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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re)	
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PURINA MILLS, INC., <u>et al.</u> ,)	Case No. 99-3938 (SLR)
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)	(Jointly Administered)
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Debtors.)	Chapter 11

**ORDER GRANTING EIGHT INTERIM AND FINAL APPLICATION
OF RICHARDS, LAYTON & FINGER, P.A. FOR ALLOWANCE
OF COMPENSATION AND FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES**

This matter coming before the Court on the Eighth Interim and Final Application of Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses (the "Final Application") filed by Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. (RL&F), counsel to the above captioned debtors and reorganized debtors (collectively, the "Debtors"); the Court having thoroughly reviewed the Final Application; and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Final Application establish just cause for the relief granted herein;

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS THAT:

- A. The Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and Article XII of the Plan.
- B. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).
- C. The Application and the notice thereof comply with the applicable requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Guidelines, Local Order 32, the Interim Compensation Order, the Case Management Order, the Plan and the Confirmation Order.
- D. RL&F's compensation for services rendered in connection with the

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Debtors' chapter 11 cases, for which it seeks compensation and final allowance in the Application, is reasonable and appropriate under sections 330(a)(1)(A) and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code.

E. RL&F's expenses incurred in connection with the Debtors' chapter 11 cases, for which it seeks reimbursement in the Application, are actual and necessary under sections 330(a)(1)(B) and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Application is GRANTED.
2. An interim allowance of compensation of \$12,483.00 and reimbursement of expenses of \$8,530.00 incurred by RL&F as counsel to the Debtors during the period from June 1, 2000 through June 29, 2000 is approved.
3. A final allowance of compensation of \$120,426.40 and reimbursement of expenses of \$136,625.85 incurred by RL&F as counsel to the Debtors during the period from October 28, 1999 through June 29, 2000 is approved.
4. The Debtors are authorized and directed to pay all amounts approved in paragraphs 2 and 3 above that have not already been paid pursuant to orders approving prior fee applications.

Dated: 10/27, 2000.


United States District Court Judge