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	Los Angeles, CA 90071 Telephone: (213) 593-9095 Facsimile: (213) 785-2899  Attorneys for Plaintiff Ecological Alliance, LLC  SUPERIOR COURT OF THE ST  COUNTY OF LOS  (Unlimited Juris  ECOLOGICAL ALLIANCE, LLC, a California limited liability company,  Plaintiff,  v.  SAINT-GOBAIN ADFORS AMERICA, INC.,

Plaintiff Ecological Alliance, LLC ("Plaintiff"), and Saint-Gobain Adfors America, Inc. ("Defendant") hereby enter into this Stipulated Consent Judgment ("Consent Judgment") as follows:

WHEREAS: On or about May 21, 2024, Plaintiff, through Plaintiff's counsel, served a 60 Day Notice (the "Notice") on Defendant, Walmart, Inc., 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 (collectively, "Public Prosecutor(s)") alleging that Defendant violated California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health and Safety Code § 25249.6, et seq., and its implementing regulations (collectively, "Proposition 65") and that Plaintiff intended to file an enforcement action in the public interest; and

WHEREAS: Plaintiff alleges that Defendant manufactured and/or distributed screen splines containing Di-n-butyl Phthalate [DBP], (collectively the "Covered Products") that were sold or distributed for sale in California and further alleges that those Covered Products expose consumers in the State of California to DBP, which is listed by the State of California pursuant to California Health and Safety Code § 25249.8; and

WHEREAS: Plaintiff further alleges that persons in the State of California were exposed to DBP in Covered Products without being provided the Proposition 65 warning set out at California Health and Safety Code § 25249.6 and its implementing regulations ("Proposition 65 Warning");

WHEREAS: Defendant denies Plaintiff's allegations, including the allegations of the Notice, and denies that it has violated Proposition 65 and expressly denies that it has engaged in any wrongdoing whatsoever,

WHEREAS: Plaintiff seeks to provide the public with Proposition 65 warnings and believes that this objective is achieved by the actions described in this Consent Judgment; and

WHEREAS: Plaintiff and Defendant wish to resolve their differences without the delay and expense of litigation.

# NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND AGREED UPON AS BETWEEN PLAINTIFF ACTING IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND DEFENDANT AS FOLLOWS:

#### Introduction

- 1.1. On May 21, 2024, Plaintiff served the Notice upon Defendant and on Public Prosecutors. No Public Prosecutors commenced an enforcement action. No Public Prosecutor having commenced an enforcement action, Plaintiff proceeded to file its Complaint against Defendant in the present action.
- 1.2. Defendant employs ten (10) or more persons.
- 1.3. For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, Plaintiff and Defendant (the "Parties") stipulate that: 1) this Court has jurisdiction over the allegations of violation contained in the Complaint, and personal jurisdiction over Defendant as to the acts alleged in the Complaint; 2) venue is proper in the County of Los Angeles; and 3) this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Judgment as a full and final resolution of all claims which were or could have been raised in the Complaint based on the facts alleged therein with respect to the Covered Products, and of all claims which were or could have been raised by any person or entity based in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, on the facts alleged in the Notice, in the present action, or arising therefrom or related thereto, with respect to Covered Products, including any Proposition 65 claim arising out of an exposure to Covered Products (collectively, "Proposition 65 Claims").
- 1.4. Defendant denies the material factual and legal allegations contained in the Notice and maintains that, to the best of its knowledge, all products that are or have been sold and distributed in California, including the Covered Products, have been and are in compliance with all laws, including Proposition 65. 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. However, this Section 1.4

shall not diminish or otherwise affect the obligations, responsibilities and duties under this Consent Judgement. Notwithstanding the allegations in the Notice, Defendant maintains that it has not knowingly manufactured, or caused to be manufactured, the Covered Products for sale in California in violation of Proposition 65.

1.5. The Parties enter into this Consent Judgment as a full and final settlement of the Proposition 65 Claims, for the purpose of avoiding prolonged and costly litigation and of resolving the issues raised therein both as to past and future conduct. By execution of this Consent Judgment and agreeing to comply with its terms, the Parties do not admit any fact, conclusion of law, or violation of law, nor shall Defendant's compliance with the Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by Defendant of any fact, conclusion of law, or violation of law. Defendant denies the material, factual, and legal allegations in the Notice and the Complaint and expressly denies any wrongdoing whatsoever.

#### 2. DEFINITIONS

2.1. "Effective Date" shall mean, with respect to this Consent Judgment, the date the Consent Judgment has been approved and entered by the Court.

#### 3. Injunctive Relief

3.1. Within 30 days of the Effective Date, Defendant shall not manufacture or cause to be manufactured any Covered Product that will be sold or offered for sale to California consumers containing DBP in concentrations greater than 0.1 percent (1,000 parts per million) when analyzed pursuant to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency testing methodologies 3580A and 8270C or any other methodology utilized by federal or state agencies for the purpose of determining the DBP content in a solid substance unless such Covered Products are labeled with a clear and reasonable Proposition 65 warning pursuant to Section 3.2 below.

## 3.2. <u>Warning Option</u>

Per Section 3.1 above, Covered Products shall be accompanied by a warning as described in Section 3.3 below.

#### 3.3. Warning Language

Where required to meet the criteria set forth in Section 3.2, Defendant shall provide one of the following warning statements on or within the unit packaging of the Covered Products, or affixed to the Covered Products, displayed in a reasonably conspicuous manner:

- (1) WARNING: This product can expose you to Di-n-butyl Phthalate [DBP], which is known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more info go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.
- (2) WARNING: Risk of Reproductive Harm from exposure to Di-n-butyl Phthalate [DBP]. See www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

Where the sign, label or shelf tag for the product is not printed using the color yellow, the symbol may be printed in black and white. The symbol shall be placed to the left of the text of the warning, in a size no smaller than the height of the word "WARNING".

In addition, for any Covered Product sold over the internet by Defendant, the Warning shall appear prior to checkout on the primary product page, or as a popup when a California address is input into the shipping instructions, or on the checkout page when a California delivery address is indicated for any purchase of any Covered Product, or in any other manner allowed by Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, § 25602. The Warning may be provided with a conspicuous

hyperlink stating "WARNING" in all capital and bold letters so long as the hyperlink goes directly to a page prominently displaying the Warning without content that detracts from the Warning. Given Defendant's lack of control over third-party websites, the online warning requirements expressed in this Section apply only to Covered Products sold through Defendant's website. However, Defendant will instruct any third-party website sellers to provide Warnings as a condition of selling the Covered Product. If the consumer information on the product is in a foreign language, the required Warning Label will also be included in that same foreign language.

#### 4. MONETARY RELIEF

- 4.1. Within thirty (30) business days of the Effective Date, Defendant shall pay the total sum of \$42,000 which includes \$10,000 in civil penalties and \$32,000 in payment of Plaintiff's costs and reasonable attorney's fees. The \$10,000 civil penalty shall be apportioned pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.12 (d), with 75%, or \$7,500, paid to the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and 25%, or \$2,500, payable to Plaintiff.
- 4.2. A single payment of \$42,000.00 as specified in Section 4.1 shall be made by check to "Custodio & Dubey LLP, client trust account" and mailed to Plaintiff's counsel Custodio & Dubey LLP at 445 S. Figueroa St., Suite 2520, Los Angeles, CA 90071. Plaintiff's counsel will remit the portions due to the State of California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and to Plaintiff.
- 4.3. For the payment to issue, Plaintiff shall complete Defendant's "Check to Electronic Pay Form" and Form W-9 (Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification), and provide Defendant an email or letter to validate Plaintiff's mailing address.

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#### 5. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

5.1. This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between Plaintiff, on behalf of itself, and acting on behalf of the public interest, and Defendant, and all of Defendant's officers, directors, members, shareholders, employees, representatives, attorneys, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, and the predecessors, successors, and assigns of any of them (collectively the "Defendant Releasees"), as well as all other upstream and downstream entities in the distribution chain for the Covered Products, including Walmart, Inc., and its respective subsidiaries, affiliates and parents, franchisees, cooperative members and licensees, employees, representatives, attorneys, successors, and assignees (collectively, the "Walmart Releasees"), This release includes, but is not limited to manufacturers, retailers, suppliers, distributors, marketplace hosts, wholesalers, customers, private label customers, franchisees, licensees, licensors, and cooperative members, and all of their officers, directors, members, shareholders, employees, representatives, attorneys, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, predecessors, successors, and assigns (collectively, the "Released Parties"), for any alleged violation of Proposition 65, and its implementing regulations, for failure to provide Proposition 65 warnings for the Covered Products with respect to DBP, and fully resolves all claims that have been brought, or which could have been brought in this action up to and including the Effective Date. Plaintiff on behalf of itself, and in the public interest, hereby discharges the Defendant Releasees, Released Parties, and the Walmart Releasees from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, suits, demands, liabilities, damages, civil penalties, obligations, debts, losses, fees, costs and expenses asserted with respect to any alleged violation of Proposition 65 arising from the failure to provide Proposition 65 warnings about exposures to DBP for any or all of the Covered Products sold through ninety (90) days after the Effective Date of the Consent Judgment. Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 by Defendant with respect

to any alleged failure to warn about DBP in Covered Products sold or distributed by Defendant after the Effective Date.

- 5.2. Plaintiff, acting in its individual capacity only, and in consideration of the promises and monetary payments contained herein, hereby releases Defendant Releasees, Released Parties, and the Walmart Releasees from any alleged claim, cause of action, action, suit, demand, liabilities, damages, civil penalties, obligations, debts, losses, fees, costs and expenses for alleged failure to provide Proposition 65 warnings for the Covered Products that Defendant has sold or caused to be sold in California up to and including the Effective Date.
- 5.3. It is possible that other claims not known to the Parties arising out of the facts contained in the Notice, or alleged in the Complaint, relating to the Covered Products, will hereafter be discovered or developed. Plaintiff, on behalf of itself only, on the one hand, and Defendant, on the other hand, acknowledge that this Consent Judgment is expressly intended to cover and include all such claims through and including the Effective Date, including all rights of action thereon. Plaintiff and Defendant acknowledge that the claims released in Sections 5.1 and 5.2 may include unknown claims, and nevertheless intend to release such claims, and in doing so waive California Civil Code § 1542 which reads 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.

5.4. Plaintiff understands and acknowledges that the significance and consequence of this waiver of California Civil Code § 1542 is that even if Plaintiff suffers future damages arising out of or resulting from, or related directly or indirectly to, in whole or in part, the

Covered Products, including but not limited to any exposure to, or failure to warn with respect to exposure to, chemicals in or from the Covered Products, Plaintiff will not be able to make any claim for those damages against any of the Defendant Releasees or the Released Parties.

5.5. Compliance by Defendant with the terms of this Consent Judgment shall constitute compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to exposure to DBP in the Covered Products as set forth in the Notice and/or the Complaint. If, after the Effective Date, the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment promulgates regulations affecting the warning provisions set forth in Section 3 herein, Defendant may comply with those regulations without being deemed in breach of this Consent Judgment.

### 6. COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.7(F)

6.1. Plaintiff and its attorneys agree to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced in California Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(f).

#### 7. Provision Of Notice

7.1. When any Party is entitled to receive any notice or writing under this Consent Judgment, the notice or writing shall be sent by first class certified mail with return receipt requested, or by electronic mail, as follows:

To Defendant:
Stephanie Angkadjaja, Esq.

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP 725 South Figueroa St., 36th Floor

Los Angeles, CA 90017

stephanie.angkadjaja@pillsburylaw.com

To Plaintiff:

Vineet Dubey, Esq.

Custodio & Dubey LLP

445 S. Figueroa St., Ste 2520

Los Angeles, CA 90071

dubey@cd-lawyers.com

7.2. Any party may modify the person and address to whom the notice is to be sent by sending the other Party notice that is transmitted in the manner set forth in Section 7.1.

#### 8. COURT APPROVAL

8.1. Upon execution of his Consent Judgment by all Parties, Plaintiff shall prepare and file, at its sole cost and expense, a Motion for Approval of this Consent Judgment that Defendant shall not oppose. This Consent Judgment shall not become effective until approved and entered by the Court. If this Consent Judgment is not entered by the Court, it shall be of no force or effect, and shall not be introduced into evidence or otherwise used in any proceeding for any purpose.

#### 9. GOVERNING LAW AND CONSTRUCTION

9.1. The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of California, and shall apply only to Covered Products sold in California.

#### 10. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. 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.
- 10.3. 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. Any agreements specifically contained or referenced herein, oral or otherwise, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the Parties hereto only to the extent that they are expressly incorporated herein.
- 10.4. No supplementation, modification, waiver, or termination of this Consent

  Judgment shall be binding unless executed in writing by the Party to be bound thereby,
  and approved and ordered by the Court.

10.5. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Consent Judgment shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any of the other provisions hereof whether or not similar, nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

#### 11. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

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

#### 12. NO EFFECT ON OTHER SETTLEMENTS

12.1. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall preclude Plaintiff from resolving any claim against another entity on terms that are different from those contained in this Consent Judgment.

#### 13. EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS

13.1. This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which, taken together, shall constitute the same document. Execution of the Consent Judgment by e-mail, facsimile, or other electronic means, shall constitute legal and binding execution and delivery. Any photocopy of the executed Consent Judgment shall have the same force and effect as the original.

#### 14. AUTHORIZATION

14.1. The undersigned are authorized to stipulate to, enter into, and execute this Consent Judgment on behalf of their respective parties, and have read, understood, and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment.

#### 15. SEVERABILITY

15.1. If subsequent to Court approval of this Consent Judgment, any part or provision is declared by a Court to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining portions or provisions shall continue in full force and effect to the extent they implement the Parties' intent.

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3	Ecological Alliance LLC
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5	Date: July 25 2025
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7	Harmony Welsh, Managing Member
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10	Saint-Gobain Adfors America, Inc.
11	Date: July 23, 2025
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14	Donald J. Damberger, President
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16	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that, pursuant to Health &
17	Safety Code § 25249.7(f)(4) and Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6, judgment is hereby entered.
18	Kwin C. Bruyeli
19	Dated: <u>09/22/2025</u> Kevin C. Brazile / Judge
20	JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
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