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8 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
9 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

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11 **KEEP AMERICA SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL,**

Case No.: 24STCV06408

12 Plaintiff,

~~PROPOSED~~ CONSENT JUDGMENT AS
TO VITACUP, INC.

13 v.

14 Vitacup, Inc.; and DOES 1 through 100,
inclusive,

(Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 *et. seq.* and
Code Civ. Proc. § 664.6)

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Parties

This [Proposed] Consent Judgment is hereby entered into by and between KEEP AMERICA SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL, acting on behalf of the public interest (hereinafter “KASB”) and VITACUP, INC. (hereinafter “VITACUP” or “Defendant”). Collectively KASB and VITACUP shall be referred to hereafter as the “Parties” and each of them as a “Party.” KASB is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of California and acting in the interest of the general public, dedicated to protecting the health of California citizens and the environment through the elimination or reduction of toxic chemicals utilized in manufacturing consumer products and to increasing public awareness of those chemicals through the promotion of sound environmental practices and corporate responsibility. 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

KASB alleges that Defendant has offered for sale in the State of California and has sold in California, a product, which contains lead, and that such sales have not been accompanied by Proposition 65 warnings. The State of California has listed lead as a chemical known to cause cancer, developmental toxicity and reproductive harm. Defendant denies the allegations and contends that there is no exposure 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 is identified as “Berry Lemon - Vitacup - So Good Super Greens - 50+ Superfoods; UPC #: 8 56387 00836 4. All such items shall be referred to herein as the “Covered Product.”

1 **1.4 Notices of Violation/Complaint**

2 1.4.1 On or about March 14, 2023, KASB served VTACUP and various public
3 enforcement agencies with a document entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" pursuant to Health &
4 Safety Code §25249.7(d) (the "Notice"), alleging that VITACUP was in violation of Proposition 65 for
5 failing to warn consumers and customers that the Covered Product exposed users in California to
6 lead. No public enforcer diligently prosecuted the claims threatened in the Notice within sixty days
7 plus service time relative to the provision of the Notice to them by KASB.

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9 1.4.2 On March 14, 2024, KASB, acting in the interest of the general public in the State of
10 California, filed a complaint in the Superior Court of Los Angeles County alleging violations of
11 Health & Safety Code §25249.6 (the "Complaint") based on the alleged failure to warn of exposures
12 to lead contained in the Covered Product manufactured, distributed, or sold by Defendant.

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14 **1.5 Effective Date/Compliance Date**

15 For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term "Effective Date" shall mean the date this
16 Consent Judgment is entered as a judgment of the Court.

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18 **2. STIPULATION TO JURISDICTION/NO ADMISSION**

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

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

9 **3.1** Beginning thirty (30) days after the Effective Date, VITACUP shall be permanently
10 enjoined from manufacturing for sale in the State of California, "Distributing into the State of
11 California," or directly selling in the State of California, any Covered Product that expose a person to
12 a "Daily Lead Exposure Level" of more than 0.5 micrograms of lead per day, unless it meets the
13 warning requirements under Section 3.2.
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15 **3.1.1** As used in this Consent Judgment, the term "Distributing into the State of California"
16 shall mean to directly ship a Covered Product into California for sale in California or to sell a
17 Covered Product to a distributor that VITACUP knows or has reason to know will sell the Covered
18 Product in California. The injunctive relief in Section 3 does not apply to any Covered Product that is
19 already manufactured and labeled as of the Effective Date or that has left the possession, and is no
20 longer under the control of VITACUP prior to the Effective Date. All claims as to such Covered
21 Product are released in this Consent Judgment.
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23 **3.1.2** For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the "Daily Lead Exposure Level" shall be
24 measured in micrograms, and shall be calculated using the following formula: micrograms of lead per
25 gram of product, multiplied by grams of product per serving of the product as stated on the label,
26 multiplied by servings of the product per day stated on the label, which equals micrograms of lead
27 exposure per day. If the label contains no recommended daily servings, then the number of
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1 recommended daily servings shall be one.

2 **3.2 Clear and Reasonable Warnings**

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

5 **Option 1:**

6 **WARNING:** Consuming this product can expose you to lead, which is known to the State of
7 California to cause [cancer and], birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more
8 information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/food

9 **Option 2:**

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

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12 VITACUP shall use the phrase "cancer and" in the Warning if the exposure level is greater
13 than 15 micrograms of lead per day

14 The Warning shall be securely affixed to or printed upon the label of each Covered Product
15 and it must be set off from other surrounding information. For purposes of this Settlement
16 Agreement, the term "label" means a display of written, printed or graphic material that is printed on
17 or affixed to a Covered Product or its immediate container or wrapper. The warning must be set off
18 from other surrounding information, enclosed in a box. If consumer information on the package is in
19 a foreign language, the warning must also be provided in the foreign language. In addition, for any
20 Covered Product sold over the internet, the Warning shall appear on the checkout page in full text or
21 through a clearly marked hyperlink using the word "WARNING" in all capital and bold letters when a
22 California delivery address is indicated for any purchase of any Covered Product. If a hyperlink is
23 used, the hyperlink must go directly to a page prominently displaying either the Option 1 Warning or
24 the Option 2 Warning without content that detracts from the Warning. An asterisk or other
25 identifying method must be utilized to identify which products on the checkout page are subject to the
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1 Warning. The Warning shall comply with the relevant safe harbor provisions under California law,
2 applicable to the Covered Product and chemical at issue, as those regulations may be amended from
3 time to time.

4 **4. PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.7(b)**

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6 With regard to all claims that have been raised or which could be raised with respect to failure
7 to warn pursuant to Proposition 65 with regard to lead in the Covered Product, Defendant shall pay a
8 civil penalty of \$2,500.00 pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b), to be apportioned
9 in accordance with California Health & Safety Code § 25192, with 75% of these funds remitted to the
10 State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the remaining 25% of
11 the penalty remitted to KASB, as provided by California Health & Safety Code § 25249.12(d) and the
12 instructions directly below.

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14 Defendant shall issue two separate checks for the penalty payment: (a) one check made
15 payable to "OEHHA" (tax identification number: 68-0284486) in an amount representing 75% of the
16 total penalty (i.e., \$1,875.00) and (b) wire transfer in an amount representing 25% of the total penalty
17 (i.e., \$625.00) to the Plaintiff's payment address below. Defendant shall make these payments within
18 ten (10) days following the Effective Date, at which time such payments shall be made to the following
19 addresses respectively:

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21 All payments owed to Plaintiff shall be delivered to the following payment address:

22 Beneficiary: Keep America Safe and Beautiful
23 Wells Fargo Bank Routing Number: 121000248
24 Wells Fargo Bank Account Number: 6767279471
Beneficiary Address: 10512 Sycamore Avenue, Stanton, CA 90680

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

27 For United States Postal Delivery:

28 Mike Gyurics
Senior Accounting Officer -- MS 19-B

1 Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
2 P.O. Box 4010
3 Sacramento, CA. 95812-0410

4 For Non-United States Postal Service Delivery:

5 Mike Gyurics
6 Fiscal Operations Branch Chief
7 Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
8 1001 I Street
9 Sacramento, CA 95814

10 **5. REIMBURSEMENT OF FEES AND COSTS**

11 The parties reached an accord on the compensation due to KASB and its counsel under the
12 private attorney general doctrine and principles of contract law. Under these legal principles,
13 Defendant shall reimburse KASB's counsel for fees and costs, incurred as a result of investigating,
14 bringing this matter to Defendant attention, and negotiating a settlement in the public interest.
15 Defendant shall pay KASB's counsel \$24,000.00 for all attorneys' fees, expert and investigation fees
16 and related costs associated with this matter and the Notice. Defendant shall mail a check payable to
17 "KJT Law Group," via certified mail to the address for KASB's counsel referenced above within ten
18 (10) days following the Effective Date.

19 As a condition to receiving the payments provided in Sections 4 and 5 above, KASB's
20 attorneys, KJTL Law Group, LLC, shall provide Vitacup executed W9 forms for each entity receiving
21 a payment. Other than the payment required hereunder, each side is to bear its own attorneys' fees
22 and costs.

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24 **6. RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS**

25 **6.1 KASB's Release of Defendant, Releasees, and Downstream Releasees**

26 As to those matters raised in the Complaint and in the Notice of Violation, KASB, on behalf
27 of itself, *and on behalf of the public interest*, hereby waives and releases any and all claims against
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1 Defendant, its parent companies, corporate affiliates, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors and
2 assigns (collectively “Releasees”) and each of its distributors, wholesalers, licensors, licensees,
3 auctioneers, retailers, franchisees, dealers, customers, owners, purchasers, users (collectively
4 “Downstream Releasees”) and their respective officers, directors, attorneys, representatives,
5 shareholders, agents, and employees, and sister and parent entities for injunctive relief or damages,
6 penalties, fines, sanctions, mitigation, fees (including fees of attorneys, experts, and others), costs,
7 expenses, or any other sum incurred or claimed, for the alleged failure of Defendant, Releasees or
8 Downstream Releasees to provide clear, accurate and reasonable warnings under Proposition 65.
9 about exposure to lead arising from the sale, distribution, or use of any Covered Product sold,
10 manufactured or distributed by Defendant, Releasees or Downstream Releasees in California, up
11 through the Effective Date. Compliance with the Consent Judgment by Defendant or a Releasee shall
12 constitute compliance with Proposition 65 by that Defendant, Releasee, or Downstream Releasee
13 with respect to the presence of lead in the Covered Product. Plaintiff agrees that any and all claims in
14 the Complaint are resolved with prejudice by this Consent Judgment.

17 In addition to the foregoing, KASB, on behalf of itself, past and current agents,
18 representatives, officers, directors, employees, attorneys, and successors and/or assignees, and not in
19 its representative capacity, hereby waives all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly,
20 any form of legal action and releases any other Claims that it could make against Defendant,
21 Releasees or Downstream Releasees with respect to violations of Proposition 65 based upon the
22 Covered Product. With respect to the foregoing waivers and releases in this paragraph, KASB
23 hereby specifically waives any and all rights and benefits which it now has, or in the future may have,
24 conferred by virtue of the provisions of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as
25 follows:
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1 A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR
2 OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR
3 HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF
4 KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR
5 HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

6 **6.2 Defendant's Release of KASB**

7 Defendant waives any and all claims against KASB, its attorneys and other representatives, for
8 any and all actions taken or statements made by KASB and its attorneys and other representatives, in
9 the course of investigating claims or otherwise seeking enforcement of Proposition 65 against them in
10 this matter, and/or with respect to the Covered Product.

11 **7. SEVERABILITY AND MERGER**

12 If, subsequent to the execution of this Consent Judgment, any of the provisions of this
13 document are held by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the enforceable provisions
14 remaining shall not be adversely affected.

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

19 **8. GOVERNING LAW**

20 The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of California
21 and apply within the State of California. Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment
22 resolves any issue, now or in the future, as to the requirements of Proposition 65 with respect to
23 alleged exposures to lead arising from the Covered Product. In the event that Proposition 65 is
24 repealed or is otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to the Covered
25 Product, then Defendant shall provide written notice to KASB of any asserted change in the law, and
26 shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Consent Judgment with respect to, and to the extent
27 that, the Covered Product is so affected.
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1 **9. NOTICES**

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

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7 For VITACUP:

8 Daniel S. Silverman
9 **Venable LLP**
10 2049 Century Park East, Suite 2300
11 Los Angeles, CA 90067
12 Phone: 310-229-0373
13 Email: DSilverman@Venable.com

14 and

15 For KASB:

16 Tro Krikorian, Esq.
17 **KJT LAW GROUP, LLP**
18 230 N. Maryland Ave. Suite 306
19 Glendale, CA 91206
20 Phone: 818-507-8528
21 Email: Tro@KJTLawGroup.com

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

24 **10. DRAFTING**

25 The terms of this Consent Judgment have been reviewed by the respective counsel for each
26 Party prior to its signing, and each Party has had an opportunity to fully discuss the terms and
27 conditions with legal counsel. The Parties agree that, in any subsequent interpretation and
28 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

1 preparation and drafting of this Consent Judgment.

2 **11. COUNTERPARTS; EMAIL OR FACSIMILE SIGNATURES**

3 This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by email or facsimile, each of
4 which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the
5 same document.
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7 **12. COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(f)/COURT**

8 **APPROVAL**

9 KASB agrees to comply with the requirements set forth in California Health & Safety Code
10 §25249.7(f) and to promptly bring a Motion for Approval of this Consent Judgment and Defendants
11 shall support approval of such Motion.
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13 This Consent Judgment shall not be effective until it is approved and entered by the Court
14 and shall be null and void if, for any reason, it is not approved and entered by the Court within twelve
15 months after it has been fully executed by the Parties.

16 **13. MODIFICATION**

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

19 **14. ATTORNEY'S FEES**

20 A party who unsuccessfully brings or contests an action arising out of this Consent Judgment
21 shall be required to pay the prevailing party's reasonable attorney's fees and costs unless the
22 unsuccessful party has acted with substantial justification. For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the
23 term substantial justification shall carry the same meaning as used in the Civil Discovery Act of 1986,
24 Code of Civil Procedure Section 2016, et seq.
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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: 04/16/2024

Date: 4-16-24

By: [Signature] Lance Nguyen

By: [Signature]

KEEP AMERICA SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL

VITACUP, INC.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Date: 04-16-2024

Date: 4-16-24

By: [Signature]

By: [Signature]

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DANIEL S. SILVERMAN, ESQ.
ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT,
VITACUP, INC.

IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED

Dated: 06/20/2024



[Signature]
Judge of the Superior Court
Wendy Chang / Judge