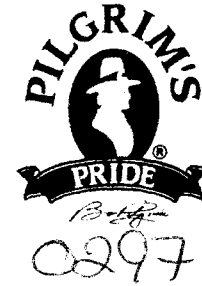


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August 7, 2002

VIA UNITED PARCAL SERVICE

Mr. Jonathan Katz, Esq.
Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Pilgrim's Pride Corporation

Dear Mr. Katz:

Pursuant to the Order of the Securities and Exchange Commission requiring the filing of sworn statements pursuant to Section 21(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (File No. 4-460), enclosed please find the sworn statements of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and the sworn statements on the enclosed extra copies and return them in the self addressed, stamped envelope supplied herewith.

If you have any questions, or comments with regard to this matter, please call me at (903) 855-4205.

Very truly yours,

Richard A. Cogdill
Executive Vice President
Chief Financial Officer
Secretary and Treasurer

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
PO Box 93
Pittsburg, TX 75686-0093
903/855-1000

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**Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer
Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings**

I, David Van Hoose, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
 - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
 - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
 - the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation for the period ended September 29, 2001 filed with the Commission;
 - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
 - any amendments to any of the foregoing.

David Van Hoose
David Van Hoose
August 7, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
7th day of August, 2002.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 4/30/03

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