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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

SHEFA LMV, INC.,

Plaintiff,

ARIZONA TILE SUPPLY, INC.; STONEPEAK CERAMICS, INC.; MULIA, INC.; NATIVE TRAILS, INC.; LA FUENTE, LLC; LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.; and DOES 1 to 50, Inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: RG17854993

The Honorable Brad Seligman

JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO PROPOSED | SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AS TO NATIVE TRAILS, INC.

Action filed: March 29, 2017

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This Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") is entered into by and between Shefa LMV Inc. ("Shefa") and Native Trails, Inc. ("Settling Defendant"), with Shefa and Settling Defendant each individually referred to as a "Party," and collectively as the "Parties."

- The products covered by this Settlement Agreement are ceramic tile products manufactured, distributed, and/or sold by Settling Defendant that allegedly expose users to lead and/or lead compounds ("Lead" or "Pb"), including, but not limited to, the Talavera Asters Native Trails tile, with an identification number of SKU: TVR0336 (the "Covered Products"):
  - 4.3 Lead and lead compounds are hereinafter referred to as the "Listed Chemicals."
- 1.4 On or about March 30, 2016 and again on June 10, 2016, Shefa mailed a 60-Day Notice of Violation pursuant to Proposition 65 (The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.5, et seq.) to 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.
  - On March 29, 2017, Shefa filed the Complaint in the instant action.
- Shefa alleges that the 60-Day Notice of Violation alleged violations of Proposition 65 with respect to exposure to the Listed Chemicals when consumers cut or grind the Covered Products sold, distributed, and/or manufactured by Settling Defendant.
- Settling Defendant denies the alleged violations asserted against it in the Complaint and deny they have any liability under Proposition 65...
- Settling Defendant further denies that normal use of the Covered Products will result in any exposure to the Listed Chemicals that would require a warning pursuant to Proposition 65.
- Shefa alleges that: (i) this Court has jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the operative Complaint applicable to Settling Defendant 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 approve this Settlement Agreement as a full

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and final settlement of all claims that were raised in the Complaint. For purposes of this Settlement Agreement only, the Settling Defendant does not contest those allegations.

- 1.10 Nothing in this Settlement Agreement is, or shall be construed, as an admission by the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with the Settlement Agreement constitute or be construed as an admission by the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law.
- 1.11 Further, Settling Defendant denies the material, factual, and legal allegations contained in the 60-Day Notices and in the operative Complaint, and maintains all the products that Settling Defendant has imported, manufactured, distributed, wholesaled, or retailed for sale in California, including the Covered Products, have been and are in compliance with all laws, including but not limited to Proposition 65.
- 1.12 Except as expressly set forth herein, nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy, argument, complaint, or defense the Parties may have in any other or future legal proceeding unrelated to this specific proceeding.
- This Settlement Agreement is the product of negotiation and compromise and is accepted by the Parties for purposes of settling, compromising, and resolving issues disputed in this action.
- 1.14 The term "Effective Date" means the date on which this Settlement Agreement is approved and entered by the Court as discussed in Paragraph 9 of this Settlement Agreement.

#### 2. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

- 2.1 Commencing on the Effective Date, Defendant shall only sell or offer for sale in California Covered Products that are Compliant Products, or shall provide warnings in accordance with this Settlement Agreement.
- 2.2 "Compliant Products" are defined as those Covered Products containing the Listed Chemical in a concentration less than or equal to 100 parts per million ("ppm"). This reformulation standard is based upon levels set by the Consumer Products Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA); CPSIA for lead in non-metals is 100 ppm.

- 2.3 The 100 ppm standard reformulation will be based upon analysis for "total" lead, including the bisque and glaze combined in a representative aliquot of the tile. The basis for this analysis standard is when both elements are pulverized together when power tools are used, so both contribute to exposure:
- 2.4 In order to prove compliance with the above reformulation standard, Settling Defendant may use one (or all) of the three following methods of analysis:
  - 2.4.1 CPSC-CH-E1002-08.1 Method (i.e. the CPSIA method)—correlating to the reformulation standard, the laboratory will use hydrofluoric acid to break down the tiles for analysis.
  - 2.4.2 EPA6200 Method—the laboratory will use this method for total Pb analysis after pulverizing the sample in a cryo-mill to ~60 mesh so the material is homogenized to get actual concentration of Pb.
  - 2.4.3 Lithium borate fusion followed by ICP/MS = after the sample is milled, the laboratory of choice would use this mineral industry method of analysis.
- 2.5 Whenever a clear and reasonable warning is required under Section 2.1 for Covered Product offered for sale in the State of California, it shall state one of the warnings described in Section 2.7 in such a conspicuous and prominent manner as to be likely to be read and understood by the consumer under customary conditions of purchase or use.
- 2.6 Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall require (1) Settling Defendant to provide warnings on or with any Covered Products other than those it manufactures or sells in packaging bearing its name or trademark, or (2) Settling Defendant to provide any warnings other than the warnings identified in subparagraph 2.7:
- 2.7 The Parties agree that any of the following warnings shall constitute a Compliant.

  Warning for the Listed Chemical in the Covered Products:

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provided by existing regulations; or

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consisting of a black exclamation point in a yellow equilateral triangle with a bold black outline sized to be no smaller than the word, "WARNING" as provided by regulations adopted on or about August 30, 2016; or

cause cancer and reproductive harm. For more information go to

the text, "WARNING Cancer and Reproductive Harm www.P65Warnings.ca.gov." accompanied by and placed to the right of a symbol consisting of a black exclamation point in a yellow equilateral triangle with a bold black outline sized to be no smaller than the word, "WARNING" as provided by regulations adopted on or about August 30, 2016.

the text, "WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the

the text, "WARNING This product can expose you to chemicals,

State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm." as

including lead and lead compounds, which is known to the State of California to

www.P65Warnings.ca.gov." accompanied by and placed to the right of a symbol

- Nothing in this Settlement Agreement requires that warnings be provided for Covered Products sold for use outside the State of California.
- The Parties understand and acknowledge that Proposition 65 permits warnings to be provided through mechanisms such as point-of-sale signs, which are not product labels and do not travel with products through interstate commerce. The use of other warning methods, such as labels and in-manual warnings under this Settlement Agreement, is consented to by the parties to the Settlement Agreement, and shall not be construed to mean those methods are the only lawful means of compliance with Proposition 65.
- Settling Defendant shall use any (or all) of the following methods to provide the warnings required by this Settlement Agreement:
  - Inclusion in every Master Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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the specifications in this Settlement Agreement, Defendant may modify the content and delivery methods of its warnings to conform to the modified or amended provisions of Proposition 65 or its regulations.

#### 3. PAYMENTS

- 3.1 Within five (5) business days of the Effective Date, Shefa shall notify Settling

  Defendant that the Settlement Agreement has become effective. Within ten (10) business days
  following the date of notice by Shefa to Settling Defendant of the Effective Date, Settling

  Defendant shall make a Total Settlement Payment of \$11,250.00 by delivering checks payable to

  "Shefa LMV, Inc." and "Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum" as set forth below to counsel for
  Shefa.
  - 3.2 The funds paid by Settling Defendant shall be allocated as follows:
    - a. Civil Penalty. A civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00 payable to "Shefa LMV, Inc.," pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b), with such money to be apportioned and distributed by Shefa in accordance with Health & Safety Code § 25249.12 as follows: 25% to Shefa (\$250.00) and 75% to the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") (\$750.00)
    - b. Attorneys' Fees and Costs. A reimbursement of Shefa's attorney's fees and costs in the amount of \$10,250.00 payable to the "Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum."
- 3.3 Shefa shall provide and deliver to Settling Defendant a W-9 for each payment noted above upon request.

#### 4. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

- 4.1 Full and Binding Resolution of Proposition 65 Allegations: This Settlement Agreement is a full, final, and binding resolution between
  - (i) Shefa on behalf of itself and the public interest; and

(ii) Settling Defendant and their affiliates, their former affiliates, any person or entity who directly or indirectly owns or controls, is owned of controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with Settling Defendant, and their current and past directors, officers, employees; and attorneys ("Defendant Releasees"), and each entity to whom (or from whom) any of them directly or indirectly distribute, receive for distribution, and/or sell the Covered Products, including but not limited to distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members, licensors, and licensees ("Distributor Releasees"), of any violation of Proposition 65 that was or could have been asserted in the Complaint against Settling Defendant, Defendant Releasees, and Distributor Releasees, based on failure to warn about an alleged exposure to Lead from the reasonably foreseeable use of the Covered Products shipped; distributed, or sold by Settling Defendant, Defendant Releasees, and Distributor Releasees prior to 120 days after the Effective Date.

- 4.2 Individual Release: Shefa, on behalf of itself; its past and current agents, representatives; attorneys, and successors and/or assignees, and not in its representative capacity, hereby provides a release that shall be effective as a full and final accord and satisfaction; as a bar to all Claims under Proposition 65 and any other statutory or common law, that are or may be asserted against Settling Defendant; Defendant Releasees, and Distributor Releasees, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, arising out of alleged exposures to, and/or failure to warn of alleged exposures to. Lead from the Covered Products shipped, distributed, or sold prior to 120 days after the Effective Date by Settling Defendant, Defendant Releasees, and Distributor Releasees.
- 4.3. General Release: It is possible that other Claims not known to the Parties which arise out of the facts alleged in the Notices and/or the Complaint will develop or be discovered. Shefa, on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, and successors and/or assigns, and *not* in its representative capacity, acknowledges that this Settlement. Agreement is expressly intended to cover and include all such Claims, including all rights of action therefor. Shefa has full knowledge of the contents of Civil Code § 1542. Shefa

acknowledges that the Claims released in Sections 4.1 and 4.2 include unknown Claims, and Shefa nevertheless waives Civil Code § 1542 as to any such unknown Claims. Civil Code § 1542 reads as follows:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

Shefa, on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, and successors and/or assignees, and <u>not</u> in its representative capacity, acknowledges and understands the significance and consequences of this specific waiver of Civil Code § 1542.

- 4.4 Compliance with the terms of this Settlement Agreement by Settling Defendant shall constitute compliance with Proposition 65 by Settling Defendant, Defendant Releasees, and Distributor Releasees with respect to any alleged failure to warn about Lead in Covered Products manufactured, distributed, or sold by Settling Defendant, Defendant Releasees, and Distributor Releasees 120 days after the Effective Date.
- 4.5 Nothing in this Section 4 affects Shefa's right to commence or prosecute an action pursuant to Proposition 65 against any person other than Settling Defendant, Defendant Releasees, or Distributor Releasees.

#### 5. ENFORCEMENT

- 5.1 Shefa 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 Settlement Agreement.
- 5.2 Prior to bringing any motion or application to enforce the requirements of this Settlement Agreement, Shefa shall provide Settling Defendant with a Notice of Violation and proof of purchase and a copy of any test results which purportedly support the Notice of Violation.

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#### 8. COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(f)

8.1 Shefa agrees to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced in Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(f).

#### 9. COURT APPROVAL

9.1 This Settlement Agreement shall become effective upon entry by the Court of judgment pursuant to Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.7.

#### 10. OTHER TERMS

- 10.1 No supplementation, modification, waiver, or termination of this Settlement Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by the Party to be bound thereby, except as provided by ¶¶ 8.1 & 8.2.
- 10.2 No waiver of any of the provisions of this Settlement Agreement shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any of the other provisions hereof whether similar, nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver.
- 10.3 Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall release, or in any way affect any rights Settling Defendant might have against any other party, whether or not that party is a Defendant Releasee or Distributor Releasee.
- 10.4 This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to implement or modify the Settlement Agreement.
- 10.5 The Parties agree that, in any subsequent interpretation and construction of this Settlement Agreement, no inference, assumption, or presumption shall be drawn, and no provision of this Settlement Agreement shall be construed against any Party, since one of the Parties and/or one of the Parties' legal counsel prepared and/or drafted all or any portion of the Settlement Agreement.
- 10.6 It is conclusively presumed that all the Parties participated equally in the preparation and drafting of this Settlement Agreement.

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### 11. REQUEST FOR FINDINGS, APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AND ENTRY OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- This Settlement Agreement came before this Court upon the request of the Parties.
- The Parties request the Court to review this Settlement Agreement and to make the following findings pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f)(4):
  - The injunctive relief required by the Settlement Agreement complies with Health & Safety Code § 25249.7;
  - The reimbursement of fees and costs to be paid pursuant to the Settlement Agreement is reasonable under California law; and
  - The civil penalty amount to be paid pursuant to Settlement Agreement is reasonable.

AGREED TO:

Dated: 07/27/2017

Dated:

FOR: SHEFA LMV, INC.

Its: Director

FOR: NATIVE TRAILS, INC.

2	Please note that on, 2018 attraction Plaintiff Shefa LMV Inc.'s ("Plaintiff") Motion for			
3	Court Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Judgment as to Defendant Native			
4	Was granted. Trails, Inc. came for hearing before this Court in Department _ the Homorabite			
5	presiding Course for Plaintiff did (not) appear; counsel for Defendant did foot] appear.			
6	After full consideration of the points and authorities and related pleadings submitted, the Court			
7	GRANTED Plaintiff's Motion pursuant to and in accordance with Health & Safety Code			
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9	§25249.7(f)(4). The Court reviewed the above Settlement Agreement and makes the following			
10	findings pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f)(4):			
11	a. The injunctive relief required by the Settlement Agreement complies with Health			
12	& Safety Code § 25249 7			
13	b. The reimbursement of fees and costs to be paid pursuant-to the Settlement-			
14	Agreement is reasonable under California law, and			
15	c. The civil penalty=amount to be paid-pursuant to Settlement Agreement is-			
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17	HEREBY ADJUDGED and DECREED that judgment is entered			
18	The Settlement-Agreement is hereby approved, and the elerk is directed to enter judgment			
19	in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement above.			
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