IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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IN RE ROYAL AHOLD N.V. SECURITIES AND ERISA LITIGATION

CIVIL NO. 1:03-md-01539

ALL SECURITIES ACTIONS

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SECURITIES CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 1 (CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF LEAD PLAINTIFF AND COUNSEL)

For the reasons stated in the accompanying Memorandum, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. The securities actions shall be coordinated with the ERISA actions pending before this

Court.

- 2. COPERA/Generic's motion for appointment as lead plaintiff is **Granted**;
- 3. All other motions for appointment as lead plaintiff are **Denied**;
- 4. The law firm of Entwistle & Cappucci LLP is appointed lead counsel for the securities

actions. Adelberg, Rudow, Dorf & Hendler LLC is appointed liaison counsel for the securities actions.

5. Liaison counsel in the securities actions shall consult with liaison counsel in the ERISA

actions and with defense counsel and contact chambers to set a date in November for an initial

conference regarding case management and scheduling.

November 4, 2003

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Date

Catherine C. Blake United States District Judge