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	1	In the above-entitled action, plaintiff Peter Englander and defendant Minson Corporation,
	2	having agreed through their respective counsel that a judgment be entered pursuant to the terms of
	3	the Consent To Judgment entered into by the parties in resolution of this Proposition 65 action, and
	4	following the issuance of an order approving the Parties' Consent to Judgment on this day, IT IS
	5	HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that pursuant to Health & Safety Code §
	6	25249.7(f)(4) and Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6, judgment is hereby entered in accordance with the
	7	terms of the Consent To Judgment attached hereto as Exhibit A. By stipulation of the parties, the
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	9 10	Court will retain jurisdiction to enforce the settlement under Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6.
	10	IT IS SO ORDERED.
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	13	Dated: GEORGE C. HERNANDEZ, JR.
	14	Hon. George Hernandez Judge Of The Superior Court
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EXHIBIT A

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13	PETER ENGLANDER	Case No. R13673678	
14	Plaintiff,	Assigned for All Purposes to Judge George C. Hernandez, Jr.,	
15	vs.	Department 17 CONSENT TO JUDGMENT AS	
16	ACME FURNITURE INDUSTRY, INC.,	TO DEFENDANT MINSON CORPORATION	
17	BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED, BEST CHAIRS	(Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 et seq.)	
18	INCORPORATED, BUTLER SPECIALTY COMPANY, COA, INC., FOREMOST	Filed: March 29, 2013	
19	GROUPS, INC., IDEA NUOVA INC., MINSON CORPORATION, NAJARIAN FURNITURE	Fileu. March 29, 2013	
20	COMPANY, INC., P'KOLINO, LLC, THE TJX COMPANIES, INC. and DOES 1-150,		
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1 1. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

2	1.1 Parties		
3	This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between plaintiff Peter Englander		
4	("Plaintiff") and the defendant Minson Corporation ("Minson"), with Plaintiff and Minson		
5	collectively referred to as the "Parties."		
6	1.2 Plaintiff		
7	Plaintiff is an individual residing in the State of California who seeks to promote awareness		
8	of exposures to toxic chemicals and to improve human health by reducing or eliminating		
9	hazardous substances contained in consumer and commercial products.		
10	1.3 Minson		
11	Minson employs ten or more persons and is a person in the course of doing business for		
12	purposes of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health &		
13	Safety Code § 25249.6, et seq. ("Proposition 65").		
14	1.4 General Allegations		
15	1.4.1 Plaintiff alleges that Minson manufactured, imported, sold and/or		
16	distributed for sale in California, products with foam cushioned components containing tris(1,3-		
17	dichloro-2-propyl) phosphate ("TDCPP") and/or tris(2-chrolorethyl) phosphate ("TCEP") without		
18	the requisite Proposition 65 health hazard warnings.		
19	1.4.2 Pursuant to Proposition 65, on April 1, 1992, California identified and listed		
20	TCEP as a chemical known to cause cancer. TCEP became subject to the "clear and reasonable		
21	warning" requirements of the Act one year later on April 1, 1993. Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 27, §		
22	27001(b); Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.8 and 25249.10(b).		
23	1.4.3 Pursuant to Proposition 65, on October 28, 2011, California identified and		
24	listed TDCPP as a chemical known to cause cancer. TDCPP became subject to the "clear and		
25	reasonable warning" requirements of Proposition 65 one year later on October 28, 2012. Cal. Code		
26	Regs., tit. 27, § 27001(b); Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.8 and 25249.10(b).		
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TDCPP and TCEP are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Listed Chemicals." Plaintiff alleges that the Listed Chemicals escape from foam padding, leading to human exposures.

1.5 **Product Description**

The categories of products that are covered by this Consent Judgment are identified on Exhibit A (hereinafter "Products"). Polyurethane foam that is supplied, shaped or manufactured for use as a component of another product, such as upholstered furniture, but which is not itself a finished product, is specifically excluded from the definition of Products.

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Notices of Violation 1.6

On January 24, 2013 and April 19, 2013, Plaintiff served Minson and certain requisite public 9 enforcement agencies with "60-Day Notices of Violation" ("Notices") that provided the recipients 10 with notice of alleged violations of Proposition 65 based on the alleged failure to warn customers, consumers, and workers in California that the Products expose users to one or more Listed 12 Chemicals. To the best of the Parties' knowledge, no public enforcer has commenced or is 13 diligently prosecuting the allegations set forth in the Notices.

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1.7 Complaint

15 On April 10, 2013, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint in the Superior Court in and 16 for the County of Alameda against Minson, other defendants and Does 1 through 150, alleging 17 violations of Proposition 65, based in part on the alleged unwarned exposures to TDCPP contained 18 in the Products.

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1.8 No Admission

20 Minson denies the material factual and legal allegations contained in Plaintiff's Notices and 21 Complaint and maintains that all products that it has manufactured, imported, distributed, and/or 22 sold in California, including the Products, have been and are in compliance with all laws. Nothing 23 in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission by Minson of any fact, finding, 24 conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with this Consent Judgment 25 constitute or be construed as an admission by Minson of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, 26 or violation of law. However, this section shall not diminish or otherwise affect Minson's 27 obligations, responsibilities, and duties under this Consent Judgment. 28

1.9 **Consent to Jurisdiction**

1	1.9 Consent to Jurisdiction
1	For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has
2	jurisdiction over the Minson as to the allegations contained in the Complaints, that venue is proper
3	in the County of Alameda, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter and enforce the provisions
4	of this Consent Judgment pursuant to Proposition 65 and California Code of Civil Procedure §
5	664.6.
6	2. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>
7	2.1 California Customers
8	"California Customer" shall mean any customer that Minson reasonably understands is
9	located in California, has a California warehouse or distribution center, maintains a retail outlet in
10	California, or has made internet sales into California on or after January 1, 2011.
11	2.2 Detectable
12	"Detectable" shall mean containing more than 25 parts per million ("ppm") (the equivalent
13	of .0025%) of any one chemical in any material, component, or constituent of a subject product,
14 15	when analyzed by a NVLAP accredited laboratory pursuant to EPA testing methodologies 3545
15	and 8270C, or equivalent methodologies utilized by federal or state agencies to determine the
17	presence, and measure the quantity, of TDCPP and/or TCEP in a solid substance.
18	2.3 Effective Date
19	"Effective Date" shall mean October 15 , 2013.
20	2.4 Reformulated Products
21	"Reformulated Products" shall mean Products that contain no Detectable amount of
22	TDCPP or TCEP.
23	2.5 Reformulation Standard
24	The "Reformulation Standard" shall mean containing no more than 25 ppm for each of
25	TDCPP and TCEP.
26	2.6 Retailer
27	"Retailer" means an individual or entity that offers a Product for retail sale to consumers in
28	the State of California.
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INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: REFORMULATION

3.1 **Reformulation Commitment**

Commencing on March 31, 2014, Minson shall not manufacture or import, or cause to be manufactured or imported, any Products that are not Reformulated Products.

3.2 Vendor Notification/Certification

On or before the Effective Date, Minson shall provide written notice to all of its then-6 current vendors of the Products, instructing each such vendor to use reasonable efforts to provide 7 it with only Reformulated Products. In addressing the obligation set forth in the preceding 8 sentence, Minson shall not employ statements that will encourage a vendor to delay compliance 9 with the Reformulation Standard. Minson shall subsequently obtain written certifications, no later 10 than April 1, 2014, from such vendors, and any newly engaged vendors, that the Products 11 manufactured by such vendors are in compliance with the Reformulation Standard. Certifications 12 shall be held by Minson for at least two years after their receipt and shall be made available to 13 Plaintiff upon request. 14

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3.3 Products No Longer in Minson's Control

No later than 45 days after the Effective Date, Minson shall send a letter, electronic or 16 otherwise ("Notification Letter") to: (1) each California Customer and/or Retailer which it, after 17 October 28, 2011, supplied the item for resale in California described as an exemplar in the Notices 18 Minson received from Plaintiff ("Exemplar Products"); and (2) any California Customer and/or 19 Retailer that the Minson reasonably understands or believes had any inventory for resale in 20California of Exemplar Products as of the relevant Notice's dates. The Notification Letter shall 21 advise the recipient that the Exemplar Product "contains TDCPP and/or TCEP, chemicals known 22 to the State of California to cause cancer," and request that the recipient either: (a) label the 23 Exemplar Products remaining in inventory for sale in California, or to California Customers, 24 pursuant to Section 3.5; or (b) return, at Minson's sole expense, all units of the Exemplar Product 25 held for sale in California, or to California Customers, to Minson or a party Minson has otherwise 26 designated. The Notification Letter shall require a response from the recipient within 15 days 27 confirming whether the Exemplar Product will be labeled or returned. Minson shall maintain 28

records of all correspondence or other communications generated pursuant to this Section for two years after the Effective Date and shall promptly produce copies of such records upon Plaintiff's written request.

3.4 Current Inventory

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Any Products in, or manufactured and en route to, Minson's inventory as of or after December 31, 2013, that do not qualify as Reformulated Products and that the Minson has reason to believe may be sold or distributed for sale in California, shall contain a clear and reasonable warning as set forth in Section 3.5 below unless Section 3.6 applies.

3.5 **Product Warnings**

3.5.1	Product	Labeling
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10 Any warning provided under Section 3.3 or 3.4 above shall be affixed to the packaging, 11 labeling, or directly on each Product. Each warning shall be prominently placed with such 12 conspicuousness as compared with other words, statements, designs, or devices as to render it 13 likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions before 14 purchase. Each warning shall be provided in a manner such that the consumer or user 15 understands to which specific Product the warning applies, so as to minimize the risk of consumer 16 confusion. 17 A warning provided pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall state: 18 **WARNING:** This product contains [TDCPP and/or 19 TCEP], flame retardant chemicals known to the State of California to 20 cause cancer.1 21 22 23 24 ¹ The regulatory safe harbor warning language specified in 27 CCR § 25603.2 may also be used if Minson had begun to use it, prior to the Effective Date. A Settling Defendant that seeks to use alternative warning language, other 25 than the language specified above or the safe harbor warning specified in 27 CCR § 25603.2, or that seeks to use an alternate method of transmission of the warning, must obtain the Court's approval of its alternative warning and 26 provide all Parties and the Office of the Attorney General with timely notice and the opportunity to comment or object before the Court acts on the request. The Parties agree that the following hybrid warning language shall not be deemed 27 to meet the requirements of 27 CCR § 25601 et seq. and shall not be used pursuant to this Consent Judgment: (a) "cancer or birth defects or other reproductive harm"; and (b) "cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm." 28 Case No.: RG 13-673678 CONSENT JUDGMENT 5

1	Attached as Exhibit B are template warnings developed by Plaintiff that are deemed to be		
	clear and reasonable for purposes of this Consent Judgment. ² Provided that the other		
3	2 requirements set forth in this Section are addressed, including as to the required warning		
	statement and method of transmission as set forth above, Minson remains free not to utilize the		
4	template wwarnings.		
5	3.5.2 Internet Website Warning		
6	A warning shall be given in conjunction with the sale of the Products to California, or		
7	California Customers, via the internet, which warning shall appear on one or more web pages		
8	displayed to a purchaser during the checkout process. The following warning statement shall be		
9	used and shall: (a) appear adjacent to or immediately following the display, description, or price		
10	of the Product; (b) appear as a pop-up box; or (c0 otherwise appear automatically to the consumer.		
11	The warning text shall be the same type size or larger than the Product description text:		
12	WARNING: This product contains TDCPP and/or		
13	TCEP, flame retardant chemicals known to the State of California to		
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California, Products (i.e., Products beyond the Exemplar Product) meeting the Reformulation Standard. The certifications provided by this Section are material terms and time is of the essence.

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4.1 Civil Penalties Pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b)

In settlement of all the claims referred to in this Consent Judgment, Minson shall pay the civil penalties shown for it on Exhibit A in accordance with this Section. Each penalty payment will be allocated in accordance with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.12(c)(1) and (d), with 75% of the funds remitted to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") and 25% of the penalty remitted to "The Chanler Group in Trust for Englander." Each penalty payment shall be made within two business days of the date it is due and be delivered to the addresses listed in Section 4.5 below. Minson shall be liable for payment of interest, at a rate of 10% simple interest, for all amounts due and owing under this Section that are not received within two business days of the due date.

4.1.1 Initial Civil Penalty. On or before the Effective Date, Minson shall make an
initial civil penalty payment in the amount identified on Exhibit A.

4.1.2 Second Civil Penalty. On or before January 15, 2014, Minson shall make a
second civil penalty payment in the amount identified on Exhibit A. The amount of the second
penalty may be reduced according to any penalty waiver Minson is eligible for under Sections
4.1.4(i) and 4.1.4(iii), below.

4.1.3 Third Civil Penalty. On or before November 30, 2014, Minson shall make a
third civil penalty payment in the amount identified on Exhibit A. The amount of the third
penalty may be reduced according to any penalty waiver Minson is eligible for under Sections
4.1.4(ii) and 4.1.4(iv), below.

4.1.4 Reductions to Civil Penalty Payment Amounts. Minson may reduce the
amount of the second and/or third civil penalty payments identified on Exhibit A by providing
Plaintiff with certification of certain efforts undertaken to reformulate their Products or limit the
ongoing sale of non-reformulated Products in California. The options to provide a written

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certification in lieu of making a portion of Minson's civil penalty payment constitute material terms of this Consent Judgment, and with regard to such terms, time is of the essence.

4.1.4(i) Partial Penalty Waiver for Accelerated Reformulation of Products Sold or Offered for Sale in California.

As shown on an electing Minson's Exhibit A, a portion of the second civil penalty shall be waived, to the extent that it has agreed that, as of November 1, 2013, and continuing into the future, it shall only manufacture or import for distribution or sale to California Customers or cause to be manufactured or imported for distribution or sale to California Customers, Reformulated Products. An officer or other authorized representative of a Minson that has exercised this election shall provide Plaintiff with a written certification confirming compliance with such conditions, which certification must be received by Plaintiff's counsel on or before December 15, 2013.

4.1.4(ii) Partial Penalty Waiver for Extended Reformulation. 12 As shown on Exhibit A, a portion of the third civil penalty shall be waived, to the extent 13 that Minson has agreed that, as of March 15, 2014, and continuing into the future, it shall only 14 manufacture or import for distribution or sale in California or cause to be manufactured or 15 imported for distribution or sale in California, Reformulated Products which also do not contain 16 tris(2,3-dibromopropyl)phosphate ("TDBPP") in a detectable amount of more than 25 parts per 17 million ("ppm") (the equivalent of .0025%) in any material, component, or constituent of a subject 18 product, when analyzed by a NVLAP accredited laboratory pursuant to EPA testing 19 methodologies 3545 and 8270C, or equivalent methodologies utilized by federal or state agencies 20 to determine the presence, and measure the quantity, of TDBPP in a solid substance. An officer or 21 other authorized representative of Minson that has exercised this election shall provide Plaintiff 22 with a written certification confirming compliance with such conditions, which certification must 23 be received by Plaintiff's counsel on or before November 15, 2014. 24 4.1.4(iii) Partial Penalty Waiver for Withdrawal of Unreformulated 25 **Exemplar Products from the California Market.** 26 As shown on Exhibit A, a portion of the second civil penalty shall be waived, if an officer or 27 other authorized representative of Minson provides Plaintiff with written certification, by

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1	December 15, 2013, confirming that each individual or establishment in California to which it
2	supplied the Exemplar Product after October 28, 2011, has elected to return all remaining
3	Exemplar Products held for sale in California.
4	4.1.4(iv) Partial Penalty Waiver for Termination of Distribution to
5	California of Unreformulated Inventory.
6	As shown on Exhibit A, a portion of the third civil penalty shall be waived, if an officer or
7	other authorized representative of Minson provides Plaintiff with written certification, on or
8	before November 15, 2014, confirming that, as of July 1, 2014, it has and will continue to distribute,
	offer for sale, or sell in California, or to California Customers, only Reformulated Products.
9	4.2 Representations
10	Minson represents that the sales data and other information concerning its size, knowledge
11	of Listed Chemicals, and prior reformulation and/or warning efforts, it provided to Plaintiff was
12	truthful to its knowledge and a material factor upon which Plaintiff has relied to determine the
13	amount of civil penalties assessed pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7 in this Consent
14	Judgment. If, within nine months of the Effective Date, Plaintiff discovers and presents to Minson,
15	evidence demonstrating that the preceding representation and warranty was materially inaccurate,
16	then Minson shall have 30 days to meet and confer regarding the Plaintiff's contention. Should
17	this 30 day period pass without any such resolution between the Plaintiff and Minson, Plaintiff
18	shall be entitled to file a formal legal claim including, but not limited to, a claim for damages for
19	breach of contract.
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21	Each Settling Defendant further represents that in implementing the requirements set forth
22	in Sections 3.1 and 3.2 of this Consent Judgment, it will voluntarily employ commercial best efforts
23	to achieve reformulation of its Products and Additional Products on a nationwide basis and not
24	employ statements that will encourage a vendor to limit its compliance with the Reformulation
25	Standard to goods intended for sale to California Consumers.
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Stipulated Penalties for Certain Violations of the Reformulation 4.3 Standard.

2 If Plaintiff provides notice and appropriate supporting information to Minson that levels of 3 a Listed Chemical in excess of the Reformulation Standard have been detected in one or more 4 Products labeled or otherwise marked in an identifiable manner as manufactured or imported 5 after a deadline for meeting the Reformulation Standard has arisen for Minson under Sections 3.1 6 or 3.6 above, Minson may elect to pay a stipulated penalty to relieve any further potential liability 7 under Proposition 65 or sanction under this Consent Judgment as to Products sourced from the 8 vendor in question.⁴ The stipulated penalty shall be \$1,500 if the violation level is below 100 ppm 9 and \$3,000 if the violation level is between 100 ppm and 249 ppm, this being applicable for any 10 amount in excess of the Reformulation Standards but under 250 ppm.⁵ Plaintiff shall further be 11 entitled to reimbursement of their associated expense in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 regardless 12 of the stipulated penalty level. Minson under this Section must provide notice and appropriate 13 supporting information relating to the purchase (e.g. vendor name and contact information 14 including representative, purchase order, certification (if any) received from vendor for the 15 exemplar or subcategory of products), test results, and a letter from a company representative or 16 counsel attesting to the information provided, to Plaintiff within 30 calendar days of receiving test 17 results from Plaintiff's counsel. Any violation levels at or above 250 ppm shall be subject to the 18 full remedies provided pursuant to this Consent Judgment and at law. 19

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4.4**Reimbursement of Fees and Costs**

20 The Parties acknowledge that Plaintiff and his counsel offered to resolve this dispute 21 without reaching terms on the amount of fees and costs to be reimbursed to them, thereby leaving 22 this fee reimbursement issue to be resolved after the material terms of the agreement had been 23 settled. Shortly after the other settlement terms had been finalized, Minson expressed a desire to 24

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⁴ This Section shall not be applicable where the vendor in question had previously been found by Minson to have provided unreliable certifications as to meeting the Reformulation Standard in its Products on more than one 26 occasion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a stipulated penalty for a second exceedance by Minson's vendor at a level between 100 and 249 ppm shall not be available after July 1, 2015.

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⁵ Any stipulated penalty payments made pursuant to this Section should be allocated and remitted in the same 28 manner as set forth in Sections 4.1 and 4.5, respectively.

1	resolve the fee and cost issue. Minson then agreed to pay Plaintiff and his counsel under general		
2	contract principles and the private attorney general doctrine codified at California Code of Civil		
3	Procedure section 1021.5 for all work performed through the mutual execution of this agreement,		
4	including the fees and costs incurred as a result of investigating, bringing this matter to Minson's		
5	attention, negotiating a settlement in the public interest, and seeking court approval of the same.		
6	In addition, the negotiated fee and cost figure expressly includes the anticipated significant		
0 7	amount of time plaintiffs' counsel will incur to monitor various provisions in this agreement over		
	the next two years, with the exception of additional fees that may be incurred pursuant to a		
8	Settling Defendant's election in Section 11. Minson more specifically agreed, upon the Court's		
9	approval and entry of this Consent Judgment, to pay Plaintiff's counsel the amount of fees and		
10	costs indicated on Exhibit A. Minson further agreed to tender and shall tender its full required		
11	payment under this Section to a trust account at The Chanler Group (made payable "In Trust for		
12	The Chanler Group") within two business days of the Effective Date. Such funds shall be released		
13	from the trust account upon the Court's approval and entry of this Consent Judgment.		
14	4.5 Payment Procedures		
15	4.5.1 Issuance of Payments.		
16 17	(a) All payments owed to Plaintiff and their counsel, pursuant to		
17	Sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.4 shall be delivered to the following payment address:		
18	The Chanler Group Attn: Proposition 65 Controller		
19 20	2560 Ninth Street Parker Plaza, Suite 214		
20	Berkeley, CA 94710		
21	(b) All payments owed to OEHHA (EIN: 68-0284486), pursuant to		
22	Section 4.1, shall be delivered directly to OEHHA (Memo line "Prop 65 Penalties") at one of		
23	the following addresses, as appropriate:		
24	For United States Postal Service Delivery:		
25	Mike Gyurics Fiscal Operations Branch Chief		
26	Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment P.O. Box 4010		
27	Sacramento, CA 95812-4010		
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1	For Non-United States Postal Service Delivery:
2	Mike Gyurics Fiscal Operations Branch Chief
3	Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment 1001 I Street
4	Sacramento, CA 95814
5	4.5.2 Proof of Payment to OEHHA. A copy of each check payable to OEHHA
6	shall be mailed, simultaneous with payment, to The Chanler Group at the address set forth in
7	Section 4.5.1(a) above, as proof of payment to OEHHA.
8	4.5.3 Tax Documentation. Minson shall issue a separate 1099 form for each
9	payment required by this Section to: (a) Peter Englander, whose address and tax identification
10	number shall be furnished upon request after this Consent Judgment has been fully executed by
11	the Parties; (b) OEHHA, who shall be identified as "California Office of Environmental Health
12	Hazard Assessment" (EIN: 68-0284486) in the 1099 form, to be delivered directly to OEHHA, P.O.
13	Box 4010, Sacramento, CA 95814; and (c) "The Chanler Group" (EIN: 94-3171522) to the address
14	set forth in Section 4.5.1(a) above.
15	5. <u>CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED</u>
16	5.1 Plaintiff's Release of Proposition 65 Claims
17	Plaintiff, acting on his own behalf and in the public interest, releases Minson, its parents,
18	subsidiaries, affiliated entities under common ownership, directors, officers, agents employees,
19	attorneys, and each entity to whom Minson directly or indirectly distribute or sell Products,
20	including, but not limited, to downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers,
21	franchisees, cooperative members, and licensees (collectively, "Releasees"), from all claims for
22	violations of Proposition 65 through the Effective Date based on unwarned exposures to the Listed
23	Chemicals in the Products, as set forth in the Notices. Compliance with the terms of this Consent
24	Judgment constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to exposures to the Listed
25	Chemicals from the Products, as set forth in the Notices. The Parties further understand and agree
26	that this Section 5.1 release shall not extend upstream to any entities, other than Minson, that
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manufactured the Products or any component parts thereof, or any distributors or suppliers who sold the Products or any component parts thereof to Minson.

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5.2 Plaintiff's Individual Releases of Claims

Plaintiff, in his individual capacities only and not in his representative capacities, provides 4 a release herein which shall be effective as a full and final accord and satisfaction, as a bar to all 5 actions, causes of action, obligations, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, losses, claims, 6 liabilities, and demands of Plaintiff of any nature, character, or kind, whether known or unknown, 7 suspected or unsuspected, limited to and arising out of alleged or actual exposures to TDCPP, 8 TCEP, and/or TDBPP in the Products or Additional Products (as defined in Section 11.1 and 9 delineated on Exhibit A) manufactured, imported, distributed, or sold by Minson prior to the 10 Effective Date.⁶ The Parties further understand and agree that this Section 5.2 release shall not 11 extend upstream to any entities that manufactured the Products or Additional Products, or any 12 component parts thereof, or any distributors or suppliers who sold the Products or Additional 13 Products, or any component parts thereof to Minson. Nothing in this Section affects Plaintiff's 14 rights to commence or prosecute an action under Proposition 65 against a Releasee that does not 15 involve Minson's Products or Additional Products.

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Minsons' Release of Plaintiff

Minson, on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys,
successors, and assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against Plaintiff 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 Plaintiff and his attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course
of investigating claims or otherwise seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against it in this matter with
respect to the Products or Additional Products.

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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 in its entirety and entered by the Court ⁶ The injunctive relief requirements of Section 3 shall apply to Additional Products as

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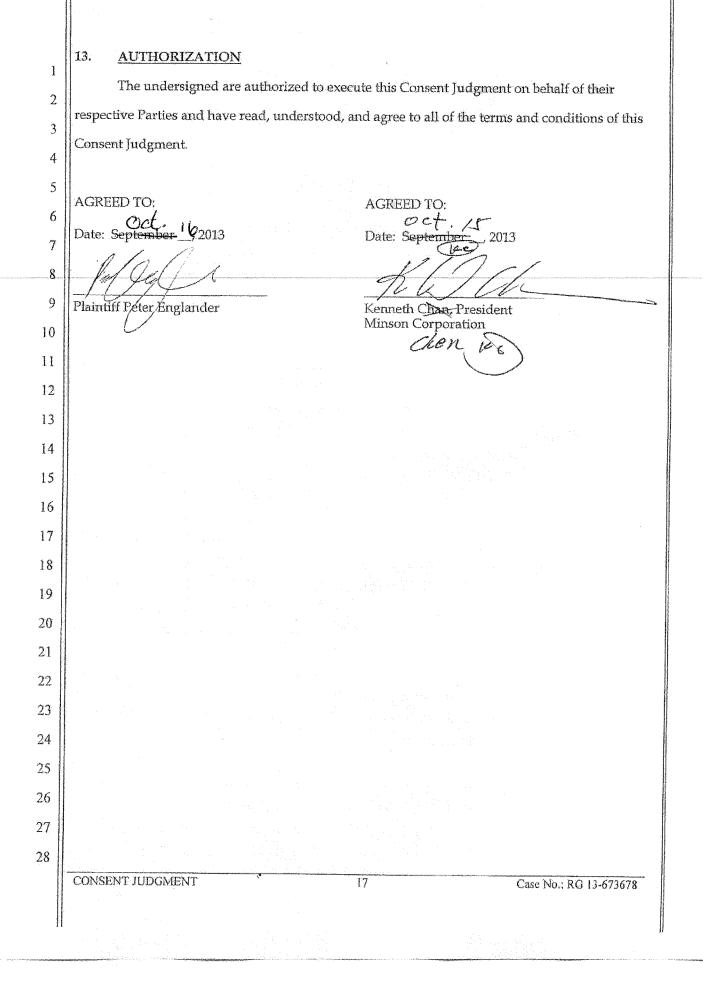
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within one year after it has been fully executed by all Parties. If the Court does not approve the 1 Consent Judgment, the Parties shall meet and confer as to whether to modify the language or 2 appeal the ruling. If the Parties do not jointly agree on a course of action to take, then the case 3 shall proceed in its normal course on the Court's trial calendar. If the Court's approval is 4 ultimately overturned by an appellate court, the Parties shall meet and confer as to whether to 5 modify the terms of this Consent Judgment. If the Parties do not jointly agree on a course of action 6 to take, then the case shall proceed in its normal course on the Court's trial calendar. In the event 7 that this Consent Judgment is entered by the Court and subsequently overturned by any appellate 8 court, any monies that have been provided to OEHHA, Plaintiff or his counsel pursuant to Section 9 4, above, shall be refunded within 15 days of the appellate decision becoming final. If the Court 10 does not approve and enter the Consent Judgment within one year of the Effective Date, any 11 monies that have been provided to OEHHA or held in trust for Plaintiff or his counsel pursuant to 12 Section 4, above, shall be refunded to Minson within 15 days. 13 7. **GOVERNING LAW** 14 The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of 15 California. In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed, preempted, or is otherwise rendered 16 inapplicable by reason of law generally, or if any of the provisions of this Consent Judgment are 17 rendered inapplicable or are no longer required as a result of any such repeal or preemption, or 18 rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally as to the Products, then Minson may provide 19 written notice to Plaintiff of any asserted change in the law, and shall have no further obligations 20 pursuant to this Consent Judgment with respect to, and to the extent that, the Products are so 21 affected. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be interpreted to relieve Minson from any 22 obligation to comply with any pertinent state or federal law or regulation. 23 8. NOTICES 24 Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notices required to be provided pursuant 25 to this Consent Judgment shall be in writing and sent by: (i) personal delivery, (ii) first-class 26

registered or certified mail, return receipt requested; or (iii) overnight courier to any party by the other party at the following addresses:

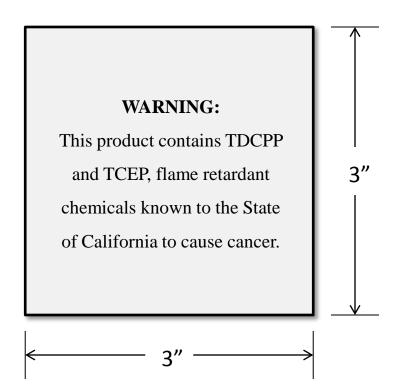
1	To Minson:	To Plaintiff:	
2	At the address shown on Exhibit A	Proposition 65 Coordinator	
3		The Chanler Group 2560 Ninth Street	
4		Parker Plaza, Suite 214 Berkeley, CA 94710-2565	
5	Any Party, from time to time, may specify in writing to the other Party a change of address to		
6	which all notices and other communications		
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10	each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same document. A facsimile or pdf signature shall be as valid as the original.		
11	10. <u>COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH &</u>		
12		omply with the reporting form requirements	
13	referenced in California Health & Safety Cod		
14	11. <u>ADDITIONAL POST EXECUTION</u>		
15	11.1 In addition to the Products, w	here Minson has identified on Exhibit A additional	
16	products that contain Listed Chemicals and	that are sold or offered for sale by it in California, or to	
17 18	California Customers, ("Additional Products"), then by no later than October 15, 2013, Minson		
18	may provide Plaintiff with additional inform	nation or representations necessary to enable them to	
20	issue a 60-Day Notice of Violation and valid	Certificate of Merit therefore, pursuant to Health &	
20	Safety Code section 25249.7, that includes th	e Additional Products. Polyurethane foam that is	
22	supplied, shaped or manufactured for use as	s a component of a product, such as upholstered	
23	furniture, is specifically excluded from the d	efinition of Additional Products and shall not be	
identified by Minson on Exhibit A as an Additional Product. Except as		litional Product. Except as agreed upon by Plaintiff,	
25	Minson shall not include a product, as an Ac	lditional Product, that is the subject of an existing 60-	
26	day notice issued by Plaintiff or any other private enforcer at the time of execution. After receipt		
27	of the required information, Plaintiff agrees	to issue a supplemental 60-day notice in compliance	
28	with all statutory and regulatory requirement	nts for the Additional Products. Plaintiff will, and in	
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1	no event later than October 1, 2014, prepare and file an amendment to this Consent Judgment to
2	incorporate the Additional Products within the defined term "Products" and serve a copy thereof
3	and its supporting papers (including the basis for supplemental stipulated penalties, if any) on the
4	Office of the California Attorney General. Upon the Court's approval thereof, and finding that the
	supplemental stipulated penalty amount, if any, is reasonable, the Additional Products shall
5	become subject to Section 5.1 in addition to Section 5.2. Minson shall, at the time it elects to
6	utilize this Section and tenders the additional information or representations regarding the
7	Additional Products to Plaintiff, tender to The Chanler Group's trust account an amount not to
8	exceed \$8,750 as stipulated penalties and attorneys' fees and costs incurred by Plaintiff in issuing
9	the new notice and engaging in other reasonably related activities, which may be released from the
10	trust as awarded by the Court upon Plaintiff's application. Any fee award associated with the
11	modification of the Consent Judgment to include Additional Products shall not offset any
12	associated supplemental penalty award, if any. (Any tendered funds remaining in the trust
13	thereafter shall be refunded to Minson within 15 days). Such payment shall be made to "in trust
14	for The Chanler Group" and delivered as per Section 4.5.1(a) above.
15	11.2 Plaintiff and Minson agree to support the entry of this agreement as a Consent
16	Judgment and obtain approval of the Consent Judgment by the Court in a timely manner. The
17	Parties acknowledge that, pursuant to California Health & Safety Code section 25249.7, a noticed
18	motion is required to obtain judicial approval of this Consent Judgment, which Plaintiff shall draft
19 20	and file. If any third party objection to the noticed motion is filed, Plaintiff and Minson shall work
20	together to file a reply and appear at any hearing before the Court. This provision is a material
21	component of the Consent Judgment and shall be treated as such in the event of a breach.
22	12. <u>MODIFICATION</u>
23	This Consent Judgment may be modified only: (1) by written agreement of the Parties and
24	upon entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court thereon; or (2) upon a successful motion
25	of any party and entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court.
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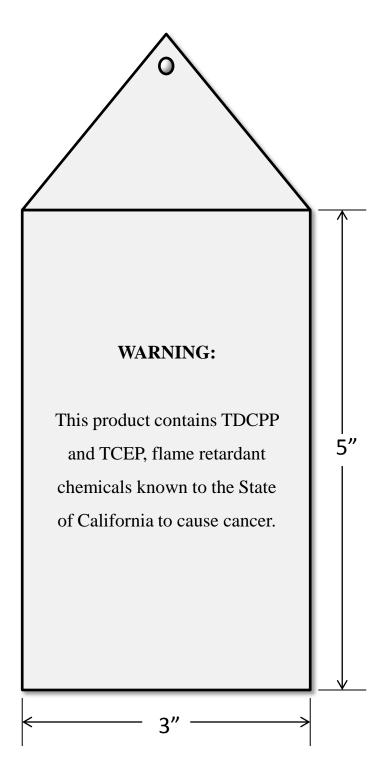


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3	MINSON CORPORATION					
4	Noticed Chemical(s): TDCPP and TCEP					
5	Noticed Product: padded, upholstered furniture, including chairs					
6	Exemplar Product: Pastel Furniture Classics Chair, Pastel Furniture Stool					
7	Additional Product: none					
8	Penalty 1 (Section 4.1.1) (due September 30, 2013): \$22,500					
9	Penalty 2 (Section 4.1.2) (due January 15, 2014): \$42,000					
10	Penalty 3 (Section 4.1.3) (due November 30, 2014): \$24,000 Section 4.1.4(i) penalty waiver: \$25,000					
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12	Section 4.1.4(ii) penalty waiver: \$12,000					
14	Section 4.1.4(iii) penalty waiver: \$17,000					
15	Section 4.1.4(iv) penalty waiver: \$12,000					
16	Additional Releasees: none					
17	Section 4.4 fee and costs reimbursement (due September 30, 2013): \$42,500					
18	Supplemental fee for additional Releasees: (due September 30, 2013): none Person(s) to receive Notices pursuant to Section 8					
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20	Kenneth Chan					
22	President Minson Corporation					
23	One Minson Way Montebello, CA 90640-6727					
24	With a copy to:					
25	Jeffrey B. Margulies					
26	Norton Rose Fulbright 555 South Flower Street, 41st Floor					
27	Los Angeles, CA 90071					
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