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**THE BUSINESS INTEGRITY COMMISSION OBTAINS A TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING ORDER TO SHUT DOWN OPERATIONS OF AN ILLEGAL
WHOLESALE IN HUNTS POINT MARKET ADJACENT AREA**

A Wholesale Produce Business Unlawfully Operating is Ordered to Vacate Premises

*Commission Believes Wholesaler has Connections to Previously Denied Companies and
Organized Crime*

Commissioner and Chair Shari C. Hyman of the New York City Business Integrity Commission (“BIC”) announced on Wednesday, September 26, 2012, that the Commission obtained a Temporary Restraining Order and shut down the operations of Jaraq Produce (“Jaraq”), an unregistered wholesale business operating in the Hunts Point Adjacent Area. Late on the morning of Tuesday, September 25, 2012, BIC enforcement agents and New York Police Department officers conducted the closure and seized and impounded Jaraq’s vehicles. The Temporary Restraining Order was granted by the Bronx State Supreme Court pursuant to the Nuisance Abatement Law, after BIC presented evidence that Jaraq was unlawfully operating a wholesale business in the Hunts Point Adjacent Area without being registered by BIC. BIC filed the motion on Monday, September 24th, 2012 at the Bronx State Supreme Court, and was issued an order directing that the subject premises be closed for all operations pending further litigation.

“BIC is here to ensure a level playing field for the market businesses that we regulate, and today’s action highlights the need for continued oversight to ensure that those who refuse to play by the rules and erode a fair marketplace are held accountable,” said Commissioner and Chair Hyman, “I want to thank our enforcement agents and the NYPD for their efforts today.”

BIC began investigating Jaraq for reported unregistered activity in June 2012 and witnessed unlawful operations on various dates from June thru September 2012. As a result, BIC issued three separate violations for unregistered activity to the company. Despite these repeated violations, Jaraq continued to unlawfully operate a wholesale produce business. BIC’s investigation also revealed evidence that Jaraq is likely the successor business of C & S Wholesale Produce, Inc and Dutchie Enterprises, LLC, two wholesale produce businesses that were previously denied registrations to operate by BIC because of their principal’s association with organized crime and role in an illegal gambling ring.

The Business Integrity Commission (“BIC”) is both a law enforcement and regulatory agency charged with the oversight of the private carting industry, the businesses operating in the City’s public wholesale markets, and the shipboard gambling industry. The mission of BIC is to eliminate organized crime and other forms of corrupting and criminality from the industries it regulates.