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11	ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER, INC., a non-profit California corporation,	Case No. RG17846998 [Assigned to Hon. George C. Hernandez, Jr.]	
12	Plaintiff, v.	NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT	
13	MXI CORP., individually and doing business as THE HEALTHY CHOCOLATE		
14	as THE HEALTHY CHOCOLATE COMPANY and DOES 1-25, Inclusive,		
15	Defendants.		
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17	TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTO	RNEYS OF RECORD:	
18	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Court	has entered Judgment in the above-entitled matter. A	
19	true and correct copy of the Judgment is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.		
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21	Dated: July 28, 2017	WRAITH LAW	
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24		William F. Wraith Attorney for Plaintiff Environmental	
25		Research Center	
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15	COUNTY OF	ALAMEDA	
16 17	ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER. INC., a non-profit California corporation.	CASE NO. RG17846998	
18	Plaintiff,	STIPULATED CONSENT JUDGMENT	
19	V.	Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 et seq.	
20	MXI CORP., individually and doing business as THE HEALTHY CHOCOLATE	Action Filed: January 25, 2017	
21	COMPANY and DOES 1-25, Inclusive,	Trial Date: None set	
22	Defendants.		
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25	1. INTRODUCTION		
26	1.1 On January 25, 2017, Plaintiff Environmental Research Center, Inc. ("ERC"),		
27	a non-profit corporation, as a private enforcer and		
28	filing a Complaint for Injunctive and Relief and (		
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1	provisions of California Health and Safety Code section 25249.5 et seq. ("Proposition 65"),	
2	against MXI CORP., individually and doing business as THE HEALTHY CHOCOLATE	
3	COMPANY ("MXI") and DOES 1-25. In this action, ERC alleges that certain products	
4	manufactured, distributed, or sold by MXI contain lead and/or cadmium, chemicals listed under	
5	Proposition 65 as carcinogens and reproductive toxins, and expose consumers to these chemicals	
6	at a level requiring a Proposition 65 warning. These products (referred to hereinafter	
7	individually as a "Covered Product" or collectively as "Covered Products") are:	
8	1) The Healthy Chocolate Company XOCAI Healthy Chocolate Co. XOLOVE	
9	Chocolate Love Bites – Lead, Cadmium	
10	2) The Healthy Chocolate Company XOCAI Healthy Chocolate Co. Dark	
П	Chocolate XoBiotic Squares – Lead, Cadmium	
12	3) The Healthy Chocolate Company XOCAI Healthy Chocolate Co. Dark	
13	Chocolate Omega Squares – Lead	
14	4) XO Lifestyle Worldwide XOCAI Healthy Chocolate Dark Chocolate	
15	Nuggets with Acai and Blueberry + Lead, Cadmium	
16	5) MXI Corp XOCAI High-Antioxidant Meal-Replacement Extreme Dark	
17	Chocolate – Lead, Cadmium	
18	6) XO Lifestyle Worldwide XOCAI Healthy Chocolate Healthy Chocolate	
19	Beverage Activ with Acai and Blueberry – Lead, Cadmium	
20	7) The Healthy Chocolate Company XOCAI Healthy Chocolate Co. Extreme	
21	Dark Chocolate X-Power Squares with Acai and Blueberry - Cadmium	
22	<b>1.2</b> ERC and MXI are hereinafter referred to individually as a "Party" or	
23	collectively as the "Parties."	
24	1.3 ERC is a 501 (c)(3) California non-profit corporation and alleges that it is	
25	dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by reducing	
26	the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals. facilitating a safe environment for	
27	consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility.	
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I.4 For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the Parties agree that MXI is a business
 entity and manufactures, distributes, and/or sells the Covered Products. The Parties further agree
 MXI employed ten or more persons at times relevant to this action and MXI qualified as a "person
 in the course of business" within the meaning of Proposition 65.

5 1.5 The Complaint is based on allegations contained in ERC's Notices of Violation dated March 30, 2016 and November 14, 2016 that were served on the California Attorney 6 General, other public enforcers, and MXI ("Notices"). True and correct copies of the 60-Day 7 Notices dated March 30, 2016 and November 14, 2016 are attached hereto as Exhibits A and B 8 respectively and each is incorporated herein by reference. More than 60 days have passed since 9 the Notices were served on the Attorney General, public enforcers, and MX1, and no designated 10 governmental entity has filed a complaint against MXI with regard to the Covered Products or 11 12 the alleged violations.

13 1.6 ERC's Notices and Complaint allege that use of the Covered Products exposes
 14 persons in California to lead and/or cadmium without first providing clear and reasonable
 15 warnings in violation of California Health and Safety Code section 25249.6. MXI denies all
 16 material allegations contained in the Notices and Complaint.

17 1.7 The Parties have entered into this Consent Judgment in order to settle,
 compromise, and resolve disputed claims and thus avoid prolonged and costly litigation.
 Nothing in this Consent Judgment nor compliance with this Consent Judgment shall constitute or
 be construed as an admission by any of the Parties or by any of their respective officers.
 directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, franchisees.

licensees, customers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, or retailers of any fact, issue of law, or
violation of law.

1.8 Except as expressly set forth herein, nothing in this Consent Judgment shall
prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy, argument, or defense the Parties may have in any
current or future legal proceeding unrelated to these proceedings.

27 1.9 The Effective Date of this Consent Judgment is the date on which it is entered as
28 a Judgment by this Court.

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#### 2. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2 For purposes of this Consent Judgment and any further court action that may become necessary to enforce this Consent Judgment, the Parties stipulate that this Court has subject matter 3 4 jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the Complaint, personal jurisdiction over MXI as to the acts alleged in the Complaint, that venue is proper in Alameda County, and 5 that this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Judgment as a full and final resolution of all 6 claims up through and including the Effective Date which were or could have been asserted in this 7 action based on the facts alleged in the Notices and Complaint. 8

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## INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, REFORMULATION, TESTING AND WARNINGS

10 3.1 Beginning on the Effective Date, unless MXI no longer qualifies as a "Person in the course of doing business," as the term is defined in Cal. Health & Safety Code § 11 25249.11(b), including by employing fewer than 10 employees in its business, MXI shall be 12 permanently enjoined from manufacturing for sale in the State of California, "Distributing into 13 the State of California", or directly selling in the State of California, any Covered Products 14 which exposes a person to a "Daily Lead Exposure Level" of more than 0.5 micrograms of lead 15 per day and/or "Daily Cadmium Exposure Level" of more than 4.1 micrograms of cadmium per 16 day, calculated as set forth in Section 3.1.2, or unless it meets the warning requirements under 17 18 Section 3.2.

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3.1.1 As used in this Consent Judgment, the term "Distributing into the State of California" shall mean to directly ship a Covered Product into California for sale in 20California or to sell a Covered Product to a distributor that MXI knows or has reason to know 21 22 will sell the Covered Product in California.

23 3.1.2 For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the "Daily Lead Exposure Level" and "Daily Cadmium Exposure Level" shall be measured in micrograms, and shall be 24 calculated using the following formula: micrograms of lead or cadmium per gram of product. 25 26 but excluding any amounts of lead deemed "naturally occurring" as set forth in Section 3.1.4 below, multiplied by grams of product per serving of the product (using the largest serving size 27 appearing on the product label), multiplied by servings of the product per day (using the largest 28

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1 number of recommended daily servings appearing on the product label), which equals

2 micrograms of lead or cadmium exposure per day...

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3.1.4 For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the amount of lead deemed
4 "naturally occurring" in each of the Covered Products is the sum of the amounts of "naturally
5 occurring" lead from each ingredient listed in Table 3.1.4 below

### TABLE 3.1.4

8	Ingredient	Amount of Lead Per Gram of Ingredient Deemed "Naturally Occurring" For Purposes of This Consent Judgment Only.	
9	Cocoa Powder	1.0 µg	
10	Cocoa Liquor	1.0 μg	
12	Cocoa butter	0.1 μg	
13	Within thirty (30) days of ERC's written request, MXI must supply ERC with the		
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15	allowance is being applied. MXI is entitled to submit this information to ERC confidentially.		
16	3.2 Clear and Reasonable Warnings		
17	If MXI is required to provide a warning pursuant to Section 3.1, the following warning must		
[8]	be utilized ("Warning"):		
19 20 21	WARNING: Consuming this product can expose you to chemicals including [lead] [and] [cadmium] which is [are] known to the State of California to cause [cancer and] birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/food.		
22	MXI shall use the phrase "cancer and" in the Warning only if the "Daily Lead Exposure		
23	Level" is greater than 15 micrograms of lead as determined pursuant to the quality control		
24	methodology set forth in Section 3.4. The warning shall appropriately reflect whether there is		
25	either lead or cadmium present in each of the Covered Products in accordance with 22 Cal. Code		
26	Reg. tit. 27 § 25601(b) (as amended, operative August 30, 2018). If the phrase "cancer and" is		
27	used, the Warning must reflect that lead is present i		
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The Warning shall be securely affixed to or printed upon the container or label of each
 Covered Product. To the extent such a warning is affixed to or printed upon the container or label
 of a covered product, a website warning need not be provided.

The Warning shall be at least the same size as the largest of any other health or safety warnings also appearing on its website or on the label or container of MXI's product packaging and the word "WARNING" shall be in all capital letters and in bold print. No statements intended to or likely to have the effect of diminishing the impact of the Warning on the average lay person shall accompany the Warning. Further no statements may accompany the Warning that state or imply that the source of the listed chemical has an impact on or results in a less harmful effect of the listed chemical.

MXI must display the above Warning with such conspicuousness, as compared with other
words, statements, design of the label, container, or on its website, as applicable, to render the
Warning likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions of
purchase or use of the product.

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### 3.3 Reformulated Covered Products

A Reformulated Covered Product is one for which the "Daily Lead Exposure Level" is no
greater than 0.5 micrograms of lead per day and/or "Daily Cadmium Exposure Level" is no more
than 4.1 micrograms of cadmium per day as determined by the quality control methodology
described in Section 3.4.

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# Testing and Quality Control Methodology

21 3.4.1 Within one year of the Effective Date, unless MXI no longer qualifies as a "Person in the course of doing business," as the term is defined in Cal. Health & Safety Code 22 § 25249.11(b), including by employing fewer than 10 employees in its business, MXI shall 23 arrange for lead and/or cadmium testing of the Covered Products at least once a year for a 24 minimum of three consecutive years by arranging for testing of five randomly selected samples 25 from two or more lots of each of the Covered Products, in the form intended for sale to the end-26 user, which MXI intends to sell or is manufacturing for sale in California, directly selling to a 27 consumer in California or "Distributing into the State of California." The tem "lot" as used 28

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herein shall mean a manufacturing cycle or series of manufacturing cycles producing Covered
 Products that are designated with the same date code.

3.4.2 For purposes of measuring the "Daily Lead Exposure Level" and/or
4 "Daily Cadmium Exposure Level," the arithmetic mean lead and/or cadmium dectection result
5 of the five (5) randomly selected samples from two or more lots of each Covered Product will
6 be controlling.

3.4.3 All testing pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be performed using a
laboratory method that complies with the performance and quality control factors appropriate
for the method used, including limit of detection, qualification, accuracy, and precision that
meets the following criteria: Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry ("ICP-MS")
achieving a limit of quantification of less than or equal to 0.010 mg/kg or any other testing
method subsequently agreed to in writing by the Parties and approved by the Court through
entry of a modified consent judgment.

3.4.4 All testing pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be performed by an
independent third party laboratory certified by the California Environmental Laboratory
Accreditation Program or an independent third-party laboratory that is registered with the
United States Food & Drug Administration.

3.4.5 Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall limit MXI's ability to conduct.
or require that others conduct, additional testing of the Covered Products, including the raw
materials used in their manufacture.

3.4.6 Within thirty (30) days of ERC's written request, MXI shall deliver lab
reports obtained pursuant to Section 3.4 to ERC. MXI shall retain all test results and
documentation for a period of five years from the date of each test.

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### SETTLEMENT PAYMENT

4.1 In full satisfaction of all potential civil penalties, additional settlement payments.
attorney's fees, and costs. MXI shall make a total payment of one hundred eighty seven
thousand five hundred dollars (\$187,500.00) ("Total Settlement Amount") to ERC within 5
business days of the service of a copy of the order approving the settlement and entry of this

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Consent Judgment ("Due Date"). MXI shall make this payment by wire transfer to ERC's
 escrow account, for which ERC will give MXI the necessary account information. The Total
 Settlement amount shall initially be deposited in the Client Trust Account of Seyfarth Shaw
 LLP within 30 days of the execution of this Stipulated Consent Judgment. The Total Settlement
 Amount shall be apportioned as follows:

4.2 \$66.598.40 shall be considered a civil penalty pursuant to California Health and
Safety Code section 25249.7(b)(1). ERC shall remit 75% (\$49.948.80) of the civil penalty to
the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") for deposit in the Safe
Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Fund in accordance with California Health and Safety
Code section 25249.12(c). ERC will retain the remaining 25% (\$16.649.60) of the civil
penalty.

4.3 \$16.677.75 shall be distributed to ERC as reimbursement to ERC for reasonable
costs incurred in bringing this action.

14 4.4 \$49,948.71 shall be distributed to ERC as an Additional Settlement Payment 15 ("ASP"), pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 11, sections 3203, subdivision (d) and 3204. ERC will utilize the ASP for activities that address the same public harm as allegedly 16 17 caused by MXI in this matter. These activities are detailed below and support ERC's stated 18 overarching goal of reducing and/or eliminating hazardous and toxic chemicals in dietary 19 supplement products in California. ERC represents that its activities have had, and will continue 20 to have, a direct and primary effect within the State of California because California consumers 21 will be benefitted by the reduction and/or elimination of exposure to lead and/or cadmium in 22 dietary supplements and/or by providing clear and reasonable warnings to California consumers 23 prior to ingestion of the products.

Based on a review of past years' actual budgets, ERC is providing the following list of
activities ERC engages in to protect California consumers through Proposition 65 citizen
enforcement, along with a breakdown of how ASP funds will be utilized to facilitate those
activities: (1) ENFORCEMENT (65-80%): obtaining, shipping, analyzing, and testing dietary
supplement products that may contain lead and/or cadmium and are sold to California

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I consumers. This work includes continued monitoring and enforcement of past consent judgments 2 and settlements to ensure companies are in compliance with their obligations thereunder, with a 3 specific focus on those judgments and settlements concerning lead and/or cadmium. This work 4 also includes investigation of new companies that ERC does not obtain any recovery through 5 settlement or judgment; (2) VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE PROGRAM (10-20%); maintaining ERC's Voluntary Compliance Program by acquiring products from companies, developing and 6 7 maintaining a case file, testing products from these companies, providing the test results and supporting documentation to the companies, and offering guidance in warning or implementing a 8 0 self-testing program for lead and/or cadmium in dietary supplement products; and (3) "GOT LEAD" PROGRAM (up to 5%): maintaining ERC's "Got Lead?" Program which reduces the 10 11 numbers of contaminated products that reach California consumers by providing access to free 12 testing for lead in dietary supplement products (Products submitted to the program are screened 13 for ingredients which are suspected to be contaminated, and then may be purchased by ERC, catalogued, sent to a qualified laboratory for testing, and the results shared with the consumer 14 15 that submitted the product).

ERC shall be fully accountable in that it will maintain adequate records to document and will be able to demonstrate how the ASP funds will be spent and can assure that the funds are being spent only for the proper, designated purposes described in this Consent Judgment. ERC shall provide the Attorney General, within thirty days of any request, copies of documentation demonstrating how such funds have been spent.

4.5 \$23,905.00 shall be distributed to William F. Wraith as reimbursement of ERC's
attorney's fees, while \$30,370.14 shall be distributed to ERC for its in-house legal fees. Except
as explicitly provided herein, each Party shall bear its own fees and costs.

4.6 In the event that MXI fails to remit the Total Settlement Amount owed under
Section 4 of this Consent Judgment on or before the Due Date, MXI shall be deemed to be in
material breach of its obligations under this Consent Judgment. ERC shall provide written
notice of the delinquency to MXI via electronic mail. If MXI fails to deliver the Total
Settlement Amount within five (5) days from the written notice, the Total Settlement Amount

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### MODIFICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

5 5.1 This Consent Judgment may be modified only as to injunctive terms (i) by
6 written stipulation of the Parties or pursuant to Section 5.4 and (ii) upon entry by the Court of a
7 modified consent judgment.

8 5.2 If MXI seeks to modify this Consent Judgment under Section 5.1, then MXI 9 must provide written notice to ERC of its intent ("Notice of Intent"). If ERC seeks to meet and 10 confer regarding the proposed modification in the Notice of Intent, then ERC must provide written notice to MXI within thirty (30) days of receiving the Notice of Intent. If ERC notifies 11 MXI in a timely manner of ERC's intent to meet and confer, then the Parties shall meet and 12 13 confer in good faith as required in this Section. The Parties shall meet in person or via 14 telephone within thirty (30) days of ERC's notification of its intent to meet and confer. Within thirty (30) days of such meeting, if ERC disputes the proposed modification, ERC shall provide 15 to MXI a written basis for its position. The Parties shall continue to meet and confer for an 16 17 additional thirty (30) days in an effort to resolve any remaining disputes. Should it become necessary, the Parties may agree in writing to different deadlines for the meet-and-confer 18 19 period.

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5.3 In the event that MXI initiates or otherwise requests a modification under Section 5.1, and the meet and confer process leads to a joint motion or application of the Consent Judgment, MXI shall reimburse ERC its costs and reasonable attorney's fees for the time spent in the meet-and-confer process and filing and arguing the motion or application.

5.4 Where the meet-and-confer process does not lead to a joint motion or application
in support of a modification of the Consent Judgment, then either Party may seek judicial relief
on its own. In any such contested court proceeding. ERC may seek any attorney's fees and costs
incurred in opposing the motion pursuant to 1021.5.

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## 6. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION, ENFORCEMENT OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

3 6.1 This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to enforce, modify, or terminate
4 this Consent Judgment.

5 6.2 If ERC alleges that any Covered Product fails to qualify as a Reformulated Covered Product (for which ERC alleges that no Warning has been provided), then ERC shall 6 inform MXI in a reasonably prompt manner of its test results, including information sufficient 7 to permit MXI to identify the Covered Products at issue. MXI shall, within thirty (30) days 8 9 following such notice, provide ERC with testing information, from an independent third-party laboratory meeting the requirements of Sections 3.4.3 and 3.4.4, demonstrating MXI's 10 compliance with the Consent Judgment, if warranted. The Parties shall first attempt to resolve 11 12 the matter prior to ERC taking any further legal action.

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### APPLICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

This Consent Judgment may apply to, be binding upon, and benefit the Parties and their
respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries,
divisions, predecessors, successors, and assigns. This Consent Judgment shall have no
application to any Covered Product which is distributed or sold exclusively outside the State of
California and which MXI has no reason to know will be distributed or sold to a consumer in
California.

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### BINDING EFFECT, CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

21 8.1 This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between ERC. on behalf of itself and in the public interest, and MXI and its respective officers, directors. 22 shareholders, employees, agents, attorneys, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, suppliers, 23 24 franchisees, licensees, customers (not including private label customers of MX1), distributors, wholesalers, retailers, and all other upstream and downstream entities in the distribution chain 25 of any Covered Product, and the predecessors, successors, and assigns of any of them 26 (collectively, "Released Parties"). ERC acting on its own behalf and in the public interest 27 hereby fully releases and discharges the Released Parties from any and all claims, actions, 28 Page 11 of 17

causes of action, suits, demands, liabilities, damages, penalties, fees, costs, and expenses
 asserted, or that could have been asserted from the handling, use, or consumption of the
 Covered Products, as to any alleged violation of Proposition 65 or its implementing regulations
 arising from the failure to provide Proposition 65 warnings on the Covered Products regarding
 lead and/or cadmium up to and including the Effective Date.

8.2 ERC on its own behalf only, and MXI on its own behalf only, further waive
and release any and all claims they may have against each other for all actions or statements
made or undertaken in the course of seeking or opposing enforcement of Proposition 65 in
connection with the Notices and Complaint up through and including the Effective Date.
provided, however, that nothing in Section 8 shall affect or limit any Party's right to seek to
enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment.

12 It is possible that other claims not known to the Parties, arising out of the facts 8.3 alleged in the Notices and Complaint, and relating to the Covered Products, will develop or be 13 discovered. ERC on behalf of itself only, and MXI on behalf of itself only, acknowledge that [4]this Consent Judgment is expressly intended to cover and include all such claims up through 15 and including the Effective Date, including all rights of action therefore. ERC and MXI 16 acknowledge that the claims released in Sections 8.1 and 8.2 above may include unknown 17 claims, and nevertheless waive California Civil Code section 1542 as to any such unknown 18 claims. California Civil Code section 1542 reads as follows: 19 20 A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER 21 FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS 22 OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR. ERC on behalf of itself only, and MXI on behalf of itself only, acknowledge and understand the 23 significance and consequences of this specific waiver of California Civil Code section 1542. 24 25 Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment shall be deemed to 8.4 constitute compliance with Proposition 65 by any of the Released Parties regarding alleged 26 exposures to lead and/or cadmium in the Covered Products as set forth in the Notices and 27

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F	8.5 Nothing in this Consent Judgment is intended to apply to any occupational or	
2	environmental exposures arising under Proposition 65, nor shall it apply to any of MXI's	
3	products other than the Covered Products.	
4	9. SEVERABILITY OF UNENFORCEABLE PROVISIONS	
5	In the event that any of the provisions of this Consent Judgment are held by a court to be	
6	unenforceable, the validity of the remaining enforceable provisions shall not be adversely affected.	
7	10. GOVERNING LAW	
8	The terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by and construed in	
9	accordance with the laws of the State of California.	
10	11. PROVISION OF NOTICE	
ш	All notices required to be given to either Party to this Consent Judgment by the other shall	
12	be in writing and sent to the following agents listed below via first-class mail. Courtesy copies via	
13	email may also be sent	
14	FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER, INC.:	
15	Chris Heptinstall, Executive Director, Environmental Research Center 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400	
16	San Diego, CA 92108	
17	Tel: (619) 500-3090 Email: chris_erc501c3@yahoo.com	
18	With a copy to:	
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20	24422 Avenida de la Carlota, Suite 400	
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23	MXI CORP., individually and doing business as	
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6	Email: jconnofly@seyfarth.com		
7	12. COURT APPROVAL		
8	12.1 Upon execution of this Consent Judgment by the Parties, ERC shall notice a		
9	Motion for Court Approval. The Parties shall use their best efforts to support entry of this		
10	Consent Judgment,		
н	12.2 If the California Attorney General objects to any term in this Consent Judgment,		
12	the Parties shall use their best efforts to resolve the concern in a timely manner, and if possible		
13	prior to the hearing on the motion.		
14	12.3 If this Stipulated Consent Judgment is not approved by the Court, it shall be		
15	void and have no force or effect.		
16	13. EXECUTION AND COUNTERPARTS		
17	This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts, which taken together shall be		
18	deemed to constitute one document. A facsimile or .pdf signature shall be construed to be as valid		
19	as the original signature.		
20	14. DRAFTING		
21	The terms of this Consent Judgment have been reviewed by the respective counsel for each		
22	Party prior to its signing, and each Party has had an opportunity to fully discuss the terms and		
23	conditions with legal counsel. The Parties agree that, in any subsequent interpretation and		
24	construction of this Consent Judgment, no inference, assumption, or presumption shall be drawn,		
25	and no provision of this Consent Judgment shall be construed against any Party, based on the fact		
26	that one of the Parties and/or one of the Parties' legal counsel prepared and/or drafted all or any		
27	portion of the Consent Judgment. It is conclusively presumed that all of the Parties participated		
28	equally in the preparation and drafting of this Consent Judgment.		
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### 15. GOOD FAITH ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE DISPUTES

If a dispute arises with respect to either Party's compliance with the terms of this Consent
Judgment entered by the Court, the Parties shall meet and confer in person, by telephone, and/or in
writing and endeavor to resolve the dispute in an amicable manner. No action or motion may be
filed in the absence of such a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute beforehand.

**16. ENFORCEMENT** 

ERC may, by motion or order to show cause before the Superior Court of Alameda
County, enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Consent Judgment. In any action
brought by ERC to enforce this Consent Judgment. ERC may seek whatever fines, costs,
penalties, or remedies as are provided by faw for failure to comply with the Consent Judgment.

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### 17. ENTIRE AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZATION

17.1 This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and
understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter herein, and any and all
prior discussions, negotiations, commitments, and understandings related hereto. No
representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those contained herein have
been made by any Party. No other agreements, oral or otherwise, unless specifically referred to
herein, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any Party.

18 17.2 Each signatory to this Consent Judgment certifies that he or she is fully
19 authorized by the Party he or she represents to stipulate to this Consent Judgment.

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### 18. REQUEST FOR FINDINGS, APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AND ENTRY OF

### CONSENT JUDGMENT

(2)

This Consent Judgment has come before the Court upon the request of the Parties. The
Parties request the Court to fully review this Consent Judgment and, being fully informed
regarding the matters which are the subject of this action, to:

(1) Find that the terms and provisions of this Consent Judgment represent a fair and
equitable settlement of all matters raised by the allegations of the Complaint that the matter has
been diligently prosecuted, and that the public interest is served by such settlement; and

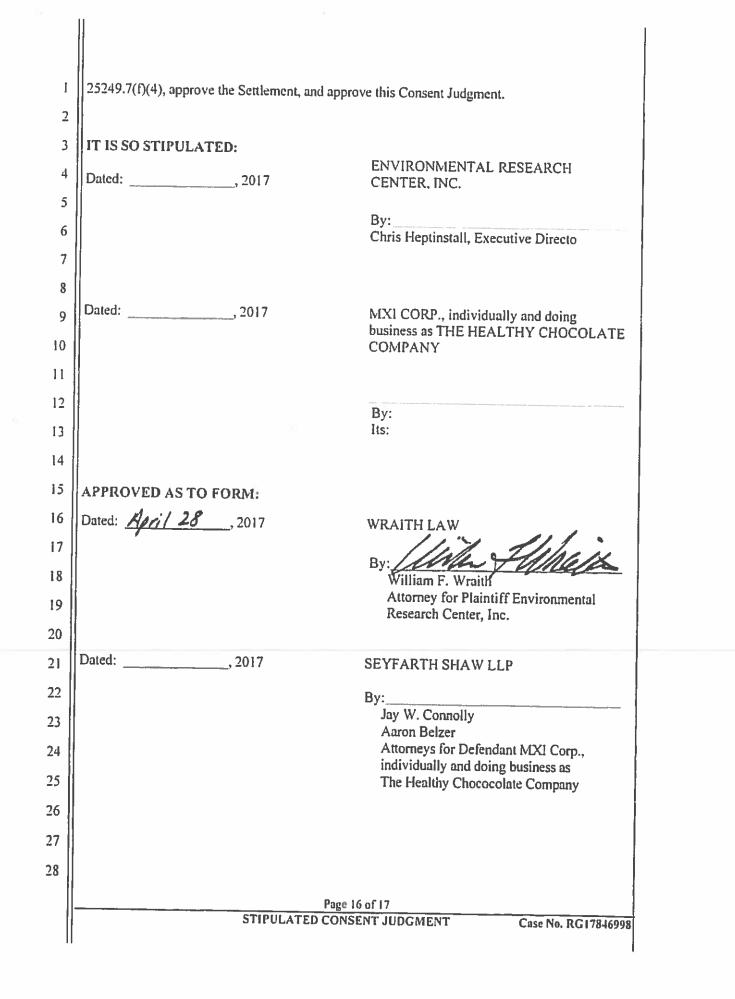
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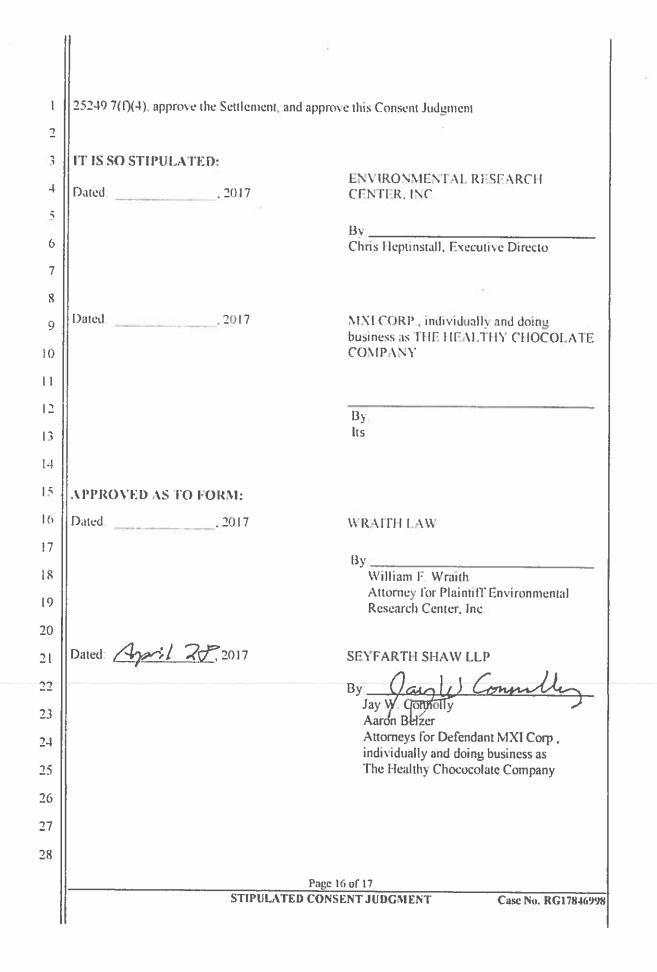
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19		Attorney for Plaintiff Environmental Research Center, Inc.
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23		Jay W. Connolly Aaron Belzer
24	5	Attorneys for Defendant MXI Corp., individually and doing business as
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2	ORDER AND JUDGMENT Based upon the Parties' Stipulation, and upon the rest and upon the Parties' Stipulation.
3	Based upon the Parties' Stipulation, and good cause appearing, this Consent Judgment is approved and Judgment is hereby entered according to its terms.
4	IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED.
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# **EXHIBIT "A"**

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### WRAITH LAW

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March 30, 2016

### NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.5 ET SEQ. (PROPOSITION 65)

Dear Alleged Violator and the Appropriate Public Enforcement Agencies:

I represent Environmental Research Center, Inc. ("ERC"), 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108; Tel. (619) 500-3090. ERC's Executive Director is Chris Heptinstall. ERC is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by bringing about a reduction in the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility.

ERC has identified violations of California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 ("Proposition 65"), which is codified at California Health & Safety Code §25249.5 *et seq.*, with respect to the products identified below. These violations have occurred and continue to occur because the alleged Violator identified below failed to provide required clear and reasonable warnings with these products. This letter serves as a notice of these violations to the alleged Violator and the appropriate public enforcement agencies. Pursuant to Section 25249.7(d) of the statute, ERC intends to file a private enforcement action in the public interest 60 days after effective service of this notice unless the public enforcement agencies have commenced and are diligently prosecuting an action to rectify these violations.

<u>General Information about Proposition 65</u>. A copy of a summary of Proposition 65, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, is attached with the copy of this letter served to the alleged Violator identified below.

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<u>Consumer Products and Listed Chemicals</u>. The products that are the subject of this notice and the chemicals in those products identified as exceeding allowable levels are:

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Cadmium was officially listed as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity and male reproductive toxicity on May 1, 1997 while Cadmium and Cadmium Compounds were listed as chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer on October 1, 1987. It should be noted that ERC may continue to investigate other products that may reveal further violations and result in subsequent notices of violations.

**Route of Exposure.** The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the purchase, acquisition, handling and recommended use of these products. Consequently, the primary route of exposure to these chemicals has been and continues to be through ingestion, but may have also occurred and may continue to occur through inhalation and/or dermal contact.

Approximate Time Period of Violations. Ongoing violations have occurred every day since at least March 30, 2013, as well as every day since the products were introduced into the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users or until these known toxic chemicals are either removed from or reduced to allowable levels in the products. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to the identified chemicals. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product label. The Violator violated Proposition 65 because it failed to provide persons handling and/or using these products with appropriate warnings that they are being exposed to these chemicals.

Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and a desire to have these ongoing violations of California law quickly rectified, ERC is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter that includes an enforceable written agreement by the Violator to: (1) reformulate the identified products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemicals, or provide appropriate warnings on the labels of these products; (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty; and (3) provide clear and reasonable warnings compliant with

Proposition 65 to all persons located in California who purchased the above products in the last three years. Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemicals, as well as an expensive and time consuming litigation.

ERC has retained me as legal counsel in connection with this matter. Please direct all communications regarding this Notice of Violations to my attention at the law office address and telephone number indicated on the letterhead.

Sincerely,

William Fulaith

William F. Wraith

Attachments

Certificate of Merit Certificate of Service OEHHA Summary (to MXI Corp., individually and doing business as Xocai and its Registered Agent for Service of Process only) Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to AG only)

### **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

### Re: Environmental Research Center, Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by MXI Corp., individually and doing business as Xocai

I, William F. Wraith, declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached 60-day notice in which it is alleged the party identified in the notice violated California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.

2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.

3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemicals that are the subject of the notice.

4. Based on the information obtained through those consultants, and on other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiff's case can be established and that the information did not prove that the alleged Violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.

5. Along with the copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General is attached additional factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in California Health & Safety Code §25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: March 30, 2016

William Fulaith

William F. Wraith

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct:

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years of age, and am not a party to the within entitled action. My business address is 306 Joy Street, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742. I am a resident or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. The envelope or package was placed in the mail at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

On March 30, 2016, 1 served the following documents: NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; "THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY" on the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party listed below and depositing it at a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

Current President or CEO MXI Corp., individually and doing business as Xocai 795 Trademark Drive Reno, NV 89521 Nathan M. Jenkins (MXI Corp., individually and doing business as Xocai's Registered Agent for Service of Process) 501 Hammill Lane Reno, NV 89511

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Office of the California Attorney General Prop 65 Enforcement Reporting 1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000 Oakland, CA 94612-0550

On March 30, 2016, I verified the following documents NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT were served on the following parties when a true and correct copy thereof was sent via electronic mail to the party listed below:

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Jeff W. Reisig, District Attorney Yolo County 301 Second Street Woodland, CA 95695 cfepd@yolocounty.org

On March 30, 2016, 1 served the following documents: NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT on each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto, and depositing it at a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Priority Mail.

Executed on March 30, 2016, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

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# Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code §25249.5 *et seq.* March 30, 2016 <u>Service List</u>

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# EXHIBIT "B"

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November 14, 2016

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Dated: November 14, 2016

William Fulaith

William F. Wraith

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I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct:

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