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JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO TERMS OF PROPOSITION 65 SETTLEMENT AND CONSENT JUDGMENT

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13	ANTHONY E. HELD, PhD., P.E.,	Case No. CIV1103668
14	Plaintiff,	[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT
15	v.	[I KOI OSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT
16	CACHCO DICTRIDUTORS INC.	Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 et seq.
17	CASHCO DISTRIBUTORS, INC.; SEACLIFF BEAUTY PACKAGING & LABORATORIES; et al.,	
18	Defendants.	
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Parties

This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between plaintiff, Anthony Held ("Held" or "Plaintiff"), and defendant, SeaCliff Beauty Packaging & Laboratories, Incorporated ("SeaCliff" or "Defendant") with Held and SeaCliff referred to individually as a "Party", and collectively as the "Parties."

1.2 Plaintiff

Held is an individual residing in California who seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals and improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer products.

1.3 Defendant

SeaCliff employs ten or more persons and 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 § 25249.6 *et seq.* ("Proposition 65").

1.4 General Allegations

Held alleges that SeaCliff sold toiletry cases/bags containing the phthalate chemical di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate ("DEHP") without first providing the clear and reasonable exposure warning required by Proposition 65. DEHP is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the state of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

1.5 Product Description

The products covered by this Consent Judgment are toiletry cases/bags containing DEHP that are manufactured, distributed, and/or sold by SeaCliff, including, but not limited to, the cases/bags sold in connection with the *Good To Go Women's Travel Kit (#8 93698 00202 5)* sold by Cashco Distributors, Inc. (hereinafter "Products").

1.6 Notices of Violation

On or about May 4, 2011, Held served SeaCliff's customer, Cashco Distributors, Inc. ("Cashco"), and various public enforcement agencies with a "60-Day Notice of Violation" ("Notice"), a document that informed the recipients that Cashco was allegedly in violation of

Proposition 65 for failing to warn its customers and consumers in California that the Products expose users to DEHP.

Thereafter, on or about September 1, 2011, Held served Cashco, SeaCliff and various public enforcement agencies with a "Supplemental 60-Day Notice of Violation" ("Supplemental Notice"), a document that included the additional allegation that Cashco's supplier and manufacturer, SeaCliff, was also in violation of Proposition 65 for unwarned exposures to DEHP contained in the Products sold by SeaCliff and Cashco in California. The Notice and the Supplemental Notice shall collectively be referred to as the "Notices". To the best of the parties' knowledge no public enforcer has commenced and diligently prosecuted the allegations set forth in the Notices.

1.7 Complaint

On July 25, 2011, Held, acting in the public interest, filed the instant action against Cashco for the violations of Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 alleged in the Notice. Thereafter, on November 7, 2011, following the conclusion of the applicable 60-day period, Held filed the First Amended Complaint ("Complaint"), the operative pleading in this action, adding SeaCliff as a defendant for the violations of Health and Safety Code § 25249.6 alleged in the Supplemental Notice.

1.8 No Admission

SeaCliff denies the material, factual, and legal allegations contained in the Notices and Complaint, and maintains that all of the products that it has sold in or which were distributed in California, including the Products, have been, and are, in compliance with all laws. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission of any fact, finding, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law; nor shall compliance with this Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission of any fact, finding, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law, the same being specifically denied by SeaCliff. This section shall not, however, diminish or otherwise affect SeaCliff'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 SeaCliff as to the allegations contained in the Complaint, that venue is proper in the

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County of Marin, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter and enforce the provisions of this Consent Judgment.

1.10 **Effective Date**

As used throughout this Consent Judgment, the term "Effective Date" shall mean May 15, 2012.

2. **INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: REFORMULATION**

Commencing on the Effective Date and continuing thereafter, SeaCliff shall only ship, sell, or distribute for sale in California Products that comply with the "DEHP Standard." For purposes of this Consent Judgment, Products comply with the DEHP Standard where they contain maximum concentration of 1,000 parts per million (0.1%) DEHP when analyzed pursuant to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency testing methodologies 3580A and 8270C, or equivalent methodologies utilized by state or federal agencies for the purpose of determining DEHP content in a solid substance.

3. **MONETARY PAYMENTS**

3.1 **Civil Penalty Payment**

Pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b), SeaCliff shall pay a civil penalty of \$8,000. The penalty payment shall be allocated according to Health & Safety Code § 25249.12 (c)(1) & (d), with seventy-five percent (75%) of the penalty amount earmarked for the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") and the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of the penalty amount earmarked for Held.

3.2 Reimbursement of Plaintiff's Fees and Costs

The Parties acknowledge that Held and his counsel offered to resolve this dispute without reaching terms on the amount of fees and costs to be reimbursed to them, thereby leaving the issue to be resolved after the material terms of the agreement had been settled. Shortly after all other settlement terms had been finalized, SeaCliff expressed a desire to resolve the issue of Plaintiff's fees and costs. The Parties then attempted to (and did) reach an accord on the compensation due to Held and his counsel under general contract principles and the private attorney general doctrine codified at

California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5 for all work performed in this matter exclusive of fees and costs incurred on appeal, if any.

Under these legal principles, SeaCliff shall pay \$28,000 for fees and costs incurred investigating, litigating, and enforcing this matter, including the fees and costs incurred (and to be incurred) negotiating a settlement, drafting the motion for judicial approval, and moving the Court for, and obtaining its approval of, this Consent Judgment in the public interest.

3.3 Payment Procedures

3.3.1 Payments Held in Trust

All payments made under this Consent Judgment shall be held in trust until such time as the Court approves this settlement. The Parties acknowledge that Held's counsel gave SeaCliff the option of depositing the funds into its attorney's trust account, but that SeaCliff elected to have The Chanler Group hold the settlement funds in its own trust account.

3.3.2 Payment Schedule

- (a) On or before May 11, 2012, SeaCliff shall deliver three checks for the following amounts made payable to:
 - (1) "The Chanler Group in Trust for OEHHA" in the amount of \$6,000;
 - (2) "The Chanler Group in Trust for Anthony Held" in the amount of \$2,000; and
 - (3) "The Chanler Group in Trust" in the amount of \$10,000;
- (b) on or before June 1, 2012, SeaCliff shall deliver a fourth check to "The Chanler Group in Trust" in the amount of \$9,000; and
- (c) on or before July 1, 2012, SeaCliff shall deliver a fifth check to "The Chanler Group in Trust" in the amount of \$9,000.

3.3.3 Issuance of 1099 Forms

After this Consent Judgment has been fully executed by the Parties, SeaCliff shall provide Held's counsel with three 1099 forms for settlement payments made to:

(a) "Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment", P.O. Box 4010, Sacramento, CA 95814 (EIN: 68-0284486) for civil penalties paid in the amount of \$6,000;

- (b) "Anthony Held" for civil penalties paid in the amount of \$2,000. Held's address and tax identification number shall be furnished after this Consent Judgment is fully executed by the Parties; and
- (c) "The Chanler Group" (EIN: 94-3171522) for fee and cost reimbursement in the amount of \$28,000.

3.3.4 Payment Address

All payments and tax forms required by this Consent Judgment shall be delivered to Held's counsel at the following address:

The Chanler Group Attn: Proposition 65 Controller 2560 Ninth Street Parker Plaza, Suite 214 Berkeley, CA 94710

4. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

4.1 Full, Final and Binding Resolution of Proposition 65 Allegations

This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between Held, on his own behalf and in the public interest, and SeaCliff, of any violation of Proposition 65 that was or could have been asserted against SeaCliff, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities under common ownership, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, and each downstream entity to whom SeaCliff directly or indirectly markets, distributes, or sells the Products, including, without limitation, its downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers (including, without limitation, Cashco as to any SeaCliff product it sold or distributed), retailers, franchisees, cooperative members, licensors, and licensees (collectively "Releasees") arising out of unwarned exposures to DEHP contained in the Products sold by SeaCliff.

4.2 Held's Public Interest Release of Proposition 65 Claims

This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between Held, on behalf of himself and in the public interest, and SeaCliff, of any violation of Proposition 65 that was or could have been asserted by Held against SeaCliff, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities under common ownership, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, and each downstream entity to whom SeaCliff directly or indirectly markets, distributes or sells the Products including, without limitation,

its downstream distributors (Cashco), wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members, licensors, and licensees ("Releasees"), based on unwarned exposures to DEHP contained in the Products sold by SeaCliff.

4.3 Held's Individual Release of SeaCliff

Held, in his individual capacity only and *not* in his representative capacity, also provides a release to SeaCliff and the Releasees which shall be effective as a full and final accord and satisfaction, as a bar to all Claims, liabilities, and demands of any nature, character or kind, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, arising out of exposures to DEHP contained in the Products sold by SeaCliff.

4.4 SeaCliff's Release of Held

SeaCliff on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against Held and his attorneys and other representatives for any and all actions taken or statements made (or those that could have been taken or made) by Held and his attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of investigating claims, seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against it in this matter, or with respect to the Products.

5. COURT APPROVAL

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 the Parties. In which event, any monies that have been provided to Held or his counsel pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be refunded within fifteen days after receiving written notice from SeaCliff that the one-year period has expired and the Consent Judgment has not been approved and entered by the Court.

6. SEVERABILITY

If, subsequent to the execution of this Consent Judgment, any provision is held by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the enforceable provisions remaining shall not be adversely affected.

7. GOVERNING LAW

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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, preempted, or is otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to the Products, then SeaCliff may provide written notice 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. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be interpreted to relieve SeaCliff from any obligation to comply with any pertinent state or federal toxics control laws.

8. <u>NOTICES</u>

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

For SeaCliff:

Vonda Simon, President SeaCliff Beauty Packaging & Laboratories, Incorporated 17530 Von Karman Ave. Irvine, CA 92614

and

Barbara Adams, Esq. Adams Nye Becht LLP 222 Kearny St., 7th Floor San Francisco, CA 94108

For Held:

Proposition 65 Coordinator The Chanler Group 2560 Ninth Street Parker Plaza, Suite 214 Berkeley, CA 94710

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

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COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE SIGNATURES 9.

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

10. POST EXECUTION ACTIVITIES

Held agrees to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced in California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f). The Parties further acknowledge that, pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f)(4), a noticed motion is required to obtain judicial approval of this Consent Judgment. In furtherance of obtaining such approval, Held and SeaCliff and their respective counsel agree to mutually employ their best efforts to support the entry of this agreement as a Consent Judgment and obtain judicial approval of the same in a timely manner. For purposes of this section, "best efforts" shall include, at a minimum, cooperating on the drafting and filing of any papers in support of the required motion for judicial approval.

MODIFICATION 11.

This Consent Judgment may be modified only by: (i) the written agreement of the Parties and upon entry of a modified consent judgment by the Court thereon; or (ii) upon a successful motion or application of any Party and entry of a modified consent judgment by the Court.

12. **AUTHORIZATION**

The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment and have read, understood, and agree to all of the terms and conditions contained herein.

AGREED TO:

APPROVED

By Anthony Held at 1:54 pm, Apr 30, 2012

AGREED TO:

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Vonda Simon, President

SeaCliff Beauty Packaging & Laboratories,

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In the above-entitled action, Plaintiff, Anthony Held, and Defendant, SeaCliff Beauty Packaging & Laboratories, Incorporated, having agreed through their respective counsel that Judgment be entered pursuant to the terms of their settlement agreement in the form of a Consent Judgment, and following this Court's issuance of an Order approving this Proposition 65 settlement and Consent Judgment,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that, pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f)(4) and Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6, Judgment is entered in accordance with the terms of the Consent Judgment attached hereto as Exhibit 1. By stipulation of the parties the Court will retain jurisdiction to enforce the settlement under Code of Civil

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JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO TERMS OF PROPOSITION 65 SETTLEMENT AND CONSENT JUDGMENT