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FINAL ORDER #: HSMV-03-1412-FOF-DMV

STERLING TRUCK CORPORATION, f/k/a HN80 CORPORATION,

Petitioner,

VS.

LYNCH-DAVIDSON MOTORS, INC.; TOM NEHL GMC TRUCK CO., d/b/a TOM NEHL TRUCK CO.; AND STEVEN N. BACALIS,

Respondents.

FINAL ORDER

This matter came before the Department for entry of a Final Order upon submission of a Recommended Order of Dismissal by Harry L. Hooper, an Administrative Law Judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings, a copy of which is attached and incorporated by reference in this order¹. The Department hereby adopts the Recommended Order as its Final Order in this matter. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED and ADJUDGED that Petitioner's, Sterling Truck Corporation, f/k/a HN80 Corporation, complaint is DISMISSED.

¹ Petitioner, Sterling Truck Corporation f/k/a HN80 Corporation, filed exceptions to the Recommended Order. Respondent, Lynch-Davidson Motors, Inc., filed a response to the exceptions. These exceptions are ruled on in the Appendix to this Order.

DONE AND ORDERED this Bed day of County, 2003, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

CARL A. FORD, Director Division of Motor Vehicles Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Neil Kirkman Building Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Filed with the Clerk of the Division of Motor Vehicles this 2 day of 2003.

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

Judicial review of this order may be had pursuant to section 120.68, Florida Statutes, in the District Court of Appeal for the First District, State of Florida, or in any other district court of appeal of this state in an appellate district where a party resides. In order to initiate such review, one copy of the notice of appeal must be filed with the Department and the other copy of the notice of appeal, together with the filing fee, must be filed with the court within thirty days of the filing date of this order as set out above, pursuant to Rules of Appellate Procedure.

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