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Consumer Advocacy Group, Inc.,

Plaintiff,

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT

VS.

Winner International, Inc.,

Defendant.

And related cross-action.

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Honorable, Lawrence John Appel, Judge

### TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

Pursuant to CCP 664.5 notice is hereby given that on **November 20, 2012**, the Court entered a **judgment** in the above referenced case. A true and correct copy of said judgment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Dated: November 20, 2012

Clerk of the Superior Court

### CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that the following is true and correct: I am the clerk of the above-named court and not a party to this cause. I served the foregoing document by placing copies in envelopes addressed as shown hereon and then by sealing and placing them for collection, stamping or metering with prepaid postage, and mailing on the date stated below, in the United States mail at Alameda County, California, following standard court practices.

Executive Officer/Clerk of the Superior Court

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CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, 8 INC..

Plaintiff,

VS.

WINNER INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. RG12-623691

IUDGMENT PURSUANT TO SETTLEMENT

On November 20, 2012, the court entered an order granting the Motion to Approve and Enter 664.6 Settlement Between Consumer Advocacy Group, Inc. and Winner International, Inc. In accordance with that order, and good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that, pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f)(4) and C.C.P. § 664.6, judgment is entered in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Pursuant to C.C.P. § 664.6

Date: November 20, 2012

attached hereto.

Lawrence John Superior Court Judge

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## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP.

Plaintiff.

WINNER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Defendants.

Case No. RG12623691

Assigned For All Purposes To The Honorable

SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO C.C.P. SECTION 664.6 [PROPOSED]

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The Parties have agreed to settle this lawsuit pursuant to C.C.P. Section 664.6 on the terms and conditions noted hereinafter.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This settlement is made pursuant to C.C.P. § 664.6. The court shall retain jurisdiction over the parties to enforce the settlement until performance in full of the terms of the settlement. Consumer Advocacy Group, Inc. (referred to as "CAG") acting on behalf of itself and also in the interest of the public and defendant Winner International, Inc. (referred to as "Winner") are each a Party. CAG and Winner (collectively CAG and Winner shall be referred to as the "Parties") consent to the jurisdiction and venue of the Alameda County Superior Court.

1.2 Winner employs ten or more persons, are persons 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"), and distribute and sell De-Vice™ Steering Wheel Lock, 034-0714-2 ("Wheel Locks") and The Bike Club™ "The Anti-Theft Device for Bicycles!" "BC-00303" ("Clubs"). The listed chemical, DEHP, was added to 27 C.C.R. § 27001 on both January 1, 1988 and on October 24, 2003.

### 1.3 Notices of Violation.

- 1.3.1 On October 26, 2011, CAG served Winner and various public enforcement agencies with a document entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" ("October 19, 2011 Notice") that provided the recipients with notice of alleged violations of Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 for failing to warn individuals in California of exposures to DEHP contained in De-Vice™ Steering Wheel Lock, 034-0714-2 sold by Winner. No public enforcer has commenced or diligently prosecuted the allegations set forth in the October 19, 2011 Notice.
- 1.3.2 On November 9, 2011, CAG served Winner and various public enforcement agencies with a document entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" ("November 9, 2011 Notice") that provided the recipients with notice of alleged violations of Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 for failing to warn individuals in California of exposures to DEHP contained in The Bike Club™ "The Anti-Theft Device for Bicycles", BC-00303 sold by Winner. No public enforcer has commenced or diligently prosecuted the allegations set forth in the November 9, 2011 Notice.

### 1.4 Complaint.

On April 2, 2012, CAG filed a Complaint for civil penalties and injunctive relief ("Complaint") in Alameda County, Superior Court, Case No. RG12623691, against Winner. The Complaint alleges, among other things, that Winner violated Proposition 65 by failing to give clear and reasonable warnings of exposure to DEHP from De-Vice<sup>TM</sup> Steering Wheel Lock, 034-0714-2 and The Bike Club<sup>TM</sup> "The Anti-Theft Device for Bicycles", BC-00303.

#### 1.5 Consent to Jurisdiction

For purposes of this 664.6 Settlement, the parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the Complaint and personal jurisdiction over

Winner as to the acts alleged in the Complaint, that venue is proper in the County of Alameda and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter this 664.6 Settlement as a full settlement and resolution of the allegations contained in the Complaint and of all claims which were or could have been raised by any person or entity based in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, on the facts alleged therein or arising therefrom or related to.

### 1.6 No Admission

This 664.6 Settlement resolves claims that are denied and disputed. The parties enter into this 664.6 Settlement pursuant to a full and final settlement of any and all claims between the parties for the purpose of avoiding prolonged litigation. This 664.6 Settlement shall not constitute an admission with respect to any material allegation of the Complaint, each and every allegation of which Winner denies, nor may this 664.6 Settlement or compliance with it be used as evidence of any wrongdoing, misconduct, culpability or liability on the part of Winner.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 "Accessible Component" means any component of a Covered Product that could be touched by a person during reasonably foreseeable use.
- 2.1 "Covered Products" means (a) the De-Vice™ Steering Wheel Lock, 034-0714-2, and The Bike Club™ "The Anti-Theft Device for Bicycles!" BC-00303.
  - 2.2 "Effective Date" means the date that this 664.6 Settlement is entered by the Court.
- 2.3 "DEHP" means Di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, which is more specifically identified as CAS No. 117-81-7.
  - 2.4 "Notices" means the October 26, 2011 and November 9, 2011 notices.

# 3. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF/REFORMULATION/CLEAR AND REASONABLE WARNINGS.

- 3.1 The Parties recognize that since March 2011 Winner has been placing Proposition 65 warning labels, consistent with 27 C.C.R., Article 6, on each of the Covered Products.
- 3.2 Winner, to the extent that it continues to distribute or sell the Covered Products still in its possession as of the date of the approval of this 664.6 Settlement,, shall place Proposition 65 warning labels on said items, as well as instructions directing downstream entities

 not to sell the product in the geographical delineation of the State of California. Any Covered Product manufactured after the date of approval of this 664.6 Settlement shall be reformulated to contain less than 0.1% of DEHP.

### 4. SETTLEMENT PAYMENT

- 4.1 Within 14 business days of the Effective Date or receipt of Forms W-9 from CAG, whichever is later, Winner shall pay a total of \$52,000 to CAG in full and complete settlement of all monetary claims by CAG related to the Notices, as follows.
- 4.2 Payment In Lieu of Civil Penalties: Winner shall pay \$2,000 in lieu of civil penalties to "Consumer Advocacy Group, Inc." CAG will use the payment for such projects and purposes related to environmental protection, worker health and safety, or reduction of human exposure to hazardous substances (including administrative and litigation costs arising from such projects), as CAG may choose.
- 4.3 Reimbursement of Attorneys Fees and Costs: Winner shall pay \$48,000 to "Yeroushalmi & Associates" as reimbursement for the investigation fees and costs, testing costs, expert fees, attorney fees, and other litigation costs and expenses for all work performed through the approval of this 664.6 Settlement.
- 4.4 Civil Penalty: Winner shall issue two separate checks for a total amount of \$2,000 as penalties pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.12: (a) one check made payable to the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) in the amount of \$1,500, representing 75% of the total penalty; and (b) one check to Consumer Advocacy Group, Inc. in the amount of \$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 95184 (EIN: 68-0284486) in the amount of \$1,500. The second 1099 shall be issued in the amount of \$500 to CAG.
- 4.5 Payments shall be delivered to: Reuben Yeroushalmi, Yeroushalmi & Associates, 9100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 610E, Beverly Hills, CA 90212.

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This 664.6 Settlement is a full, final, and binding resolution between CAG on behalf of itself and in the public interest and Winner and its officers, directors, insurers. employees, parents, shareholders, divisions, subdivisions, subsidiaries, partners, affiliates, sister companies and their successors and assigns ("Defendant Releasees") and each of their suppliers, manufacturers, customers, distributors, wholesalers, retailers, 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 or sell Covered Products ("Upstream & Downstream Defendant Releasees"), for all claims for violations of Proposition 65 up through the Effective Date based on exposure to DEHP from Covered Products. Winner's, Defendant Releasees' and Upstream & Downstream Releasees' compliance with this 664.6 Settlement shall constitute compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to DEHP from the Covered Products as set forth herein. As used hereinafter, Winner, Defendant Releasees, and Upstream & Downstream Defendant Releasees may be referred to collectively as "The Releasees".

5.2 CAG on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, 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"), against the Releasees arising from any violation of Proposition 65 or any other statutory or common law regarding the failure to warn about exposure to DEHP in Covered Products. In furtherance of the foregoing, as to alleged exposures to Covered Products, CAG hereby waives any and all rights and benefits which it now has, or in the future may have, conferred upon it with respect to the Claims by virtue of the provisions of section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS FAVOR AT

CAG understands and acknowledges that the significance and consequence of this waiver of California Civil Code section 1542 is that even if CAG suffers future damages arising out of or resulting from, or related directly or indirectly to, in whole or in part, the Covered Products, including but not limited to any exposure to, or failure to warn with respect to exposure to, DEHP from Covered Products, CAG will not be able to make any claim for those damages against Winner, or the Released Entities. Furthermore, CAG acknowledges that it intends these consequences for any such Claims as may exist as of the date of this release but which CAG does not know exist, and which, if known, would materially affect their decision to enter into this 664.6 Settlement, regardless of whether their lack of knowledge is the result of ignorance, oversight, error, negligence, or any other cause.

### 6. ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENT

- 6.1 The terms of this 664.6 Settlement shall be enforced exclusively by the parties hereto. Subject to Section 6.2, the parties may, by noticed motion or order to show cause before the Superior Court of California, Alameda County, giving the notice required by law, enforce the terms and conditions contained herein. A Party may enforce any of the terms and conditions of this 664.6 Settlement only after that Party first provides 30 days notice to the Party allegedly failing to comply with the terms and conditions of this 664.6 Settlement and attempts to resolve such Party's failure to comply in an open and good faith manner.
- 6.2 Notice of Violation. Prior to bringing any motion, order to show cause, or other proceeding to enforce Section 3.1 of this 664.6 Settlement, CAG shall provide a Notice of Violation ("NOV") to Winner. The NOV shall include for each Covered Product: the date(s) the alleged violation(s) was observed and the location at which the Covered Product was offered for sale, and shall be accompanied by all test data obtained by CAG regarding the Covered Product, including an identification of the component(s) of the Covered Product that were tested.

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- (a) The Covered Products were shipped by Winner for sale in California before the Effective Date, or
- (b) Since receiving the NOV Winner has taken corrective action by either (i) requesting that its customers in California remove the Covered Products identified in the NOV from sale in California and destroy or return the Covered Products to Winner, or (ii) providing a clear and reasonable warning for the Covered Products identified in the NOV pursuant to 27 Cal. Code Regs. § 25603.
- 6.2.2 Contested NOV. Winner may serve an NOE informing CAG of its election to contest the NOV within 30 days of receiving the NOV.
- (a) In its election, Winner may request that the sample(s) Covered Products tested by CAG be subject to confirmatory testing at an EPA-accredited laboratory.
- (b) If the confirmatory testing establishes that the Covered Products do not expose consumers to DEHP in excess of that level mandating a warning, CAG shall take no further action regarding the alleged violation. If the testing does not establish compliance with Section 3.1, Winner may withdraw its NOE to contest the violation and may serve a new NOE pursuant to Section 6.2.1.
- (c) If Winner does not withdraw an NOE to contest the NOV, the

  Parties shall meet and confer for a period of no less than 30 days before CAG may seek an

  order enforcing the terms of this 664.6 Settlement.

### 7. ENTRY OF 664.6 SETTLEMENT

7.1 CAG shall file a motion seeking approval of this 664.6 Settlement pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f). Upon entry of the 664.6 Settlement, CAG and Winner waive their respective rights to a hearing or trial on the allegations of the Complaint.

7.2 If this 664.6 Settlement is not approved by the Court, (a) this 664.6 Settlement and any and all prior agreements between the parties merged herein shall terminate and become null and void, and the actions shall revert to the status that existed prior to the execution date of this 664.6 Settlement; (b) no term of this 664.6 Settlement or any draft thereof, or of the negotiation, documentation, or other part or aspect of the Parties' settlement discussions, shall have any effect, nor shall any such matter be admissible in evidence for any purpose in this Action, or in any other proceeding; and (c) the Parties agree to meet and confer to determine whether to modify the terms of the 664.6 Settlement and to resubmit it for approval.

### 8. MODIFICATION OF JUDGMENT

- 8.1 This 664.6 Settlement may be modified only upon written agreement of the parties and upon entry of a modified 664.6 Settlement by the Court thereon, or upon motion of any party as provided by law and upon entry of a modified 664.6 Settlement by the Court.
- 8.2 Any Party seeking to modify this 664.6 Settlement shall attempt in good faith to meet and confer with the other Party prior to filing a motion to modify the 664.6 Settlement.

### 9. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

9.1 This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to implement and enforce the terms of this 664.6 Settlement.

### 10. DUTIES LIMITED TO CALIFORNIA

10.1 This 664.6 Settlement shall have no effect on Covered Products sold by Winner outside the State of California.

### 11. SERVICE ON THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

11.1 CAG shall serve a copy of this 664.6 Settlement, signed by both parties, on the California Attorney General so that the Attorney General may review this 664.6 Settlement prior to its submittal to the Court for approval. No sooner than forty five (45) days after the Attorney General has received the aforementioned copy of this 664.6 Settlement, and in the absence of any written objection by the Attorney General to the terms of this 664.6 Settlement, the parties may then submit it to the Court for approval.

and attorney fees in connection with this action.

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This 664.6 Settlement may be executed in counterparts and by means of facsimile

Except as specifically provided in Section 4, each Party shall bear its own costs

This 664.6 Settlement contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of

The validity, construction and performance of this 664.6 Settlement shall be

The Parties, including their counsel, have participated in the preparation of this

the parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof and any and all prior discussions,

negotiations, commitments and understandings related hereto. No representations, oral or

hereto. No other agreements not specifically referred to herein, oral or otherwise, shall be

governed by the laws of the State of California, without reference to any conflicts of law

664.6 Settlement and this 664.6 Settlement is the result of the joint efforts of the Parties. This

664.6 Settlement was subject to revision and modification by the Parties and has been accepted

and approved as to its final form by all Parties and their counsel. Accordingly, any uncertainty or

ambiguity existing in this 664.6 Settlement shall not be interpreted against any Party as a result of

the manner of the preparation of this 664.6 Settlement. Each Party to this 664.6 Settlement agrees

that any statute or rule of construction providing that ambiguities are to be resolved against the

drafting Party should not be employed in the interpretation of this 664.6 Settlement and, in this

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1	16. NOTICES
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3	Class Mail. If to CAG:
5	Reuben Yeroushalmi, Esq. 9100 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 610E
6	Beverly Hills, CA 90212 (310) 623-1926
7	If to: Winner International, Inc.
8	Winner International, Inc. 32 W. State Street Sharon, PA 16146
10	With a copy to:
11.	Thomas H. Clarke, Jr., Esq.
12	Ropers, Majeski, Kohn & Bentley PC 201 Spear Street, Suite 1000
13	San Francisco, CA 94105
14	17. AUTHORITY TO STIPULATE
15	17.1 Each signatory to this 664.6 Settlement certifies that he or she is fully authorized
16	by the party he or she represents to enter into this 664.6 Settlement and to execute it on behalf of
17	the party represented and legally to bind that party.
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23	Plaintiff, CONSUMER ADVOCACY Defendant, WINNER INTERNATIONAL, INC. GROUP, INC.
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 COUNTY OF ALAMEDA 11 CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP. CASE NO. RG12623691 12 INC., in the interest of the Public, [PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING MOTION 13 TO APPROVE AND ENTER 664.6 Plaintiff, SETTLEMENT BETWEEN CONSUMER 14 ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. AND WINNER 15 INTERNATIONAL, INC. 16 WINNER INTERNATIONAL, INC., Hearing Date: November 20, 2012 Time: 9:00 am 17 Dept: 16 Defendants. 18 Judge: Hon. Lawrence Appel 19 Complaint: 20 TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD: 21 On November 20, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., the Court heard the Motion to Approve and Enter 22 664.6 Settlement Between Consumer Advocacy Group, Inc. ("Plaintiff") and Defendant Winner 23 International, Inc. ("Defendant"). The Court, having considered the documents filed in 24 connection with this matter, and no opposition being filed, has arrived at the following 25 conclusions and SO ORDERS: 26

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- 1. The Court grants the Motion to Approve and Enter 664.6 Settlement Between Plaintiff and Defendant, in its entirety pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 25249.7, subdivision (f)(4).
- 2. The Court approves the [Proposed] 664.6 Settlement, which Plaintiff and Defendant have submitted to this Court for approval pursuant to Proposition 65 (Cal. Health & Safety Code §§25249.5, et seq.) after making the following findings:
  - i. The Court finds that the [Proposed] 664.6 Settlement complies with the requirements of Health and Safety Code § 25249.7 et seq. Defendant, to the extent that it continues to distribute or sell 1) De-Vice™ Steering Wheel Lock, 034-0714-2 and 2) The Bike Club™ "The Anti-Theft Device for Bicycles!" "BC-00303" (hereinafter "Covered Products") still in its possession as of the date of the approval of this Settlement, shall place Proposition 65 warning labels as well as instructions directing downstream entities not to sell the product in the geographical delineation of the State of California and Covered Products manufactured after the date of the approval of this Settlement shall be reformulated to contain less than 0.1% of Di)2-ethylhexyl)phthalate ("DEHP"). The 664.6 Settlement also requires Defendant to pay \$48,000.00 to defray Plaintiff's attorney's fees, which is less than the actual lodestar figure of \$68,000. Additionally, the 664.6 Settlement requires Defendant to pay \$2,000.00 to Plaintiff as payment in lieu of a civil penalty, and also \$2,000.00 to the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and Plaintiff as civil penalties. Further, the proposed settlement terms are presumed to confer a public benefit.
  - ii. A public benefit is presumed, because the [Proposed] 664.6 Settlement requires that Winner will start reformulating the products in the very near future, stop selling the existing products in California and, nevertheless, provide a warning for the Covered Products, thus allowing consumers even outside of California to make an informed

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