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VIA UPS NEXT DAY AIR

AND EMAIL Kathy.ellwood@cfsan.fda.gov Dr. Kathy Ellwood Assistant Director for Nutrition Science FDA, CFSAN CPK 1, Room 4A026 HFS-800 College Park MD 20740

Re: Nutrition 21, Inc., Health Claim Petition for Chromium Picolinate

Dear Dr. Ellwood:

This letter responds to the agency's request for an extension of time until February 16, 2005 to reach a decision in the above-referenced matter. Nutrition 21, Inc., has authorized us to agree to your request for an extension of time until February 16, 2005. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jonathan W. Emord

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