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FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL DISTRICT

COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION AND)
RESEARCH ON TOXICS, a California)
corporation, acting as a private)
attorney general in the public)
interest;

Plaintiff,

VS.

BRAD BARRY COMPANY, LTD., a) California corporation; BRISTOL) FARMS, a California corporation;) CARIBOU COFFEE COMPANY, INC., a) Minnesota corporation; COSTCO) WHOLESALE CORPORATION, a) Washington corporation; DD IP) HOLDER LLC, a Delaware) corporation; DUNKIN' BRANDS, INC., a Delaware corporation;)
DUNKIN' DONUTS LLC, a Delaware) corporation; F. GAVINA & SONS,) INC., a California corporation;) THE FOLGERS COFFEE COMPANY, a) Delaware corporation; et al., Defendants.

CASE NO. BC461182

Related to Lead Case No. BC435759

Assigned to the Honorable Elihu Berle, Dept. 323

CONSENT JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANT KEAN COFFEE, LLC

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On May 9, 2011, the Council for Education and Research on Toxics ("CERT") filed a complaint for civil penalties and injunctive relief for violations of Proposition 65 in the Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles. CERT's complaint alleges that the Defendants failed to provide clear and reasonable warnings that ingestion of the Covered Products (as defined in Paragraph 2.1), would result in exposure to acrylamide, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer. The complaint further alleges that under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, also known as "Proposition 65," businesses must provide persons with a "clear and reasonable warning" before exposing individuals to these chemicals, and that the Defendants failed to do so.

- Kean Coffee, LLC ("Settling Defendant"), was not named as a Defendant in 1.2. Plaintiff's original complaint. However, on June 21, 2012, CERT served Settling Defendant with "Notice of Proposition 65 Violations" consistent with the present lawsuit and thereafter named Settling Defendant as a defendant in this lawsuit under its true name.
- Settling Defendant is a corporation that employs more than 10 persons, or employed 10 or more persons at some time relevant to the allegations of the complaint, and which manufactures, distributes and/or sells Covered Products in the State of California or has done so in the past.
- For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the parties stipulate that this Court 1.4. has jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in CERT's complaint and personal jurisdiction over Settling Defendant as to the acts alleged in CERT's complaint, that venue is proper in the County of Los Angeles, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Judgment as a full and final resolution of all claims which were raised in the complaint based on the facts alleged therein.
- 1.5 CERT and Settling Defendant enter into this Consent Judgment as a full and final settlement of all claims that were raised in the complaint (except as specified in Paragraph 9.1), arising out of the facts or conduct alleged therein. Settling Defendant has expressly waived its statute of limitations defenses with respect to the claims alleged in CERT's complaint. By execution of this

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Consent Judgment and agreeing to provide the relief and remedies specified herein, Settling Defendant does not admit any violations of Proposition 65, or any other law or legal duty. Except as expressly set forth herein, nothing in this Consent Judgment shall prejudice, waive or impair any right, remedy, or defense that CERT and Settling Defendant may have in any other or in future legal proceedings unrelated to these proceedings. However, this paragraph shall not diminish or otherwise affect the obligations, responsibilities, and duties of the parties under this Consent Judgment.

2. **DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 "Covered Products" means all coffee beans or grounds, flaked, instant or freeze-dried coffee, or any other packaged coffee that is not sold as ready-to-drink and that is sold in any establishment in the State of California, including in restaurants, coffee houses, and retail speciality stores owned and/or operated by Settling Defendant ("Company Restaurants") or restaurants, coffee houses, and retail specialty stores owned and operated by third parties pursuant to franchise or license agreements with Settling Defendant ("Franchise Restaurants").
- 2.2 "Effective Date" means the date upon which this Court enters this Consent Judgment.

3. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF; CLEAR AND REASONABLE WARNINGS

- 3.1. Settling Defendant shall provide warnings in the manner required by this Consent Judgment for all Covered Products.
- 3.2. Warning Message. The warning message provided, under the permitted warning methods, shall be the following:

WARNING

"Chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity, including acrylamide, are present in our coffee products. Acrylamide is not added to our products, but results from the roasting of coffee beans. As a result, acrylamide is present in our brewed coffee products. Your personal cancer risk is affected by a wide variety of factors. For more information regarding acrylamide see www.fda.gov. For more information about acrylamide and Proposition 65, visit www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/acrylamide.html."

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- b. Wherever the warning language in this Consent Judgment uses the phrase "chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer," Settling Defendant, at its option, may use either the phrase "chemical known to cause cancer" or "chemical that causes cancer."
- 3.3. Warning Method. The warning shall be affixed to or printed on the back of the package of the Covered Product, in typeface equal to the typeface of other product information on the label so as to render the warning easily read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions of purchase or use. Such warnings shall accompany the Covered Product sold into California beginning no later than sixty (60) days after of the Effective Date.
- 3.4. Nothing in this Consent Judgment requires that warnings be given for Covered Products sold outside the State of California.

4. CIVIL PENALTIES

- 4.1. Calculation of Civil Penalties
- 4.1.1. A company who violates Proposition 65 shall be liable for civil penalties not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per day *for each violation* in addition to any other penalty established by law pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b)(1).
- 4.1.2. In assessing the amount of civil penalties for violations of Proposition 65, all of the following factors must be considered pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b)(2):
 - a. The nature and extent of the violation.
 - b. The number of, and severity of, the violations.
 - c. The economic effect of the penalty on the violator.
- d. Whether the violator took good faith measures to comply with this chapter and the time these measures were taken.
 - e. The willfulness of the violator's misconduct.
- f. The deterrent effect that the imposition of the penalty would have on both the violator and the regulated community as a whole.
 - g. Any other factor that justice may require.
- 4.2. Settling Defendant has agreed to settle this case short of any litigation. Further, Settling Defendant has limited financial resources and cannot afford civil penalties. As a result, the

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parties have agreed that Settling Defendant will not be required to pay civil penalties in this case. This absence of civil penalties is based on consideration of all the penalty factors set forth in Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(b)(2), and on 11 C.C.R. § 3203(a) which provides that "[a] settlement of little or not penalty may be entirely appropriate."

5. PAYMENTS

5.1. Settling Defendant shall pay the total amount identified below in settlement of both this case and the related case, *Council for Education and Research on Toxics v. Starbucks Corporation*, Case No. BC435759. The terms of the payment agreement are as follows:

Settling Defendant shall pay the total amount of \$2,500 ("Settlement Proceeds"), within thirty days of entry of this Consent Judgment. Settlement Proceeds shall be made payable to the Metzger Law Group Attorney-Client Trust Account, and to no other persons, and delivered to CERT's counsel, Metzger Law Group, 401 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 800, Long Beach, California 90802-4966.

The settlement proceeds are to reimburse CERT for its attorneys' fees and costs incurred in investigating this matter, negotiating and preparing this Consent Judgment on behalf of itself and in the public interest, and preparing the motion to approve the Consent Judgment.

6. MODIFICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

- 6.1. This Consent Judgment may be modified by written agreement of CERT and Settling Defendant, after noticed motion, and upon entry of a modified consent judgment by the court thereon, or upon motion of CERT or Settling Defendant as provided by law and upon entry of a modified consent judgment by the court. Before filing an application with the court for a modification to this Consent Judgment, Settling Defendant may meet and confer with CERT to determine whether CERT will consent to the proposed modification. If a proposed modification is agreed, then Settling Defendant and CERT will present the modification to the court by means of a stipulated modification to the Consent Judgment.
- 6.2 If Proposition 65 or its implementing regulations are changed from their terms as they exist on the date of entry of judgment, the parties may seek modifications in the Consent Judgment as follows:

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- Products are not required, Settling Defendant may seek a modification of this Consent Judgment to conform to the judgment to the change in law.
- b. If the change establishes that the warnings provided by this Consent Judgment would not comply with the law, either party may seek a modification of the Consent Judgment to conform the judgment to the change in law.
- c. If the change would provide a new form or manner of an optional or safe-harbor warning, Settling Defendant may seek a modification to provide a warning in the newly permitted form, but the modification shall not be granted unless the court finds that the new warning would not be materially less informative or likely to be seen, read, and understood than the warnings provided under this Consent Judgment.
- 6.3 If Settling Defendant corresponds in writing to an agency or branch of the United States Government in connection with the application of Proposition 65 to Acrylamide in the Covered Products, then, so long as such correspondence is not confidential and would be retrievable by CERT under the Freedom of Information Act, Settling Defendant originating such communication shall provide CERT with a copy of such communication as soon as practicable, but not more than 10 days after sending or receiving the correspondence; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to correspondence to or from trade associations or other groups of which Settling Defendant is a member.

7. ENFORCEMENT

7.1. CERT may, by motion or application for an order to show cause before this Court, enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Consent Judgment. In any such proceeding, CERT may seek whatever fines, costs, penalties, or remedies are provided by law for failure to comply with the Consent Judgment and where said violations of this Consent Judgment constitute subsequent violations of Proposition 65 or other laws independent of the Consent Judgment and/or those alleged in the complaint, CERT is not limited to enforcement of the Consent Judgment, but may seek in another action, whatever fines, costs, penalties, or remedies are provided for by law for failure to comply with Proposition 65 or other laws. In any action brought by CERT alleging subsequent violations of Proposition 65 or other laws, Settling Defendant may assert all available defenses.

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8. AUTHORITY TO STIPULATE TO CONSENT JUDGMENT

8.1. 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 and to enter into and execute the Consent Judgment on behalf of the party represented and legally to bind that party.

9. CLAIMS COVERED

9.1. This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between CERT and Settling Defendant, of any violation of Proposition 65 that has been asserted in the Complaint dated May 9, 2011, up through the Effective Date, for failure to provide clear and reasonable warnings of exposure to acrylamide from the use of the Covered Products, whether based on actions committed by Settling Defendants or by an entity to whom it distributes or sells coffee products, and for any franchisee who sells or has sold Covered Products in the State of California. Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to exposures to acrylamide from Covered Products as set forth in the Complaint dated May 9, 2011.

10. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

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

11. PROVISION OF NOTICE

11.1. When any party is entitled to receive any notice under this Consent Judgment, the notice shall be sent by overnight courier service to the person and address set forth in this Paragraph. Any party may modify the person and address to whom the notice is to be sent by sending each other party notice by certified mail, return receipt requested. Said change shall take effect for any notice mailed at least five days after the date the return receipt is signed by the party receiving the change.

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12. COURT APPROVAL

This Consent Judgment shall be submitted to the Court for entry by noticed motion. If this Consent Judgment is not approved by the Court, it shall be of no force or effect and may not be used by CERT or Settling Defendant for any purpose.

13. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and 13.1 understanding of the parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof, and any and all prior discussions, negotiations, commitments and understandings related hereto. No representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those contained herein have been made by any party hereto. No other agreements not specifically referred to herein, oral or otherwise, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties.

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14. EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS

The stipulations to this Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by means of facsimile, which taken together shall be deemed to constitute one document.

IT IS SO STIPULATED:

DATED: January 4, 2013

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COUNCIL ON EDUCATION AND RESEARCH ON TOXICS ("CERT")

DATED: January__, 2013

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IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:

DATED:

HON. ELIHU M. BERLE Judge of the Superior Court

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am employed in the County of Los Angeles, I am over the age of 18 years and am not a party to the California. within action. My business address is 401 E. Ocean Blvd., 8th Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802.

On January 7, 2013, Ι served the foregoing document, described as: CONSENT JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANT KEAN COFFEE, LLC on the interested parties to this action by submitting an electronic version of the document via FTP upload to LexisNexis/FileAndServe pursuant to the Court's Order.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed on January 7, 2013, at Long Beach, California.

Susan M. Simpson, Declarant

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