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## New Hampshire Securities Bureau Requests Clarification from Google

**Concord, N.H. (August 25, 2004) -** The New Hampshire Securities Bureau confirmed that on August 18<sup>th</sup> it sought clarification from the Google Corporation regarding its initial public offering. The company indicated in its registration statement to the SEC that it may have violated securities laws in a number of states, including New Hampshire. Google said it issued millions of shares or options to 1,406 current and former employees and consultants since 2001 without registering the stock under federal or state securities law, and may be required to re-purchase those shares.

Jonas Cutler, staff attorney for the Bureau, said, "This is a technical case that will require examination by the Bureau. We anticipate assisting Google in rectifying the situation as well as preventing future violations."

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