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14	FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA		
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17	MICHAEL DIPIRRO,	Case No. RG-07342197	
18	Plaintiff,	[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT	
19	v.		
20	UNIVERSAL ABIT USA CORPORATION; and DOES 1 through 150, inclusive,		
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	[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT		

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Parties

This Consent Judgment (also referred to herein as "Agreement") is entered into by and between Plaintiff, Michael DiPirro ("Plaintiff" or "DiPirro"), and Defendant Universal Abit USA Corporation, ("Defendant" or "Universal Abit"), with DiPirro and Universal Abit referred to as the "Parties." All benefits of this Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, each of the Parties and their respective affiliates, successors, and assigns.

1.2 Plaintiff

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

1.3 Defendant

Universal Abit employs ten or more persons and is a person in the course of doing business for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.6 et seq. (Proposition 65).

1.4 General Allegations

Plaintiff alleges that Defendant has manufactured, distributed, and/or sold products with solder containing lead in the State of California without the requisite health hazard warnings.

Lead is a substance known to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm and is listed pursuant to Proposition 65. Lead shall be referred to hereinafter as the "Listed Chemical."

1.5 Product Description

The products that are covered by this Consent Judgment are defined as follows: motherboards with lead-containing solder, such as the *ABIT NF8-V2 Motherboard* (# 8 41020 00364 6), and components utilized with motherboards that contain lead solder. Examples of forms of solder include, but are not limited to, solder, solder balls, solder spheres, solder paste, wave solder, solder joints, die bumps, and flip-chip bumps. All such motherboards and components utilized with such motherboards that contain lead solder, shall be referred to hereinafter as the "Products." Products that are integrated into a desktop computer system as a component thereof,

prior to the sale or acquisition of the computer system, shall be referred to hereinafter as "integrated products." Products that are sold individually and not as a component integrated into a computer system shall be referred to hereinafter as "non-integrated products."

1.6 Notice of Violation

On April 13, 2007, DiPirro served Defendant and various public enforcement agencies with a document entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" (Notice) that provided Defendant and such public enforcers with notice that alleged that Defendant was in violation of California Health & Safety Code §25249.6 for failing to warn consumers, workers and others that the motherboards that Defendant sold exposed users in California to the Listed Chemical.

1.7 Complaint

On August 22, 2007, DiPirro, acting in the interest of the general public in California, filed a complaint ("Complaint" or "Action") in the Superior Court in and for the County of Alameda against Universal Abit USA Corporation, and Does 1 through 150, alleging violations of California Health & Safety Code §25249.6, based on the alleged exposures to the Listed Chemical contained in the Products Defendant sold.

1.8 No Admission

Universal Abit denies the material factual, and legal allegations contained in DiPirro's Notice and Complaint and maintains that all Products that it has sold and distributed in California have been and are in compliance with all laws. 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 Paragraph shall not diminish or otherwise affect Defendant's obligations, responsibilities and duties under this Consent Judgment.

1.9 Consent to Jurisdiction

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, that venue is proper

in the County of Alameda and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter and enforce the provisions of this Consent Judgment.

1.10 Effective Date

For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term "Effective Date" shall mean December 19, 2008.

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

2.1 Product Warnings

After the Effective Date, Defendant shall not sell, ship, or offer to be shipped for sale in California Products containing the Listed Chemical unless such Products are sold or shipped with the clear and reasonable warning set out in this Section 2.1, comply with the reformulation standards set forth in Section 2.3 or are otherwise exempt pursuant to Section 2.2.

Any warning issued for Products pursuant to this Section 2.1 shall be prominently placed with such conspicuousness as 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, for Products shipped directly to an individual in California or used in the workplace, before use. Any warning issued pursuant to this Section 2.1 shall be provided in a manner such that the consumer or user understands to which *specific* Product the warning applies, so as to minimize if not eliminate the chance that an overwarning situation will arise.

Sections 2.1(a)-(c) describe Defendant's options for satisfying its warning obligations depending, in part, on the manner of sale. The warning requirement of Section 2.1(d) shall apply regardless of the manner of sale. The following warnings will be applicable when the Product is sold either to consumers or in a business-to-business transaction:

(a) Retail Store Sales of Non-Integrated Products

(i) Product Labeling. From the Effective Date, a warning will be affixed to packaging, labeling, or directly on each non-integrated product sold in retail outlets by Defendant or its agents, that states:

WARNING: The materials used in this product contain lead, a chemical known to the State of

California to cause cancer and birth defects and other reproductive harm.

Please wash hands after handling and avoid inhalation of fumes if heating the solder on the product.

obligations by ensuring that signs are posted at retail outlets in the State of California where the non-integrated products are sold. In order to avail itself of the point-of-sale option, Defendant shall provide a written notice (via certified mail in the first quarter of each calendar year) to each retailer or distributor to whom Defendant sells or transfers the non-integrated products directly, which informs such retailers or distributors that point-of-sale warnings are required at each retail location in the State of California. Defendant shall include a copy of the warning signs and posting instructions with such notice. Further, Defendant must receive and make available for DiPirro's inspection, upon request, a written commitment: (a) from each retailer to whom Defendant sells non-integrated products directly that said retailer will post the warning signs; and (b) from each distributor to whom Defendant sells non-integrated products directly that the distributor will transmit the point-of-sale warning notice and instructions to their direct customers. Point-of-sale warnings shall be provided through one or more signs posted in close proximity to the point of display of the non-integrated products that states:

WARNING:

The materials used in this product contain lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects and other reproductive harm.

Please wash hands after handling and avoid inhalation of fumes if heating the solder on the product.

(b) Mail Order Catalog and Internet Sales of Non-Integrated Products.

Defendant shall satisfy its warning obligations for non-integrated products that are sold by mail order catalog or from the Internet to California residents by providing a warning: (i) in the mail order catalog; and/or (ii) on the website. Warnings given in the mail order catalog or on the website shall identify the specific Product to which the warning applies as further specified in

conjunction with the sale of the non-integrated product via the Internet, provided it appears either:

(a) on the same web page on which the non-integrated product is displayed; (b) on the same web page as the order form for the non-integrated product; (c) on the same page as the price for any non-integrated product; or (d) on one or more web pages displayed to a purchaser during the checkout process. The following warning statement shall be used and shall appear in any of the above instances adjacent to or immediately following the display, description, or price of the non-integrated product for which it is given in the same type size or larger as the product description text:

WARNING:

The materials used in this product contain lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects and other reproductive harm.

Please wash hands after handling and avoid inhalation of fumes if heating the solder on the product.

Alternatively, the designated symbol may appear adjacent to or immediately following the display, description, or price of the non-integrated product for which a warning is being given, provided that the following warning statement also appears elsewhere on the same web page:

WARNING:

Products identified on this page with the following symbol use materials that contain lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects and other reproductive harm: ▼

Please wash hands after handling and avoid inhalation of fumes if heating the solder on the product.

(c) Sales to Known Integrators

Where Defendant sells Products to individuals or entities it knows to be in the business of integrating its Products into computer systems for resale ("integrator(s)"), Defendant shall provide the integrator with written instructions (via certified mail in the first quarter of each calendar year) which instructs such integrators to attach sticker warnings, as specified in this Section, to any item which contains a Product as an integrated component, prior to the resale of the integrated product. Defendant must receive and make available for DiPirro's inspection, upon request, a written

commitment from each integrator to whom Defendant sells Products directly that said integrator will post the warning stickers consistent with the requirements of Proposition 65. Defendant shall provide the integrators with stickers printed with the following warning to be attached to each item containing an integrated product:

WARNING:

The materials used in the motherboard utilized in this computer system contain lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects and other reproductive harm.

Please wash hands after handling this motherboard and avoid inhalation of fumes if heating the solder on the motherboard.

(d) Manual Warnings

On or before December 19, 2008, Defendant shall include the following warning in twelve point font or greater on the inside front cover of its product user manuals shipped with any non-reformulated Product and available for viewing on its website(s), if so provided, and where Defendant otherwise warns or informs its customers of the content of its Products:

WARNING:

The materials used in this product contain lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects and other reproductive harm.

Please wash hands after handling and avoid inhalation of fumes if heating the solder on the product.

2.2 Exceptions To Warning Requirements

The warning requirements set forth in Section 2.1 shall not apply to:

- (i) Any Product received in inventory before the Effective Date, subject to Section 2.5;
- (ii) Reformulated Products (as defined in Section 2.3 below); or
- (iii) Any Product in which the only possible point of exposure to the Listed

 Chemical is embedded in a manner that a consumer or worker would not

 come into contact with the Listed Chemical under any reasonably

 anticipated use.

2.3 <u>Reformulation Standards</u>

Reformulated Products are defined as follows: any Product containing less than or equal to one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) lead by weight in each solder material, including all forms of solder as identified in Section 1.5, unless that material is embedded in a manner that a consumer or worker ordinarily would not come into contact with the lead under any reasonably anticipated use. The warnings required pursuant to Section 2.1 above shall not be required for reformulated Products.

2.4 Reformulation Commitment

Defendant hereby commits that all desktop products that it offers for sale in California after December 19, 2008, shall qualify as reformulated Products or be exempt from the warning requirements of Section 2.1 pursuant to Section 2.2. Further, Defendant commits to use commercially reasonable efforts to reformulate all Products in addition to those used for desktop computers (*e.g.*, motherboards used for servers) to eliminate the presence of lead, except for those instances outlined in Section 2.2(iii), on or before December 31, 2008.

2.5 **Public Information Commitment**

In a good faith effort to inform the public about the risk of exposure to lead in Defendant's Products sold before December 19, 2008, Defendant hereby commits to provide the following warning on its main products web page(s) for a period of three years:

WARNING:

Certain desktop motherboards sold in California prior to December 19, 2008, contain lead solder. Lead is a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects and other reproductive harm.

Please wash hands after handling those motherboards that utilize lead solder and avoid inhalation of fumes if heating the solder on the product.

Immediately following the above warning, Defendant shall provide a hyperlink titled "List of Motherboards Containing Lead Solder" which will link to a web page that Defendant shall create

¹For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the lead by weight standard shall not apply to ingredient components of solder, such as glass and ceramic additives, but shall apply to the final solder materials used in the Products.

and maintain for a period of three years. On that page, Defendant shall provide the following warning:

WARNING:

The following desktop motherboards sold in California prior to December 19, 2008, contain lead solder. Lead is a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects and other reproductive harm.

Please wash hands after handling these motherboards that utilize lead solder and avoid inhalation of fumes if heating the solder on these products.

Immediately following that warning, Defendant shall list all Products that contain lead solder which Defendant sold in California before December 19, 2008. Defendant shall identify each Product by name and model number.

3. MONETARY PAYMENTS

3.1 Penalties Pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(b)

Pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(b), the total civil penalty assessed shall be \$10,000. Defendant shall receive a credit of \$8,250 in light of its prompt cooperation with DiPirro in resolving this matter and its commitment to sell only reformulated Products in California. Defendant shall pay \$1,750.00 in civil penalties on or before December 19, 2008. All payments made pursuant to this Section 3.1 shall be payable to the "HIRST & CHANLER LLP in Trust For Michael DiPirro" and shall be delivered to Plaintiff's counsel at the following address:

Hirst & Chanler LLP Attn: Proposition 65 Controller 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 605 Sacramento, CA 95814

3.2 Apportionment of Penalties Received

All penalty monies received shall be apportioned by DiPirro in accordance with Health & Safety Code §25192, with 75% of these funds remitted by DiPirro to the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the remaining 25% of these penalty monies retained by DiPirro as provided by Health & Safety Code §25249.12(d). DiPirro shall bear all responsibility for apportioning and paying to the State of California the appropriate civil

penalties paid in accordance with this Section.

4. REIMBURSEMENT OF FEES AND COSTS

The Parties acknowledge that DiPirro 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 this fee issue to be resolved after the material terms of the agreement had been settled. Defendant then expressed a desire to resolve the fee and cost issue shortly after the other settlement terms had been finalized. The Parties then reached an accord on the compensation due to DiPirro and his counsel under the private attorney general doctrine codified at California Code of Civil Procedure \\$1021.5 for all work performed through the Court's approval of this agreement. Under the private attorney general doctrine, Defendant shall reimburse DiPirro and his counsel for fees and costs incurred as a result of investigating, bringing this matter to Defendant's attention, litigating, and negotiating a settlement in the public interest and seeking the Court's approval of the Consent Judgment. Defendant shall pay DiPirro and his counsel \$20,000.00 for all attorneys' fees, expert and investigation fees, litigation and related costs. The payment shall be made payable to HIRST & CHANLER LLP and shall be delivered on or before December 19, 2008, at the following address:

Hirst & Chanler LLP Attn: Proposition 65 Controller 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 605 Sacramento, CA 95814

5. RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

5.1 Release of Defendant and Downstream Customers

In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, and for the payments to be made pursuant to Sections 3 and 4, DiPirro, on behalf of himself, his past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, and in the interest of the general public, hereby waives all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and releases all claims, including, without limitation, all actions, and causes of action, in law or in equity, suits, liabilities, demands, obligations, damages, costs, fines, penalties, losses, or expenses (including, but not limited to, investigation fees, expert fees, and attorneys'

exposures to the listed chemical contained in the Products.

The Parties further understand and agree that this release shall not extend upstream to any entities that manufactured the Products or any component parts thereof, or any distributors or suppliers who sold the Products or any component parts thereof to Defendant. This settlement does not release any downstream party (including integrators and retailers) that either caused exposure to lead from components not supplied by Defendant or, as to the future, alters the Product purchased from Defendant in such a way as to cause it to violate the reformulation standards or fails to transmit the requisite warnings provided by Defendant in paragraph 2.1 set forth in this Consent Judgment.

fees) of any nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, fixed or contingent (collectively

auctioneers, retailers, franchisees, dealers, customers, owners, purchasers, users, parent companies,

corporate affiliates, subsidiaries, and their respective officers, directors, attorneys, representatives,

manufacturers and distributors (collectively "releasees"). This release is limited to those claims

that arise under Proposition 65, as such claims relate to Defendant's alleged failure to warn about

"claims"), against Defendant and each of its downstream wholesalers, licensors, licensees,

shareholders, agents, and employees, sister and parent entities, and original equipment

DiPirro, in his individual capacity and *not* in his representative capacity, releases any and all general claims that he may presently have against Defendant beyond those claims covered in this subsection. DiPirro further waives any and all rights and benefits which he now has, or in the future may have, conferred upon by virtue of the provisions of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTENT TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

5.2 Defendant's Release of DiPirro

Defendant waives any and all claims against DiPirro, his attorneys, and other representatives for any and all actions taken or statements made (or those that could have been

 taken or made) by DiPirro and his attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of investigating claims or otherwise seeking enforcement of Proposition 65 against it in this matter, and/or with respect to the Products.

6. COURT APPROVAL

This Consent Judgment is not 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 one year after it has been fully executed by all Parties, in which event any monies that have been provided to Plaintiff or his counsel, pursuant to Section 3 and/or Section 4 above, shall be refunded within fifteen (15) days after receiving written notice from Defendant that the one-year period has expired. In the event that this Consent Judgment is entered by the Court and subsequently overturned by any appellate court, any monies that have been provided to Plaintiff or his counsel pursuant to Section 3 and/or Section 4 above, shall be refunded within fifteen (15) days of the appellate decision becoming final.

7. **SEVERABILITY**

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

8. <u>ATTORNEYS' FEES</u>

In the event that, after Court approval: (1) Defendant or any third party seeks modification of this Consent Judgment pursuant to Section 14 below; or (2) DiPirro takes reasonable and necessary steps to enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment, DiPirro shall be entitled to his reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to CCP §1021.5.

9. 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 Defendant may provide written notice to DiPirro 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

1 Products are so affected.

10. NOTICES

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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:

To Defendant:

Julie Chu Universal Abit USA Corporation 3600 Peterson way Santa Clara 95054

To DiPirro:

Hirst & Chanler LLP Proposition 65 Coordinator 2560 Ninth Street Parker Plaza, Suite 214 Berkeley, CA 94710-2565

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.

11. COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by 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)

DiPirro and his attorneys agree to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced in Health & Safety Code §25249.7(f).

13. ADDITIONAL POST EXECUTION ACTIVITIES

DiPirro and Defendant agree to mutually employ their best efforts to support the entry of this Agreement as a Consent Judgment and obtain approval of the Consent Judgment by the Court in a timely manner. The Parties acknowledge that, pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, a Motion to Approve the Agreement ("noticed motion") is required to obtain judicial approval of

1 this Consent Judgment which DiPirro shall draft and file, and Defendant shall join. If any third 2 party objection is filed to the noticed motion, DiPirro and Defendant shall work together to file a 3 joint reply and appear at any hearing before the Court. 14. 4 **MODIFICATION** 5 This Consent Judgment may be modified only: (1) by written agreement of the Parties and 6 upon entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court thereon; or (2) upon a successful motion 7 of any Party and entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court. The Attorney General shall 8 be served with notice of any proposed modification to this Consent Judgment at least fifteen (15) 9 days in advance of its consideration by the Court. 10 //// //// 11 12 //// 13 //// 14 //// 15 //// 16 //// 17 //// 18 //// 19 //// 20 //// 21 //// 22 //// 23 //// 24 //// 25 //// 26 //// 27 //// 28 //// 14

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15. <u>AUTHORIZATION</u>

• The undersigned are authorized to 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.

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Date: December 15, 2008	Date:	
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:	APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
Date: 12/15/68/ HIRST & CHANLER LLP	Date: LAW OFFICES OF EARL L. JIANG	
By:Christopher M. Martin Attorneys for Plaintiff MICHAEL DIPIRRO	By: Earl L. Jiang Attorneys for Defendant UNIVERSAL ABIT USA CORPORATION	
T IS SO ORDERED.	,	
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By: Julie Champore Defendant, UNIVERSAL ABIT USA CORPORATION
APPROVED AS TO FORM: Date: 1 OF LAW OFFICES OF EARL L. JIANG
By: Earl L. Jiang Attorpeys for Defendant

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: _

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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