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# SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

Case No.: RG20052139 Reservation No.: R-2159704

SECOND AMENDED [PROPESED]
JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO
TERMS OF PROPOSITION 65
SETTLEMENT AND CONSENT
JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANT
NOTHING BUNDT FRANCHISING,
LLC.

Date: September 17, 2020

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Dept.: 17

Judge: Hon. Frank Roesch

Case Filed: January 27, 2020

Trial Date: Not set

Plaintiff Kim Embry and Defendant Nothing Bundt Franchising, LLC. agreed through their respective counsel to enter judgment pursuant to the terms of their settlement in the form of a stipulated judgment ("Consent Judgment"). This Court issued an Order approving the Proposition 65 Settlement and Consent Judgment on System (7, 2020).

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**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH** 

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inclusive,

ADVOCATES, INC., an organization,

Plaintiff,

NOTHING BUNDT FRANCHISING, LLC, a

Defendants.

Nevada corporation, DOES 1 through 100,

1	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that, pursuant to Health and		
2	Safety Code, section 25249.7(f)(4) and Code of Civil Procedure, section 664.6, judgment is		
3	hereby entered in accordance with the terms of the Consent Judgment attached hereto as Exhibit		
4	<b>A</b> .		
5	By stipulation of the parties, the Court will retain jurisdiction to enforce the settlement		
6	under Code of Civil Procedure, section 664.6.		
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8	IT IS SO ORDERED.		
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# Exhibit A

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5 6 7 8 9	NICHOLAS & TOMASEVIC, LLP Craig M. Nicholas (SBN 178444) Jake Schulte (SBN 293777) 225 Broadway, Suite 1900 San Diego, California 92101 Tel: (619) 325-0492 Email: cnicholas@nicholaslaw.org Email: jschulte@nicholaslaw.org Attorneys for Plaintiff	•	
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# 1. INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Parties

This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between Environmental Health Advocates, Inc. ("EHA") on one hand, and Nothing Bundt Franchising, LLC ("Defendant" or "NBF") on the other hand, with EHA and NBF individually referred to as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

#### 1.2 Plaintiff

EHA is an organization in California, acting in the interest of the general public. It seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals and to improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances.

#### 1.3 Defendant

NBF 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

EHA alleges that NBF manufactures, imports, sells, and distributes for sale in California, cakes that contain acrylamide. EHA further alleges that NBF does so without providing a sufficient health hazard warning as required by Proposition 65 and related regulations. Pursuant to Proposition 65, acrylamide is listed as a chemical known to cause cancer and reproductive harm. NBF denies that warnings are required under Proposition 65 for any exposures to acrylamide in the Products, and NBF maintains that it has complied with all applicable federal and state laws, including but not limited to Proposition 65.

## 1.5 Product Description

For purposes of this Consent Judgment "Product" or "Products" are all of NBF's bundt cakes flavors including "Chocolate Chocolate Chip Bundt Cake", "Classic Vanilla Bundt Cake", "Red Velvet Bundt Cake", "White Chocolate Raspberry Bundt Cake", "Confetti Bundt Cake", "Carrot Bundt Cake", "Lemon Bundt Cake", "Marble Bundt Cake", "Pecan Praline Bundt Cake", "Gluten-Free Chocolate Chip", "Cookie Bundt Cake", "Peanut Butter Chocolate Swirl Bundt Cake", "Chocolate Turtle Bundt Cake", "Strawberries &

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Cream Bundt Cake", "Lemon Raspberry Bundt Cake", "Pumpkin Spice Bundt Cake", "Peppermint Chocolate Chip Bundt Cake", "Blueberry Bliss Bundt Cake", "Snickerdoodle Bundt Cake", "Salted Caramel Bundt Cake". manufactured, imported, sold, or distributed for sale in California by NBF and Releasees, define infra.

#### 1.6 **Notice of Violation**

On August 15, 2019 EHA served NBF, the California Attorney General, and all other required public enforcement agencies with a 60-Day Notice of Violation of California Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 et seq. ("Notice"). The Notice alleged that NBF violated Proposition 65 by failing to sufficiently warn consumers in California of the health hazards associated with exposures to acrylamide contained in its "Chocolate Chocolate Chip Bundt Cakes." On January 24, 2020, EHA served NBF, the California Attorney General, and all other required public enforcement agencies with a 60-Day Notice of Violation identifying the other Products referenced herein.

No public enforcer has commenced or is otherwise prosecuting an action to enforce the violations alleged in the Notice.

#### 1.7 Complaint

On January 27, EHA filed a Complaint against Defendant for the alleged violations of Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 that are the subject of the Notice ("Complaint").

#### 1.8 No Admission

By stipulating to the entry of this Consent Judgment and agreeing to provide the relief and remedies specified herein, NBF does not admit that is has violated, or threatened to violate, Proposition 65 or any other law or legal duty, and NBF does not admit that the chemical acrylamide in food poses any risk to human health.

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 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 NBF's obligations, responsibilities, and

duties under this Consent Judgment, subject to subsequent modifications thereof or Court orders regarding any such obligation, responsibility, and/or duty.

### 1.9 Jurisdiction

For purposes of this Consent Judgment and the Complaint only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over NBF as to the allegations in the Complaint, that venue is proper in the County of Alameda, 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 and Compliance Date

For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the terms "Effective Date" and "Compliance Date" means the date on which the Court grants the motion for approval of this Consent Judgment, as discussed in Section 5.

# 2. <u>INJUNCTIVE RELIEF</u>

# 2.1 Clear and Reasonable Warnings

Commencing on the Compliance Date, and continuing thereafter, NBF agree to only manufacture for sale, purchase for sale, import for sale, or distribute for sale in or into California the Product that is sold with a health hazard warning as provided for in Section 2.2 if such a warning is required for the Product under Section 25249.6 of Proposition 65, absent reformulation of one or more of the Products such that those Products that are sold in California or distributed for sale in California shall not exceed an Average Level of 180 ppb of acrylamide. The Average Level shall be determined: (a) by randomly selecting and testing at least one sample each from five different lots of the product (or the maximum number of lots available for testing if less than five) during a testing period of at least 60 days; and (b) using tests performed by a laboratory accredited by the State of California, a federal agency, or a nationally recognized accrediting organization, using LC-MS/MS (Liquid Chromatograph-Mass Spectrometry).

# 2.2 General Warning Requirements

NBF agrees that each warning shall be prominently displayed on a label, labeling, or sign, and displayed with such conspicuousness, as compared with other words, statements, designs, or

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limited to investigating potential violations, bringing this matter to Defendant's attention, as well as litigating and negotiating a settlement in the public interest.

Defendant shall provide its payment to EHA's counsel in two checks, divided equally, payable to Glick Law Group, PC (\$28,000.00) and Nicholas & Tomasevic, LLP (\$28,000.00) respectively. The addresses for these two entities are:

Noam Glick Glick Law Group 225 Broadway, Suite 2100 San Diego, CA 92101

Craig Nicholas Nicholas & Tomasevic, LLP 225 Broadway, Suite 2100 San Diego, CA 92101

# 3.4 Timing

The above-mentioned checks will be issued within fourteen (14) days of the Effective Date.

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

# 4.1 EHA's Public Release of Proposition 65 Claims

For any claim or violation arising under Proposition 65 alleging a failure to warn about exposures to acrylamide from Products or related products manufactured, imported, sold, or distributed by NBF prior to the Effective Date, EHA, acting on its own behalf and in the public interest, releases NBF of any and all liability. This includes NBF's owners, parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities under common ownership, its directors, officers, agents, employees, attorneys, and each entity to whom NBF directly or indirectly distributes or sells the Products, including but not limited to, downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members and licensees, (collectively, the "Releasees"). Releasees include defendant, its parent, and all subsidiaries and affiliates thereof and their respective employees, agents, and assigns that sell NBF's Products. Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to the alleged or actual failure to warn about exposures to acrylamide from Products manufactured, imported, sold, or distributed by NBF after the Effective Date. This Consent Judgment

is a full, final and binding resolution of all claims that were or could have been asserted against NBF and/or Releasees for failure to provide warnings for alleged exposures to acrylamide contained in Products.

# 4.2 EHA's Individual Release of Claims

EHA, in its individual capacity, also provides a release to NBF and/or Releasees, which shall be a full and final accord and satisfaction of as well as a bar to all actions, causes of action, obligations, costs, expenses, attorney's fees, damages, losses, claims, liabilities, and demands by EHA of any nature, character, or kind, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, arising out of alleged or actual exposures to acrylamide in Products manufactured, imported, sold, or distributed by NBF before the Effective Date.

# 4.3 Defendant's Release of EHA

NBF, on its own behalf, hereby waives any and all claims against EHA and its attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made by EHA and its 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 submitted to the Court by the Parties, or by such additional time as the Parties may agree to in writing.

## 6. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>

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

# 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 for reasons, including but not limited to changes in the law, then Defendant may

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provide written notice to EHA of any asserted change, 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:

# For NBF:

Laura Biery Honigman LLP 2290 First National Building 660 Woodward Avenue

Detroit, MI 48266-3506

# For EHA:

Noam Glick Glick Law Group, PC 225 Broadway, 21st Floor San Diego, CA 92101

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.

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

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

EHA 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 EHA shall draft and file. In furtherance of obtaining such approval, the Parties agree to mutually employ their best efforts, including 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 make, and appearing at the hearing before the Court if so requested.

# 11. 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.

# 12. <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.

# 13. 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.

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#### ENTIRE AGREEMENT 14.

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This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the Parties

3	with respect to the entire subject matter herein, and any and all prior discussions, negotiation		
4	commitments, and understandings related hereto. No representations, oral or otherwise, express of		
5	implied, other than those contained herein have been made by any Party. No other agreements, ora		
6	or otherwise, unless specifically referred to herein, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any Party.		
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# **CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

RE: RG20-052139 Environmental Health Advocates vs Nothing Bundt Franchising

I certify that the following is true and correct: I am the Clerk of the above-named court and not a party to this cause. I served this **Judgment**, by placing copies in envelopes addressed as shown below and then by sealing and placing them for collection, stamping or metering with prepaid postage, and mailing on the date stated below, in the United States mail at Oakland, California, following standard court practices.

Dated: 9/18/20

Chad Finke
Executive Officer/Clerk of the Superior
Court

By

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Noam Glick Esq., Glick Law Group PC 225 Broadway, Suite 2100 San Diego CA 92101