Josh Voorhees, State Bar No. 241436 Christopher Tuttle, State Bar No. 264545 FILED THE CHANLER GROUP 2560 Ninth Street Parker Plaza, Suite 214 Berkeley, CA 94710-2565 AUG 0 3 2018 Telephone: (510) 848-8880 Facsimile: (510) 848-8118 CLERK OF THE COURT 5 josh@chanler.com ctuttle@chanler.com **Deputy Clerk** 6 Attorneys for Plaintiff PETER ENGLANDER 8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO 10 UNLIMITED CIVIL JURISDICTION 11 12 PETER ENGLANDER, Case No. CGC-17-562339 13 Plaintiff, 14 [PROPOSED] JUDGMENT PURSUANT **TO TERMS OF PROPOSITION 65** 15 ٧. SETTLEMENT AND CONSENT **JUDGMENT** DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION, et al., 16 August 3, 2018 Date: 17 Defendant. 9:30 a.m. Time: 302 Dept.: 18 Judge: Hon. Harold E. Kahn 19 Reservation No.: 06120803-11 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

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Plaintiff Peter Englander and defendant Dollar General Corporation having agreed through their respective counsel that Judgment be entered pursuant to the terms of their settlement agreement in the form of a stipulated judgment ("Consent judgment"), and following this Court's issuance of an order approving their Proposition 65 settlement and Consent Judgment, 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: 9/3/19

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

RICHARD ULMER

# EXHIBIT 1

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17	DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION, et al.,	Code Civ. Proc. § 664.6)
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#### 1. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

#### 1.1 Parties

This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between plaintiff Peter Englander ("Englander"), and Dollar General Corporation ("Dollar General"), with Englander and Dollar General each individually referred to as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

#### 1.2 Plaintiff

Englander is an individual residing in California who seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals and to improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer products.

#### 1.3 Defendant

Dollar General employs ten or more individuals and is a "person in the course of doing business" for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 et seq. ("Proposition 65").

### 1.4 General Allegations

Englander alleges that Dollar General imports, sells, or distributes for sale in California, vinyl/PVC ID holder components that contain di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate ("DEHP") without first providing the exposure warning required by Proposition 65. DEHP is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

#### 1.5 Product Description

The products covered by this Consent Judgment are DG Office ID holders #37072-2170, UPC #4 30000 65056 9 with vinyl/PVC components containing DEHP that are manufactured, imported, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale in California by Dollar General ("Products").

#### 1.6 Notice of Violation

On August 1, 2017, Englander served Dollar General, and the requisite public enforcement agencies with a 60-Day Notice of Violation ("Notice") alleging that Dollar General violated Proposition 65 by failing to warn its customers and consumers in California of the health hazards associated with exposures to DEHP from the Products. No public enforcer has commenced and is diligently prosecuting an action to enforce the violations alleged in the Notice.

#### 1.7 Complaint

On November 7, 2017, Englander filed the instant action ("Complaint"), naming Dollar General as a defendant for the alleged violations of Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 that are the subject of the Notice.

#### 1.8 No Admission

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

#### 1.9 Jurisdiction

For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over Dollar General as to the allegations in the Complaint, that venue is proper in the County of San Francisco, and that the Court has jurisdiction to enter and enforce the provisions of this Consent Judgment pursuant to Proposition 65 and Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6.

#### 1.10 Effective Date

For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term "Effective Date" means the date on which the Court enters an order approving this Consent Judgment.

## 2. <u>INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: PRODUCT REFORMULATION AND WARNINGS</u>

#### 2.1 Commitment to Reformulate or Warn

Commencing on the Effective Date and continuing thereafter, Dollar General agrees to only manufacture, import, distribute, sell or offer for sale in California, Products that are either (a) Reformulated Products as defined by Section 2.2, below, or (b) Products that bear a clear and reasonable health hazard warning pursuant to Section 2.3 below.

### 2.2 Reformulation Standard

For the purposes of this Consent Judgment, "Reformulated Products" are defined as Products that contain DEHP in concentrations that do not exceed 1,000 parts per million (0.1%) when analyzed pursuant to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") testing methodologies 3580A and 8270C or equivalent methodologies utilized by state or federal agencies for the purpose of determining DEHP content in a solid substance.

## 2.3 Clear and Reasonable Warnings

Commencing on the Effective Date, Dollar General shall provide clear and reasonable health hazard warnings for all non-Reformulated Products it sells or distributes in California. Dollar General agrees that the warning will be prominently placed with such conspicuousness when compared with other words, statements, designs, or devices as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions before purchase or use. For purposes of this Consent Judgment, a clear and reasonable warning shall consist of a warning affixed to or printed on the packaging, label, tag, or directly to a Product sold in California and containing the following statement:

## **AWARNING:**

This product can expose you to chemicals including DEHP, which is known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

## 3. MONETARY SETTLEMENT TERMS

## 3.1 Civil Penalty Payments

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b), and in settlement of all the claims referred to in the Notice, Complaint, and this Consent Judgment, Dollar General shall pay \$2,500 in civil penalties. The civil penalty payment shall be allocated according to Health and Safety Code section 25249.12(c)(1) and (d), with seventy-five percent (75%) of the penalty paid to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"), and the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of the penalty retained by Englander. Englander's counsel shall be responsible for

delivering OEHHA's portion of any penalty payment(s) made under this Consent Judgment. Dollar General shall provide its payment in a check made payable to "Peter Englander, Client Trust Account" in the amount of \$625 and a check made payable to "OEHHA" in the amount of \$1,875 to be delivered to the address provided in Section 3.3, below. Dollar General shall issue three separate 1099 forms to OEHHA, Englander and The Chanler Group for the respective amount paid to each under this agreement.

## 3.2 Reimbursement of Attorney's Fees and Costs

The parties acknowledge that Englander 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 this Consent Judgment had been settled. Shortly after the other settlement terms had been finalized, the Parties negotiated the compensation due to Englander and his counsel under general contract principles and the private attorney general doctrine codified at California Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5 for all work performed through the mutual execution of this Consent Judgment, and court approval of the same, but exclusive of fees and costs on appeal, if any. Under these legal principles, Dollar General shall pay \$26,000 for all fees and costs incurred by Englander investigating, bringing this matter to Dollar General's attention, litigating and negotiating a settlement in the public interest. Dollar General's payment shall be delivered to the address in Section 3.4 in a check payable to "The Chanler Group."

## 3.3 Payment Timing: Penalty for Late Payment

All payments due under this Consent Judgment shall be delivered to Englander's counsel within ten (10) days after the Effective Date. Dollar General agrees and represents that should any settlement payment required by this Consent Judgment be late or untimely, the Parties agree and acknowledge that (a) Dollar General shall be liable to Englander for an additional 10% late payment penalty for all unpaid or untimely amount(s); (b) Englander may seek to enforce Defendant's payment obligations under general contract principles and Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6; and (c) Englander shall be entitled to the reasonable fees incurred recovering any unpaid or untimely settlement payments pursuant to general contract principles and Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5.

## 3.4 Payment Address

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

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

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

## 4.1 Englander's Public Release of Proposition 65 Claims

Englander, acting on his own behalf and in the public interest, releases Dollar General and its parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities under common ownership, directors, officers, employees, and attorneys ("Releasees"), and each entity to whom Dollar General directly or indirectly distributes or sells the Products including, without limitation, its downstream customers, distributors, wholesalers, and retailers and each entity from whom Dollar General directly or indirectly obtains the Products, including, without limitation, its upstream manufacturers, distributors, and importers ("Additional Releasees") for any violation arising under Proposition 65 pertaining to the failure to warn about exposures to DEHP from Products sold or distributed for sale by Dollar General prior to the Effective Date, as set forth in the Notice. Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to exposures to DEHP from Products sold or distributed for sale by Dollar General after the Effective Date.

## 4.2 Englander's Individual Release of Claims

Englander, in his individual capacity only and *not* in any representative capacity, also provides a release to Dollar General, Releasees, and Additional Releasees, which shall be effective as a full and final accord and satisfaction, as a bar to all actions, causes of action, obligations, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, losses, claims, liabilities and demands of Englander of any nature, character or kind, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, arising out of alleged or actual exposures to DEHP in Products sold or distributed for sale by Dollar General before the Effective Date.

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## 4.3 Dollar General's Release of Englander

Dollar General, on its own behalf, and on behalf of its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against Englander, and his attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made by Englander, and his attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of investigating claims, otherwise seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against it in this matter, or with respect to the Products.

## 5. <u>COURT APPROVAL</u>

This Consent Judgment is not effective until it is approved and entered by the Court and shall be null and void if it is not approved and entered by the Court within one year after it has been fully executed by the Parties, or by such additional time as the Parties may agree in writing.

## 7. **GOVERNING LAW**

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, or is otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally or as to the Products, then Dollar General may provide written notice to Englander of any asserted change in the law, and shall have no further injunctive obligations pursuant to this Consent Judgment with respect to, and to the extent that, the Products are so affected.

## 8. NOTICE

Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notice required by 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) a recognized overnight courier to the following addresses:

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Kelly Collier, Vice President & Asst. General Counsel Dollar General Corporation 100 Mission Ridge Goodlettsville, TN 37072

#### with a copy to:

Jeffrey Margulies Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP 555 South Flower Street, Forty-First Floor Los Angeles, California 90071

#### For Englander:

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, a change of address to which all notices and other communications shall be sent.

## 6. **SEVERABILITY**

If, subsequent to the Court's approval and entry of this Consent Judgment as a judgment, any provision is held by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be adversely affected.

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

This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile signature, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same document.

## 10. POST EXECUTION ACTIVITIES

Englander agrees to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced in Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(f). The Parties further acknowledge that, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(f), a noticed motion is required to obtain judicial approval of the settlement, which motion Englander shall draft and file. In furtherance of obtaining such approval, the Parties agree to mutually employ their best efforts, and those of their counsel, to support the entry of this

agreement as judgment, and to obtain judicial approval of their settlement in a timely manner. For purposes of this Section, "best efforts" shall include, at a minimum, supporting the motion for approval, responding to any objection that any third-party may file or lodge, and appearing at the hearing before the Court if so requested.

## 11. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof, and any and all prior discussions, negotiations, commitments, or understandings related thereto, if any, are hereby merged herein and therein. There are no warranties, representations, or other agreements between the Parties except as expressly set forth herein. No representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those specifically referred to in this Consent Judgment have been made by any Party hereto. No other agreements not specifically contained or referenced herein, oral or otherwise, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the Parties hereto.

## 12. MODIFICATION

This Consent Judgment may be modified only by: (i) a written agreement of the Parties and entry of a modified consent judgment thereon by the Court; or (ii) a successful motion or application of any Party, and the entry of a modified consent judgment thereon by the Court.

## 13. <u>AUTHORIZATION</u>

The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment and acknowledge that they have read, understand, and agree to all of the terms and conditions contained herein.

AGREED TO:	AGREED TO:
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