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**VIA EMAIL AND
OVERNIGHT MAIL**

Dr. Julie Schrimpf Moss
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Re: Nutrition 21, Inc., Health Claim Petition for Chromium Picolinate

Dear Dr. Moss:

Nutrition 21, Inc. consents to the FDA request for a fifth extension, of two weeks, for the Agency to complete the processing of Nutrition 21, Inc.'s chromium picolinate qualified health claim petition. Nutrition 21 understands from your request that this fifth extension is to evaluate the company's recent supplement with newly published information and offers its cooperation in the good faith belief, and with the understanding, that the agency will issue a decision by August 25, 2005.

Sincerely,
/s/

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