SECTION 157 OF THE FAIR TRADING ACT CONTRAVENES THIS ACT AND IS GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND MAY BE PROSECUTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 163 OF THE FAIR TRADING ACT.**



Scott Hood
Director of Fair Trading (as delegated)
March 19, 2008