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Plaintiff Mark Moorberg and Defendant Peter Pauper Press, Inc. ("Peter Pauper"), 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 their Proposition 65 settlement and Consent Judgment on 6/4 ___, 2015, and for good cause being shown,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(f)(4) and Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6, judgment is hereby 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 terms of the settlement under Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 6/4/2015

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17	MARK MOORBERG,	Case No. RG 15762863
	Plaintiff,	[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT
18	v.	(Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.6 et seq.)
19	PETER PAUPER PRESS, INC.,	
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1. INTRODUCTION

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1.1 Parties

This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between Mark Moorberg ("Moorberg") and Peter Pauper Press, Inc. ("Peter Pauper"), with Moorberg and Peter Pauper each referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties." Moorberg 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 in consumer and commercial products. Peter Pauper 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 and Safety Code section 25249.6 et seq. ("Proposition 65").

1.2 General Allegations

Moorberg alleges that Peter Pauper manufactures, imports, sells and/or distributes for sale in California books with vinyl/PVC covers containing di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate ("DEHP") without providing the requisite Proposition 65 health hazard warning. DEHP is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm.

1.3 Product Description

The products covered by this Consent Judgment are books with vinyl/PVC covers containing DEHP that are sold or distributed for sale in California by Peter Pauper ("Products"). This includes, but is not limited to, the *Essentials Fashion Sketchbook, ISBN 978-1-4413-1172-6* and the *Essentials Small Black Grid-Lined Notebook, ISBN 978-1-4413-1137-5*.

1.4 Notice of Violation

On August 28, 2014, Moorberg served Peter Pauper, and certain requisite public enforcement agencies, with a "60-Day Notice of Violation" ("Notice") alleging that Peter Pauper violated Proposition 65 by failing to warn its customers and consumers in California that the Products expose users to DEHP. To the best of the Parties' knowledge, no public enforcer has commenced or is otherwise prosecuting the allegations set forth in the Notice.

1.5 Complaint

On March 18, 2015, Moorberg, who was and is acting in the interest of the general public in California, filed a Complaint in the above captioned action ("Complaint") against Peter Pauper for the alleged violations of Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 that are the subject of the Notice.

1.6 No Admission

Peter Pauper denies the material, factual, and legal allegations contained in the Notice and Complaint, and maintains that all of the products it has manufactured, imported, distributed, sold or offered for sale in the State of California, including the Products, have been, and are, in compliance with all federal, state, or local laws. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission by Peter Pauper 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 by Peter Pauper of any fact, finding, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law. This section shall not, however, diminish or otherwise affect Peter Pauper's obligations, responsibilities, or duties under this Consent Judgment.

1.7 Consent to Jurisdiction

For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that the Court has jurisdiction over Peter Pauper as to the allegations in the Complaint, that venue is proper in Alameda County, and that the Court has jurisdiction to enter and enforce the provisions of this Consent Judgment.

1.8 Effective Date

For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term "Effective Date" shall mean the date the Consent Judgment is approved by the Court.

2. <u>INJUNCTIVE REQUIREMENTS</u>

2.1 Reformulated Products

Commencing on July 15, 2015, any Products that Peter Pauper manufactures or purchases for sale or distribution in the State of California shall be Reformulated Products. For purposes of this Consent Judgment, "Reformulated Products" shall mean Products containing less than or equal to 1,000 parts per million (0.1%) DEHP in each Accessible Component when analyzed pursuant to

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EPA testing methodologies 3580A and 8270C. For purposes of this Consent Judgment, "Accessible Component" shall mean a component of a Product that can be touched by a person during normal, intended and foreseeable use of the Product.

2.2 Grace Period for Existing Inventory

Liability for non-Reformulated Products that were manufactured or purchased for sale or distribution in the State of California prior to the Effective Date was included in Plaintiff's determination of civil penalties contemplated by Sections 3.1 and 3.2 below, and is thus subject to the releases provided by Section 4 below.

3. MONETARY PAYMENTS

3.1 Civil Penalties Pursuant To Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(B)

Pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b), and in settlement of all of the claims referred to in this Consent Judgment, Peter Pauper shall pay \$20,500 in civil penalties, consisting of the initial and final civil penalty referenced in Sections 3.1.1 and 3.1.2, respectively. Each penalty payment shall be allocated in accordance with California Health and Safety Code section 25249.12(c)(1) and (d), with 75% of the funds remitted to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"), and the remaining 25% of the penalty retained by Moorberg. Moorberg's counsel shall be responsible for remitting Peter Pauper's penalty payment(s) under this Consent Judgment to OEHHA.

3.1.1 Initial Civil Penalty.

Within five (5) business days of the Parties' execution of this Consent Judgment, Peter Pauper shall make an initial civil penalty payment of \$5,500. Peter Pauper shall provide its payment in a single check made payable to "Mark Moorberg, Client Trust Account" to be delivered to the address provided in Section 3.4 below.

3.1.2 Final Civil Penalty.

On or before May 1, 2015, or within five (5) days of the Effective Date, whichever is later, Peter Pauper shall pay a final civil penalty of \$15,000. Moorberg agrees, however, that the final civil penalty will be waived in its entirety if on or before April 15, 2015, Peter Pauper provides Moorberg's counsel with written certification that commencing on the date of the certification and

continuing thereafter, Peter Pauper has met the reformulation standard specified in Section 2, above.

The option to provide written certification of the Product formulation in lieu of making the final civil penalty payment required by this Consent Judgment is a material term, and with regard to such term, time is of the essence.

3.2 Reimbursement of Fees and Costs

The Parties acknowledge that Moorberg 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 the other settlement terms had been reached, Peter Pauper expressed a desire to resolve Moorberg's fees and costs. Under general contract principles and the private attorney general doctrine codified at California Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, the Parties negotiated Peter Pauper's reimbursement of Moorberg's attorneys' fees and costs. Under their agreement, Peter Pauper agrees to pay Moorberg and his counsel \$35,000 for all work performed through the mutual execution of this Consent Judgment, including all fees and costs incurred as a result of investigating, bringing this matter to Peter Pauper's attention, and negotiating a settlement in the public interest. Peter Pauper shall deliver the payment required in this Section 3.2 within five (5) business days of the Parties' execution of this Consent Judgment.

3.3 Payments Held In Trust

All payments required by this Consent Judgment shall be delivered to Moorberg's counsel at the address provided in Section 3.4 on or before the date they are due to be held in trust until such time as the Court grants the motion for approval of the Parties' settlement contemplated by Section 5.

3.4 Payment Address

All payments required by this Consent Judgment shall be delivered to the following address:

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

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4. <u>CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED</u>

4.1 Moorberg's Release of Proposition 65 Claims

This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between Moorberg and Peter Pauper of any violation of Proposition 65 that was or could have been asserted by Moorberg, acting on his own behalf and on behalf of his past and current attorneys, agents, representatives, successors, and assignees, and acting in a representative capacity in the public interest pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d), against (a) Peter Pauper and each entity to whom Peter Pauper has directly or indirectly distributed or sold the Products, including, but not limited to, Tuesday Morning Corporation, Tuesday Morning, Inc., Barnes & Noble, Inc., and Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Inc.; (b) all downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members, and licensees of the entities identified in (a), above; and (c) all past and current parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, shareholders, agents, attorneys, successors, and assignees of the entities and individuals identified in (a) and (b), above (the released entities and individuals identified in (a), (b), and (c), above, are collectively referred to as "Releasees"), for alleged violations of Proposition 65 with respect to any DEHP in the Products. Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment by Peter Pauper shall constitute compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to any exposures to DEHP in the Products.

4.2 Moorberg's Individual Release of Claims

In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, Moorberg, on his own behalf and on behalf of his past and current attorneys, agents, representatives, successors, and assignees, and *not* in his representative capacity, hereby waives all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and releases all claims that he may have against the Releasees, including, without limitation, all actions, causes of action, suits, liabilities, demands, obligations, damages, costs, fines, penalties, losses, or expenses, including, but not limited to, investigation fees, expert fees, and attorneys' fees (collectively, "Claims") arising under Proposition 65 with respect to any DEHP in the Products manufactured before the Effective Date. The Parties further understand and agree that the releases provided under this Consent Judgment shall not

extend upstream to any entity that manufactures the Products, or any component parts thereof, or any distributor or supplier who sold the Products, or any component parts thereof, to Peter Pauper.

4.3 Peter Pauper's Release of Moorberg

Peter Pauper, on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against Moorberg 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 Moorberg 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, 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 all Parties. Moorberg and Peter Pauper agree to support the entry of this agreement as a judgment, and to obtain the Court's approval of their settlement in a timely manner. The Parties acknowledge that, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(f), a noticed motion is required for judicial approval of this Consent Judgment, which motion Moorberg shall draft and file and Peter Pauper shall support, appearing at the hearing if so requested. If any third-party objection to the motion is filed, Moorberg and Peter Pauper agree to work together to file a reply and appear at any hearing. This provision is a material component of the Consent Judgment and shall be treated as such in the event of a breach. In the event that the Consent Judgment is not approved and entered by the Court as specified in this Section, Moorberg shall return all settlement payments made by Peter Pauper within fifteen (15) days' written notice by Moorberg.

6. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>

If, subsequent to the execution of this Consent Judgment, any provision is held by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the remaining provisions 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 Peter Pauper may provide written notice to Moorberg of its 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 Peter Pauper from any obligation to comply with any pertinent state or federal law or regulation.

8. NOTICE

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

To Peter Pauper:

Laurence Beilenson, President Peter Pauper Press, Inc. 202 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 400 White Plains, NY 10601

With a copy to:

Sarah Esmaili, Esq. Arnold & Porter LLP Three Embarcadero Center, 10th Floor San Francisco, CA 94111 To Moorberg:

Proposition 65 Coordinator The Chanler Group 2560 Ninth Street Parker Plaza, Suite 214 Berkeley, CA 94710-2565

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.

9. <u>COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE SIGNATURES</u>

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

10. COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(F) Moorberg and his counsel agree to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced

11. MODIFICATION

in California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f).

This Consent Judgment may be modified only by: (i) a 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 the entry of a modified consent judgment by the Court.

12. <u>AUTHORIZATION</u>

The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment on behalf of their respective Parties and have read, understood, and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment.

AGREED TO:	AGREED TO:
Date: March 23, 2015	Date:
By: Mark Moorberg	By: Laurence Beilenson, President
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2 Moorberg and his counsel agree to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced 3 in California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f). 4 **MODIFICATION** 11. This Consent Judgment may be modified only by: (i) a written agreement of the Parties and 5 6 upon entry of a modified consent judgment by the Court thereon; or (ii) upon a successful motion or 7 application of any Party and the entry of a modified consent judgment by the Court. **AUTHORIZATION** 8 The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment on behalf of their 9 respective Parties and have read, understood, and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this 10 Consent Judgment. 11 **AGREED TO:** AGREED TO: 12 13 Date: March 23, 2015 14 15 Mark Moorberg aurence Beilenson, President 16 Peter Pauper Press, Inc. 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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