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N.J. franchisees sue Quiznos

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (May 6) - Seventeen New Jersey-based Quiznos Sub franchisees are seeking punitive damages in a lawsuit filed May 4 in the New Jersey Superior Court here against Denver-based Quiznos Corp. and several affiliated companies alleging consumer fraud.

The plaintiffs accused Quiznos of "deceptive recruitment practices" when it took franchise fees from the plaintiffs 18 months ago for stores that were never opened. The suit also alleges that Quiznos refused to return any portion of the fees and that the plaintiffs' franchise agreements now are being threatened with termination, according to Justin M. Klein, franchise attorney at the Red Bank, N.J.-based firm Marks & Associates Esqs., which is representing the plaintiffs.

Quiznos Corp. said in a statement: "the claim has no merit, and we plan to respond accordingly."

Quiznos operates and franchises more than 3,100 sandwich shops.