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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

UNLIMITED CIVIL JURISDICTION

ANTHONY E. HELD, Ph.D., P.E.,

Plaintiff,

V.

NATIONAL PEN CO. LLC; NATIONAL DESIGN LLC; and DOES 1 through 150, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. RG09451980

[PROPOSED] JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO TERMS OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

Date:

March 26, 2010

Time:

9:00 a.m.

Dept.:

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Judge:

Hon. Lawrence Appel

Reservation: R-1020630

(PROPOSED) JUDGMENT

In the above-entitled action, Plaintiff ANTHONY E. HELD, Ph.D., P.E. and Defendant NATIONAL PEN CO. LLC, having agreed through their respective counsel that judgment be entered pursuant to the terms of the Proposition 65 settlement agreement in the form of a [Proposed] Consent Judgment entered into by the parties, and following issuance of an order approving this Proposition 65 settlement agreement and entering the Consent Judgment on March 26, 2010.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure §664.6, judgment is entered in accordance with the terms of the Consent Judgment attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Exhibit

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INTRODUCTION 1.

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Anthony E. Held, Ph.D., P.E., and Defendants 1.1

This Stipulation and Proposed Consent Judgment ("Consent Judgment") is entered into by and between plaintiff Anthony E. Held, Ph.D., P.E. ("Dr. Held" or "Plaintiff") and defendants National Pen Co. LLC ("National Pen") and National Design LLC ("National Design"). Defendants National Pen and National Design are collectively referred to herein as "National" or "Defendants." Plaintiff Held and Defendants are collectively referred to herein as the "Parties."

Plaintiff Dr. Anthony Held

Dr. Held represents he is an individual residing in the County of Sacramento who seeks to promote awareness of exposure to toxic chemicals and improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer products.

National Pen and National Design each employs ten or more persons, and each is a person in the course of doing business for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 et seq. ("Proposition 65").

General Allegations

Dr. Held alleges that National has manufactured, distributed and/or sold children's vinyl bags and vinyl erasers containing di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (hereinafter "DEHP") in the State of California without required Proposition 65 warnings. DEHP is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a carcinogen and reproductive toxicant.

Product Description

The products that are covered by this Consent Judgment are defined as follows: (a) children's vinyl bags containing DEHP, including, but not limited to, Pooh Die-Cut Pad & Pen in Pouch, Item 5791D (#0 79568 20890 6); and (b) vinyl erasers containing DEHP, including, but not limited to, Disney 4 Pack Erasers, Item 5065B (0 79568 18981 6). All such children's vinyl bags and vinyl erasers containing DEHP are referred to hereinafter as the "Products."

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Notices of Violation 1.6

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Dr. Held asserts that on February 24, 2009, he served National and the Office of the California Attorney General of the State of California, all California counties' District Attorneys and all City Attorneys of California cities with populations exceeding 750,000, (collectively, "Public Enforcers") with a document entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" ("Notice") that provided National and Public Enforcers with notice of alleged violations of Proposition 65 for failing to warn consumers that the children's vinyl bags containing DEHP that National sold allegedly exposed users in California to DEHP. Dr. Held further asserts that on June 30, 2009, he served National and the Office of the California Attorney General of the State of California, all California counties' District Attorneys and all City Attorneys of California cities with populations exceeding 750,000, (collectively, "Public Enforcers") with a Supplemental 60-Day Notice of Violation ("Supplemental Notice") that provided National and Public Enforcers with notice of alleged violations of Proposition 65 for failing to warn consumers that the vinyl erasers containing DEHP that National sold allegedly exposed users in California to DEHP. To the best of Parties' knowledge, no Public Enforcer has diligently prosecuted any of the allegations set forth in the Notice and Supplemental Notice.

Complaint 1.7

On May 12, 2009, Dr. Held, who was and is acting in the interest of the general public in California, filed a complaint ("Complaint" or "Action") in the Superior Court in the County of Alameda against National Pen, National Design, and Does 1 through 150, alleging violations of Proposition 65 based on the allegations in the Notice. The Complaint shall be deemed amended by this Consent Judgment to include the allegations set forth in the Supplemental Notice on the seventy-first (71st) day following the service of each of the Supplemental Notices on National Pen, National Design, and all required Public Enforcers if no authorized Public Enforcer has, before that date, filed a Proposition 65 enforcement action based on the allegations in the Supplemental Notice.

No Admission 1.8

National denies that any Products it has sold or distributed in California do not comply with Proposition 65 or any other law. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an

admission by National Pen or National Design of any fact, finding, issue of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with this Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by National Pen or National Design of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law, such being specifically denied by National. In order to avoid the costs and expenses of litigation and without admitting liability or wrongdoing, National has elected to resolve this matter by settlement and on the terms set forth herein. However, this section shall not diminish or otherwise affect National's obligations, responsibilities, and duties under this Consent Judgment.

1.9 Consent to Jurisdiction

For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over National Pen as to the allegations contained in the Complaint, that venue is proper in the County of Alameda and this Court has jurisdiction to enter and enforce this Consent Judgment as a full and final binding resolution of all claims which were or could have been raised in the Complaint based on the facts alleged therein and in the Notice.

1.10 Effective Date

For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term "Effective Date" shall mean October 7, 2009.

2. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: WARNINGS AND REFORMULATION

2.1 Reformulation and Commitment Standards

National herby commits that 100% of the children's vinyl bags that they purchase and offer for sale in California after the Effective Date, shall qualify as Phthalate-Free. For purposes of this Consent Judgment, Reformulated, or "Phthalate-Free" shall mean those Products that contain less than or equal to 1,000 parts per million ("ppm") of DEHP when analyzed pursuant to Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") testing methodologies 3580A and 8270C, or equivalent methods allowed by, and that comply with, any state or federal agency used to establish DEHP content in consumer products. No later than 15 days after the Consent Judgment is signed by the parties, National will contact each of its customers to which it sold Products after receiving the relevant Notice or Supplemental Notice for Products that neither meet the reformulation standard

nor contained a Proposition 65 warning. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be interpreted to relieve National from any obligation to comply with any pertinent state or federal toxics control laws (e.g., the federal ban on selling childcare items and certain children's toys containing more than 1,000 ppm of DEHP).

2.2 Product Warnings

After the Effective Date, National Pen shall not sell, ship, or offer to be shipped for sale in California, Products containing DEHP unless such Products are shipped with the clear and reasonable warnings set out in Section 2.3 and 2.4, or comply with the reformulation requirements of Phthalate-Free Products set out in Section 2.1.

Any warning issued for Products pursuant to Section 2.3 or 2.4, below, shall be prominently placed with such conspicuousness as compared with other words, statements, designs or devices as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions before purchase or, for Products shipped directly to an individual in California, before use.

2.3 Warnings For Retail Store Sales

(a) Product Labeling. National may perform its warning obligation by affixing a warning to the packaging of, labeling to, or, if no label exists, directly on each Product sold in retail outlets in California that states:

WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

(b) Point-of-Sale Warnings. National may perform its warning obligations by ensuring that signs are posted at retail outlets in the State of California where the Products are sold. Point-of-sale warnings shall be provided through one or more signs posted in close proximity to the point of display of the Products that states:

WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

Where more than one Product is sold in proximity to other like items or to those that do not require a warning (e.g., Phthalate-Free as defined in Section 2.1), the following statement must be

used: 1

WARNING: The following products contain a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm:

[list products for which warning is required]

The forgoing warnings may be modified to include reference to chemicals that cause cancer if they are present in detectable amounts as follows:

WARNING: This product [or the following products] contain[s] a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

2.4 Warnings For Mail Order Catalog and Internet Sales.

National shall satisfy its warning obligations for Products sold via mail order catalog or the Internet to California residents by providing a warning: (i) in the mail order catalog; or (ii) on the website. Warnings given in the mail order catalog or on the website shall identify the specific Product to which the warning applies as further specified in subsections (a) and (b) below.

(a) Mail Order Catalog Warning. Any warning provided in a mail order catalog must be in the same type size or larger than the Product description text within the catalog. The following warning shall be provided on the same page and in the same location as each display of the Product:

WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

Where it is impracticable to provide the warning on the same page and in the same location as the display of the Product, National Pen may utilize a designated symbol (\triangle) to cross reference the applicable warning and shall define the term "designated symbol" with the following language on the inside of the front cover of the catalog and on the same page as any order form for the Product(s):

For purposes of this Consent Judgment, "sold in proximity to other like items" shall mean that the Product and another product are offered for sale close enough to each other so that the consumer, under customary conditions of purchase, could not reasonably determine which of the two products is subject to the warning sign.

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The designated symbol must appear on the same page and in close proximity to the display or description of the Product on such page. On each page where the designated symbol appears, National must provide a reference directing the consumer to the warning language and definition of the designated symbol.

If National elects to sell one or more Products to consumers via mail order catalog after the Effective Date, then the warnings must be included in all catalogs containing the Products which are distributed in California as of the Effective Date.

Internet Website Warning. A warning may be given in conjunction with the sale of the Product to a California consumer via the Internet, provided it appears either: (i) on (b) the same web page on which the Product is displayed; (ii) on the same web page as the order form for the Product; (iii) on the same page as the price for any Product; or (iv) on one or more web pages displayed to a purchaser during the checkout process. The following warning statement shall be used and shall appear in any of the above instances adjacent to or immediately following the display, description, or price of the Product for which it is given in the same type size or larger than the Product description text:

WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm.

Alternatively, the designated symbol may appear adjacent to or immediately following the display, description, or price of the Product for which a warning is being given, provided that the following warning statement also appears elsewhere on the same web page, as follows:

WARNING: Products identified on this page with the following symbol A contain DEHP, a phthalate chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm.

(c) The forgoing warnings may be modified to include reference to chemicals that cause cancer if they are present in detectable amounts as follows:

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WARNING: Certain products identified with this symbol ▲ and

offered for sale in this catalog [or on this page] contain a chemical known to the State of California

to cause cancer and birth defects or other

reproductive harm.

Exceptions To Warning Requirements 2.5

The warning requirements set forth in Sections 2.2 through 2.4 shall not apply to:

- any Products received by National prior to receipt of the Notice, provided (i) that National does not have actual knowledge, or reason from communications with its suppliers of the Products to believe, that DEHP is present in such Products in concentrations exceeding 1,000 ppm (0.1%) each;
- Phthalate-Free Products (as defined in Section 2.1). (ii)

MONETARY PAYMENTS 3.

In settlement of all the claims referred to in this Consent Judgment against it, National Pen shall pay \$70,000 in civil penalties to be apportioned in accordance with California Health & Safety Code §25249.12, with 75% of these funds remitted to the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the remaining 25% of these penalty monies remitted to Dr. Held as provided by California Health & Safety Code §25249.12(d). National Pen shall issue two separate checks for the penalty payment: (a) one check made payable to Hirst & Chanler LLP in Trust for the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("Hirst & Chanler LLP in Trust for OEHHA") in the amount of \$52,500 representing 75% of the total penalty and (b) one check to "Hirst & Chanler LLP in Trust for A. Dr. Held" in the amount of \$17,500, representing 25% of the total penalty. Two separate 1099s shall be issued for the above payments: The first 1099 shall be issued to OEHHA, P.O. Box 4010, Sacramento, CA 95814 (EIN: 68-0284486) in the amount of \$52,500. The second 1099 shall be issued to Dr. Held in the amount of \$17,500, whose address and tax identification number shall be

furnished at least fifteen calendar days before payment is due. The payments shall be delivered on or before thirty days after the Effective Date, at the following address:

Hirst & Chanler LLP Attn: Proposition 65 Coordinator 2560 Ninth Street Parker Plaza, Suite 214 Berkeley, CA 94710

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4. REIMBURSEMENT OF FEES AND COSTS

4.1 Attorney Fees and Costs

The parties reached an accord on the compensation due to Dr. Held and his counsel under the private attorney general doctrine and principles of contract law. Under these legal principles, National shall reimburse Dr. Held's counsel for fees and costs, incurred as a result of investigating, bringing this matter to National's attention, and negotiating a settlement in the public interest. National shall pay Dr. Held and his counsel \$112,500 for all attorneys' fees, expert and investigation fees, and related costs. The payment shall be issued in a third separate check made payable to "Hirst & Chanler LLP" and shall be delivered on or before thirty days after the Effective Date, at the following address:

Hirst & Chanler LLP Attn: Proposition 65 Coordinator 2560 Ninth Street Parker Plaza, Suite 214 Berkeley, CA 94710

National shall issue a separate 1099 for fees and cost paid in the amount of \$112,500 to Hirst & Chanler LLP, 2560 Ninth Street, Parker Plaza, Suite 214, Berkeley, California, 94710 (EIN: 20-3929984).

5. RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

5.1 Dr. Held's Release of Defendants

In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, and for the payments to be made pursuant to Sections 3 and 4, Dr. Held on behalf of himself, his past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, and in the interest of the general public only as to the Products, hereby waives all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and releases all claims including, without limitation, all actions,

and causes of action, in law or in equity, suits, liabilities, demands, obligations, damages, costs, fines, penalties, losses, or expenses (including, but not limited to, investigation fees, expert fees, and attorneys' fees) of any nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, fixed or contingent (collectively "Claims"), that were brought or could have been brought against National Pen or National Design, or either of their parents, subsidiaries or affiliates, and all of their customers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, retailers, licensors, licensees, or any other person in the course of doing business, and the successors and assigns of any of them, who may use, maintain, manufacture, distribute, advertise, market or sell Products, and the officers, directors, managers, employees, members, shareholders, agents, insurers and representatives of each of them (collectively "Defendant Releasees"). This release is intended to be a full, final, and binding resolution of, those Claims that arise from or relate to facts alleged in the Notice and the Complaint, as against National Pen, National Design and Defendant Releasees, concerning the presence of DEHP in the Products and alleged failures to warn about exposures to DEHP contained in the Products.

Dr. Held in his individual capacity and *not* his representative capacity hereby releases all claims which he now has or may have in the future against National Pen or National Design, irrespective of the subject matter, of all character, kind and nature, whether said claims are known or unknown or are suspected or unsuspected and Dr. Held expressly waives any and all rights and benefits which he now has, or in the future may have, under California Civil Code Section 1542, which provides as follows:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

It is expressly agreed and understood that the general release by Dr. Held of National Pen and National Design is a determinative consideration of National Pen and National Design's willingness and decision to enter into this Consent Judgment.

5.2 Effect of Consent Judgment

Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment resolves any issue, now and in the future, concerning compliance by National Pen, National Design and Defendant Releasees with the

requirements of Proposition 65 with respect to alleged exposure to DEHP from the Products distributed or sold by National Pen.

5.3 National Pen's Release of Dr. Held

National Pen waives any and all claims against Dr. Held, his attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made (or those that could have been taken or made) by Dr. Held and his attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of investigating claims or otherwise seeking enforcement of Proposition 65 against it in this matter, and/or with respect to the Products.

6. COURT APPROVAL

Notwithstanding Section 1.10, this Consent Judgment is not effective until it is approved and entered by the Court and shall be null and void if, for any reason, it is not approved and entered by the Court within one year after it has been fully executed by all Parties. If the Court does not approve the Consent Judgment, the Parties shall meet and confer as to (and jointly agree on) whether to modify the language or appeal the ruling. If the Parties do not jointly agree on a course of action to take, then the case shall proceed in its normal course on the trial court's calendar, and any monies that have been provided to Plaintiff, or his counsel, pursuant to Section 3 and/or Section 4 above, shall be refunded within thirty (30) days of National Pen providing written notice thereof. In the event that this Consent Judgment is entered by the Court and subsequently overturned by any appellate court, any monies that have been provided to Plaintiff, or his counsel pursuant to Section 3 and/or Section 4 above, shall be refunded within fifteen (15) days of the appellate decision becoming final. If the Court's approval is ultimately overturned by an appellate court, the Parties shall meet and confer as to (and jointly agree on) whether to modify the terms of the Consent Judgment. If the Parties do not jointly agree on a course of action to take, then the case shall proceed in its normal course on the trial court's calendar.

7. GOVERNING LAW

The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and apply within the State of California. In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed or is otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of state or federal law generally, or as to the Products, then

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National Pen or National Design shall provide written notice to Dr. Held of any asserted change in the law, and shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Consent Judgment with respect to, and to the extent that, the Products are so affected.

NOTICES

Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notices required to be provided pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be in writing and personally delivered or sent by: (i) first-class, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested; or (ii) overnight courier on any Party by the other Party at the following addresses:

To National Pen:

Gary M. Roberts, Esq. Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP 601 S. Figueroa Street, Suite 2500 Los Angeles, CA 90017

To Dr. Held:

Proposition 65 Controller HIRST & CHANLER LLP 2560 Ninth Street Parker Plaza, Suite 214 Berkeley, CA 94710-2565

Any Party, from time to time, may specify in writing to the other Party a change of address to which all notices and other communications shall be sent.

COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE SIGNATURES 9.

This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same document.

COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(f) 10.

Dr. Held agrees to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced in California Health & Safety Code §25249.7(f).

ADDITIONAL POST EXECUTION ACTIVITIES 11.

The Parties acknowledge that, pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, a noticed motion is required to obtain judicial approval of this Consent Judgment. Dr. Held and

Defendants agree to mutually employ their best efforts to support the entry of this agreement as a Consent Judgment by the trial court and defend the agreement against any appellate review. Accordingly, Dr. Held agrees to file a motion to approve the Consent Judgment, and Defendants agree to support it.

MODIFICATION AND ENFORCEMENT 12.

This Consent Judgment may be modified only: (1) by written agreement of the Parties and upon entry of a modified consent judgment by the Court thereon; or (2) upon a successful motion of any Party and entry of a modified consent judgment by the Court. In the event that, after the Parties' execution of this Consent Judgment: (1) a dispute arises with respect to any provisions of this Consent Judgment; or (2) either Party seeks to enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

EFFECT OF CONSENT JUDGMENT 13.

This Consent Judgment shall apply to, be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the Parties and their respective successors and assigns.

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