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- 1.2. On November 12, 2015, CEH served a 60-Day Notice of Violation (the "Notice") relating to the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, et seq. ("Proposition 65") on Settling Defendant, the California Attorney General, the District Attorneys of every County in the State of California, and the City Attorneys for every City in the State of California with a population greater than 750,000. The Notice alleges that Settling Defendant failed to provide clear and reasonable warnings regarding exposures to lead and lead compounds ("Lead") resulting from the use of Settling Defendant's topical skin care products containing zinc oxide as an active ingredient ("the Products").
- 1.3. On November 2, 2016, CEH filed the operative Complaint in the Action ("Complaint"), naming Settling Defendant as a defendant.
- 1.4. Settling Defendant is a corporation that employs ten (10) or more persons and that manufactures, distributes and/or sells Covered Products (as defined herein) in the State of California or has done so in the past.
- 1.5. For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that: (i) this Court has jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the Notice and Complaint and personal jurisdiction over Settling Defendant as to the acts alleged in the Complaint; (ii) venue is proper in the County of Alameda; and (iii) this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Judgment as a full and final resolution of all claims which were or could have been raised in the Complaint based on the facts alleged in the Notice and Complaint with respect to Covered Products manufactured, distributed and/or sold by Settling Defendant.
- 1.6. The Parties enter into this Consent Judgment as a full and final settlement of all claims that were or could have been raised in the Complaint arising out of the facts or conduct related to Settling Defendant alleged therein and in the Notice. By execution of this Consent Judgment and agreeing to comply with its terms, the Parties do not admit any fact, conclusion of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with the Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law or violation of law. Settling Defendant denies the material, factual and legal allegations in the Notice and Complaint

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and expressly denies any wrongdoing whatsoever. Except as specifically provided herein, nothing in this Consent Judgment shall prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy, argument, or defense any of the Parties may have in this or any other pending or future legal proceedings. This Consent Judgment is the product of negotiation and compromise and is accepted by the Parties solely for purposes of settling, compromising and resolving issues disputed in this Action.

2. **DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1. "Covered Products" means topical skin care products containing zinc oxide as an active ingredient that are manufactured, distributed and/or sold by Settling Defendant in California.
- 2.2. "Effective Date" means the date on which the Court enters this Consent Judgment.

3. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

- 3.1. Reformulation. Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, Settling Defendant shall not manufacture, ship, sell or offer for sale any Covered Products that are likely to be sold in California unless such Products meet the ingredient and finished product standards set forth in this section. All Lead concentration levels pursuant to this Section 3.1 shall be determined by use of a test performed by an accredited laboratory using inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) equipment with a level of detection of at least ten parts per billion (10 ppb) that meets standard laboratory QA/QC requirements.
- 3.1.1. Maximum Lead Level for Zinc Oxide. The level of Lead in the zinc oxide used in the Products shall not exceed 10 parts per million (10 ppm) by weight.
- 3.1.2. Specification to Zinc Oxide Suppliers. On or before the Effective Date, Settling Defendant shall issue specifications to all of its zinc oxide suppliers informing them that Settling Defendant will not accept any shipments of zinc oxide unless the level of Lead in the zinc oxide does not exceed 10 parts per million (10 ppm) by weight. Settling Defendant shall obtain and maintain written certification from its suppliers of zinc oxide confirming their compliance with the Lead specification set forth in this Section 3.1.

Regulations, Title 11, § 3204. CEH intends to place these funds in CEH's Toxics and Youth Fund and use them to support CEH programs and activities that seek to educate the public about Lead and other toxic chemicals in consumer products that are marketed to youth, expand its use of social media to communicate with youth in California about the risks of exposures to Lead and other toxic chemicals in the products they use and about ways to reduce those exposures, work with industries that market products to youth to reduce exposure to Lead and other toxic chemicals, and thereby reduce the public health impacts and risks of exposure to Lead and other toxic chemicals in consumer products that are marketed to youth in California. CEH shall obtain and maintain adequate records to document that ASPs are spent on these activities and CEH agrees to provide such documentation to the Attorney General within thirty days of any request from the Attorney General. The payment pursuant to this Section shall be made payable to the Center for Environmental Health and associated with taxpayer identification number 94-3251981.

- **4.1.3.** \$51,013 as a reimbursement of a portion of CEH's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. This amount shall be divided into two checks: (1) a check for \$42,996 shall be made payable to Lexington Law Group; and (2) a check for \$8,017 shall be made payable to the Center for Environmental Health.
- **4.1.4.** The payments required under Sections 4.1.1-4.1.3 shall be made in four (5) separate checks, all to be delivered within ten (10) days following the Effective Date. The payments required pursuant to Sections 4.1.1 and 4.1.3 shall each be made payable as set forth in those sections. All checks shall be delivered to Mark Todzo at Lexington Law Group at the address set forth in Section 8.1.2.

5. ENFORCEMENT OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

5.1. CEH may, by motion or application for an order to show cause before the Superior Court of Alameda County, enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Consent Judgment. Prior to bringing any motion or application to enforce the requirements of Section 3 above, CEH shall provide Settling Defendant with a Notice of Violation and a copy of any test results which

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purportedly support CEH's Notice of Violation. For purposes of this Section 5.1, the Parties agree that the only Lead contributing to the total amount of Lead in the Products results from the inclusion of the zinc oxide in the Products. The Parties shall then meet and confer regarding the basis for CEH's anticipated motion or application in an attempt to resolve it informally, including providing Settling Defendant a reasonable opportunity of at least thirty (30) days to cure any alleged violation. Should such attempts at informal resolution fail, CEH may file its enforcement motion or application. The prevailing party on any motion to enforce this Consent Judgment shall be entitled to its reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred as a result of such motion or application. This Consent Judgment may only be enforced by the Parties.

6. MODIFICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

6.1. This Consent Judgment may only be modified by written agreement of CEH and Settling Defendant, or upon motion of CEH or Settling Defendant as provided by law.

7. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASE

- 7.1. This Consent Judgment is a full, final and binding resolution between CEH acting in the public interest and Settling Defendant and Settling Defendant's parents, officers, directors, shareholders, divisions, subdivisions, subsidiaries, and their respective successors and assigns ("Defendant Releasees") and all entities to whom they distribute or sell or have distributed or sold Covered Products including, but not limited to, distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members, and licensees ("Downstream Defendant Releasees"), of all claims alleged in the Complaint in this Action arising from any violation of Proposition 65 that have been or could have been asserted in the public interest against Settling Defendant and Downstream Defendant Releasees, regarding the failure to warn about exposures to Lead in the Covered Products manufactured, distributed, or sold by Settling Defendant prior to the Effective Date.
- 7.2. CEH, for itself and on behalf of the public interest, releases, waives, and forever discharges any and all claims alleged in the Complaint against Settling Defendant and Downstream Defendant Releasees arising from any violation of Proposition 65 that have been or

9.2. If this Consent Judgment is not entered by the Court, it shall be of no force or effect and shall not be introduced into evidence or otherwise used in any proceeding for any purpose.

10. **GOVERNING LAW AND CONSTRUCTION**

10.1. The terms and obligations arising from this Consent Judgment shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT 11.

- 11.1. No supplementation, modification, waiver or termination of this Consent Judgment shall be binding unless executed in writing by the Party to be bound thereby.
- 11.2. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Consent Judgment shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any of the other provisions hereof whether or not similar, nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

RETENTION OF JURISDICTION 12.

12.1. This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to implement or modify the Consent Judgment.

AUTHORITY TO STIPULATE TO CONSENT JUDGMENT 13.

13.1. Each signatory to this Consent Judgment certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the Party he or she represents to stipulate to this Consent Judgment and to enter into and execute the Consent Judgment on behalf of the Party represented and to legally bind that Party.

NO EFFECT ON OTHER SETTLEMENTS 14.

14.1. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall preclude CEH from resolving any claim against another entity on terms that are different from those contained in this Consent Judgment.

EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS 15.

15.1. The stipulations to this Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by means of facsimile, which taken together shall be deemed to constitute one document.

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