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7	CUMERIOR COURT OF T	TTE STATE OF CALLEODNIA	
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9	IN AND FOR THE CO	UNTY OF LOS ANGELES	
10	BERJ PARSEGHIAN, in the public interest,	Case No.: 23STCV11192	
11	Plaintiff,		
12	-	Dept. 68 Hon. Douglas W. Stern	
13	V.	Tion. Doughts W. Stern	
14	Mycological Natural Products Ltd.; Whole Foods Market California, Inc., a California Corporation; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,	JUDGMENT ON PROPOSITION 65 SETTLEMENT	
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In the above-entitled action, Plaintiff Berj Parseghian and Defendant Mycological Natural Products, Ltd., having agreed that a judgment be entered pursuant to the terms of the Stipulated Consent Judgment entered into by the parties in resolution of this Proposition 65 action, and following the issuance of an order approving the Parties' Stipulation to Judgment on this day, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUGED AND DECREED that pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6, judgment is hereby entered in accordance with the terms of the Stipulated Consent Judgment attached hereto as Exhibit A. By written request of the parties, the Court will retain jurisdiction to enforce the settlement under Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6.

The Stipulated Consent Judgment is approved.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

03/26/2024 Date:

Stephen P. Pfahler/Judge Honorable Douglas W. Stern Judge of the Superior Court

EXHIBIT A

[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT
BERJ PARSEGHIAN v. MYCOLOGICAL NATURAL PRODUCTS LTD., ET AL.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Parties

This [Proposed] Consent Judgment is hereby entered into by and between Berj Parseghian, acting on behalf of the public interest (hereinafter "Parseghian") and Mycological Natural Products Ltd. (hereinafter "Mycological" or "Defendant"). Collectively Parseghian and Mycological shall be referred to hereafter as the "Parties" and each of them as a "Party." Parseghian is an individual residing in California who seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals and improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer products. For the purposes of this Consent Judgment, Defendant is a person in the course of doing business for purposes of Proposition 65, Cal. Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.6 et seq.

1.2 Allegations and Representations

Parseghian alleges that Defendant has offered for sale in the State of California and has sold in California, products, which contain lead and cadmium, and that such sales have not been accompanied by Proposition 65 warnings. Lead is listed under Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. The State of California has also listed cadmium as a chemical known to cause cancer, developmental toxicity and reproductive harm. Defendant denies the allegations and contends that there is no exposure to lead or cadmium and no violation under Proposition 65 for an alleged failure to warn.

1.3 **Covered Product Description**

The product that is covered by this Consent Judgment are identified as Porcini Mushrooms include but are not limited to: MycoLogical Wild Gourmet Mushrooms - Oregon Porcini Mushrooms"; UPC #: 7 00360 00306 1. All such items shall be referred to herein as the "Covered Product."

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1.4 Notices of Violation/Complaint

- On or about October 11, 2022, Parseghian served Mycological and various public 1.4.1 enforcement agencies with a document entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d) (the "Notice"), alleging that Mycological was in violation of Proposition 65 for failing to warn consumers and customers that the Covered Product exposed users in California to lead and cadmium. No public enforcer diligently prosecuted the claims threatened in the Notice within sixty days plus service time relative to the provision of the Notice to them by Parseghian.
- On May 18, 2023, Parseghian, acting in the interest of the general public in the State of California, filed a complaint in the Superior Court of Los Angeles County alleging violations of Health & Safety Code §25249.6 (the "Complaint") based on the alleged failure to warn of exposures to lead and cadmium contained in the Covered Product manufactured, distributed, or sold by Defendant.

1.5 Effective Date

For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term "Effective Date" shall mean the date on which Notice of this Consent Judgment is served on Mycological after it is entered as a judgment of the Court.

For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term "Execution Date" shall mean the date this Consent Judgment is signed by all parties in Clause 16 below.

2. STIPULATION TO JURISDICTION/NO ADMISSION

For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over Defendant as to the allegations contained in the Complaint filed in this matter, that venue is proper in the County of Los Angeles, and that this Court has jurisdiction to approve, enter, and oversee the enforcement of this Consent Judgment as a full and final binding resolution of all claims which were or could have been raised in the Complaint based on the facts alleged therein

and/or in the Notice.

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Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission by Defendant of any fact, finding, issue of law, or violation of law; nor shall compliance with this Consent Judgment. constitute or be construed as an admission by Defendant of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law, such being specifically denied by Defendant, including, but not limited to, any admission related to exposure of failure to warn. However, this section shall not diminish or otherwise affect the obligations, responsibilities, and duties of Defendant under this Consent Judgment.

INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: WARNINGS, REFORMULATION AND TESTING

- 3.1 Beginning on the Effective Date, Mycological shall be permanently enjoined from manufacturing for sale in the State of California, "Distributing into the State of California," or directly selling in the State of California, any Covered Product that expose a person to a "Daily Lead Exposure Level" of more than 0.5 micrograms of lead per day or to a "Daily Cadmium Exposure Level" of more than 4.1 micrograms of cadmium per day, unless it meets the warning requirements under Section 3.2.
- 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 California or to sell a Covered Product to a distributor that Mycological knows will sell the Covered Product in California. The injunctive relief in Section 3 does not apply to any Covered Product that has left the possession, and is no longer under the control of Mycological prior to the Effective Date and all claims as to such Covered Product are released in this Consent Judgment.
- 3.1.2 For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the "Daily Lead Exposure Level" and the "Daily Cadmium Exposure Level" shall be measured in micrograms, and shall be calculated using the following formula: micrograms of lead or cadmium per gram of product, multiplied by grams of

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product per serving of the product as stated on the label, multiplied by servings of the product per day stated on the label, which equals micrograms of lead or cadmium exposure per day. If the label contains no recommended daily servings, then the number of recommended daily servings shall be one.

3.2 Clear and Reasonable Warnings

If Mycological is required to provide a warning pursuant to Section 3.1, one of the following warnings must be utilized ("Warning"):

Option 1:

WARNING: Consuming this product can expose you to chemicals including [lead] or [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

Option 2:

WARNING: [Cancer and] Reproductive Harm - http://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/food

Mycological shall use the phrase "cancer and" in the Warning if Mycological has reason to believe that the "Daily Lead Exposure Level" is greater than 15 micrograms of lead. As identified in the brackets, the warning shall appropriately reflect whether there is lead, cadmium, or both chemicals present in the Covered Product.

The Warning shall be securely affixed to or printed upon the label of each Covered Product and it must be set off from other surrounding information. In addition, for any Covered Product sold by Mycological over the internet, the Warning shall appear on the checkout page, or prominently displayed to the purchaser prior to completing the purchase, in full text or through a clearly marked hyperlink using the word "WARNING" in all capital and bold letters when a California delivery address is indicated for any purchase of any Covered Product. If a hyperlink is used, the hyperlink must go directly to a page prominently displaying the Warning without content that detracts from the Warning.

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The Warning shall be at least the same size as the largest of any other health or safety warnings also appearing on the website or on the label 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.

Mycological must display the above Warning with such conspicuousness, as compared with other consumer information (warnings, directions for use, ingredient lists, and nutritional information) on the label, or on its website, if 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. For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term "label" means a display of written, printed or graphic material that is printed on or affixed to a Covered Product or its immediate container or wrapper. If consumer information on the package is in a foreign language, the warning must also be provided in the foreign language.

If Parseghian alleges that any Covered Product fails to adhere to this Consent Judgment, then Parseghian shall inform Mycological in writing in a reasonably prompt manner of its test results, including information sufficient to permit Mycological to identify the Covered Product(s) at issue. Mycological shall, within thirty (30) days following such notice, provide Parseghian with testing information demonstrating Mycological's compliance with the Consent Judgment. The Parties shall first attempt to resolve the matter prior to Parseghian taking any further legal action.

PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249,7(b) 4.

With regard to all claims that have been raised or which could be raised with respect to failure to warn pursuant to Proposition 65 with regard to lead and cadmium in the Covered Product,

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Defendant shall pay a civil penalty of \$7,500.00 pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b), to be apportioned in accordance with California Health & Safety Code § 25192, with 75% of these funds remitted to the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the remaining 25% of the penalty remitted to Parseghian, as provided by California Health & Safety Code § 25249.12(d) and the instructions directly below.

Defendant shall issue two separate checks for the penalty payment: (a) one check made payable to "OEHHA" (tax identification number: 68-0284486) in an amount representing 75% of the total penalty (i.e., \$5,625.00) and (b) one check in an amount representing 25% of the total penalty (i.e., \$1,875.00) made payable directly to Parseghian. Defendant shall mail these payments within ten (10) days following the Effective Date, at which time such payments shall be mailed to the following addresses respectively:

All payments owed to Plaintiff or Plaintiff's counsel shall be delivered to the following payment address:

KIT LAW GROUP LLP

230 N. Maryland Avenue, Suite 306

Glendale, CA 91206

All payments owed to OEHHA shall be delivered directly to OEHHA at the following addresses:

For United States Postal Delivery:

Mike Gyurics

Senior Accounting Officer - MS 19-B

Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

P.O. Box 4010

Sacramento, CA. 95812-0410

For Non-United States Postal Service Delivery:

Mike Gyurics

Fiscal Operations Branch Chief

Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

1001 I Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

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5. REIMBURSEMENT OF FEES AND COSTS

The parties reached an accord on the compensation due to Parseghian and his counsel under the private attorney general doctrine and principles of contract law. Under these legal principles, Defendant shall reimburse Parseghian's counsel for fees and costs, incurred as a result of investigating, bringing this matter to Defendant attention, and negotiating a settlement in the public interest. Defendant shall pay Parseghian's counsel \$45,000.00 for all attorneys' fees, expert and investigation fees and related costs associated with this matter and the Notice. Defendant shall mail a check payable to "KJT Law Group," via certified mail to the address for Parseghian's counsel referenced above in three installments as follows:

- \$12,500.00 within thirty (30) calendar days following the Effective Date.
- \$12,500.00 within sixty (60) calendar days following the Effective Date.
- \$20,000.00 within ninety (90) calendar days following the Effective Date.

Other than the payment required hereunder, each side is to bear its own attorneys' fees and costs.

Plaintiff and its counsel will provide completed IRS W-9 forms as required on or before the Effective Date.

6. RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

6.1 Parseghian's Release of Defendant, Releasees, and Upstream and Downstream Releasees

As to those matters raised in the Complaint and in the Notice of Violation, Parseghian, on behalf of himself, and on behalf of the public interest, and his past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors and/or assignees (the "Releasors), hereby waives and releases any and all claims against Defendant and its directors, managers, members, officers, trustees, parent companies, corporate affiliates, subsidiaries, attorneys, representatives, agents, employees,

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predecessors, successors and assigns (collectively "Releasees") and each entity or party from or to whom Defendant directly or indirectly obtains or distributes or sells the Covered Product including without limitation, distributors, manufacturers, suppliers, wholesalers, licensors, licensees, auctioneers, retailers, including but not limited to Whole Foods Market California, Inc., franchisees, dealers, customers, owners, purchasers, users (collectively "Upstream and Downstream Releasees"), and their respective officers, directors, managers, members, partners, attorneys, representatives, shareholders, agents, and employees, and sister and parent entities, subsidiaries, and affiliates for injunctive relief or damages, penalties, fines, sanctions, mitigation, fees (including fees of attorneys, experts, and others), costs, expenses, or any other sum incurred or claimed, for the alleged failure of Defendant, Releasees, or Upstream and Downstream Releasees to provide clear, accurate and reasonable warnings under Proposition 65 about exposure to lead and cadmium arising from the sale, distribution, or use of any Covered Product sold, manufactured or distributed by Defendant, Releasees, and by Upstream and Downstream Releasees in California, up through the Effective Date. Compliance with the Consent Judgment by Defendant, a Releasee, or a Upstream and Downstream Releasee shall constitute compliance with Proposition 65 by that Defendant, Releasee, or Upstream and Downstream Releasee with respect to the presence of lead and cadmium in the Covered Product. Plaintiff agrees that any and all claims in the Complaint are resolved with prejudice by this Consent Judgment.

6.2 Mutual Release of Known and Uknown Claims

In addition to the foregoing, Parseghian, on behalf of himself, his past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, and successors and/or assignees, and not in his representative capacity, and Mycological, hereby waive all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and releases any other Claims that they could make against Defendant, Releasees or Upstream and Downstream Releasees with respect to violations of Proposition 65 based upon the

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Covered Product. With respect to the foregoing waivers and releases in this paragraph, Parseghian and Mycological hereby specifically waive any and all rights and benefits which they now have, or in the future may have, conferred by virtue of the provisions of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

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

6.2 Defendant's Release of Parseghian

Defendant waives any and all claims against Parseghian, his attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made (or those that could have been taken or made) by Parseghian and his attorneys and other representatives, in the course of investigating claims or otherwise seeking enforcement of Proposition 65 against them in this matter, and/or with respect to the Covered Product.

6.3 Public Benefit

It is Mycological's understanding that the commitments it has agreed to herein, and actions to be taken by Mycological under this Consent Judgment confer a significant benefit to the general public, as set forth in Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5 and Cal. Admin. Code tit. 11, § 3201. As such, it is the intent of Mycological that to the extent any other private party serves a notice and/or initiates an action alleging a violation of Proposition 65 with respect to Mycological's alleged failure to provide a warning concerning actual or alleged exposure to lead or cadmium from the Covered Products it has distributed, sold, or offered for sale in California, or will distribute, sell, or offer for sale in California, such private party action would not confer a significant benefit on the general public as to those Covered Products addressed in this Consent Judgment, provided that Mycological is in material compliance with this Consent Judgment.

7. SEVERABILITY AND MERGER

If, subsequent to the execution of this Consent Judgment, any of the provisions of this

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document are held by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the enforceable provisions remaining shall not be adversely affected.

This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement of the Parties and any and all prior negotiations and understandings related hereto shall be deemed to have been merged within it. No representations or terms of agreement other than those contained herein exist or have been made by any Party with respect to the other Party or the subject matter hereof.

8. 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 Covered Product, then Defendant shall provide written notice to Parseghian of any asserted change in the law, and shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Consent Judgment with respect to, and to the extent that, the Covered Product is so affected.

9. NOTICES

Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notices required to be provided pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be in writing and personally delivered or sent by: (i) first-class, (registered or certified mail) return receipt requested; or (ii) overnight courier on any party by the other party at the following addresses:

For MYCOLOGICAL NATURAL PRODUCTS LTD.:

Jacob P. Wilson, Esq. Conkle, Kremer & Engel, PLC 3130 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 500 Santa Monica, California 90403 Phone: 310-998-9100 Fax: 310-998-9109

Fax: 310-998

and

For PARSEGHIAN:

Tro Krikorian, Esq. **KJT LAW GROUP, LLP**

230 N. Maryland Ave. Suite 306 Glendale, CA 91206

Phone: 818-507-8528 Fax: 818-507-8588

Any party, from time to time, may specify in writing to the other party a change of address to which all notices and other communications shall be sent.

10. DRAFTING

The terms of this Consent Judgment have been reviewed by the respective counsel for each Party prior to its signing, and each Party has had an opportunity to fully discuss the terms and conditions with legal counsel. The Parties agree that, in any subsequent interpretation and construction of this Consent Judgment, no inference, assumption, or presumption shall be drawn, and no provision of this Consent Judgment shall be construed against any Party, based on the fact that one of the Parties and/or one of the Parties' legal counsel prepared and/or drafted all or any portion of the Consent Judgment. It is conclusively presumed that all of the Parties participated equally in the preparation and drafting of this Consent Judgment.

11. COUNTERPARTS; EMAIL OR FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

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

12. COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(f)/COURT APPROVAL

Parseghian agrees to comply with the requirements set forth in California Health & Safety Code §25249.7(f) and to promptly bring a Motion for Approval of this Consent Judgment and Defendants shall support approval of such Motion.

This Consent Judgment shall not be effective until it is approved and entered by the Court and shall be null and void if, for any reason, it is not approved and entered by the Court within twelve

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months after it has been fully executed by the Parties.

13. MODIFICATION

This Consent Judgment may be modified only by further stipulation of the Parties and the approval of the Court or upon the granting of a motion brought to the Court by either Party.

14. ATTORNEY'S FEES

A party who unsuccessfully brings or contests an action arising out of this Consent Judgment shall be required to pay the prevailing party's reasonable attorney's fees and costs unless the unsuccessful party has acted with substantial justification. For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term substantial justification shall carry the same meaning as used in the Civil Discovery Act of 1986, Code of Civil Procedure Section 2016, et seq.

15. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

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

16. AUTHORIZATION

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

STIPULATED AND AGREED TO:

Date: 1/19/2024	DocuSigned by:	Date: 1/19/2024	
	BERY PARSEGHAN		
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