# SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

### 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Anthony E. Held, Ph.D., P.E. and M S R Imports, Inc.

This Settlement Agreement is entered into by and between Anthony E. Held, Ph.D., P.E. ("Held"), and M S R Imports. Inc. ("MSR"), with Held and MSR collectively referred to as the "parties." Held 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. MSR employs ten or more persons and, Held alleges, is a person in the course of doing business for purposes of Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.5 et seq. ("Proposition 65").

# 1.2 General Allegations

Held alleges that MSR has manufactured, distributed and/or sold in the State of California, wallets containing the phthalate chemical di(2-ethylhexl)phthalate ("DEHP"). DEHP is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm.

### 1.3 Product Description

The products that are covered by this Settlement Agreement are defined as wallets containing DEHP manufactured, distributed and/or sold in California by MSR including, but not limited to, *Skinny Wallet*, #3160 (#7 07569 03160 4), hereinafter "Products."

# 1.4 Notices of Violation

On December 21, 2010, Held served MSR and various public enforcement agencies with a document entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" that provided the recipients with notice that alleged that MSR was in violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 for failing to warn consumers and customers that its Products exposed users in California to DEHP. No public enforcer has diligently prosecuted the allegations set forth in the December 21, 2010, Notice.

### 1.5 No Admission

MSR denies the material, factual and legal allegations contained in Held's Notice and maintains that all products that it has sold and distributed in California, including the Products, have been and are in compliance with all laws. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed as an admission by MSR of any fact, finding, issue of law, or violation of law; nor shall compliance with this Settlement Agreement constitute or be construed as an admission by MSR of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law or violation of law, such being specifically denied by MSR. However, this section shall not diminish or otherwise affect the obligations, responsibilities and duties of MSR under this Settlement Agreement.

## 1.6 Effective Date

For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, the term "Effective Date" shall mean November 15, 2011.

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

### 2.1 Reformulation Standards

Reformulated Products are defined as those Products containing DEHP in concentrations less than 0.1 percent (1,000 parts per million) in each accessible component 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 DEHP content in a solid substance.

### 2.2 Reformulation Commitment

As of the Effective Date all Products manufactured, imported, distributed, sold or offered for sale in the State of California by MSR shall be Products that qualify as Reformulated Products as defined in Section 2.1 above or shall carry appropriate Proposition 65 warnings as defined in Section 2.3 below.

## 2.3 Product Warnings

The parties hereby acknowledge and agree that MSR has already implemented a labeling program that uses the following language:

WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to

the State of California to cause cancer and

birth defects or other reproductive harm.

All Products that contain the aforementioned warning label, as of the Effective Date, need not qualify as a Reformulated Product, as defined in Section 2.1. However, all Products that do not contain the aforementioned warning label, as of the Effective Date, shall qualify as

Reformulated Products, as defined in Section 2.1.

3. PENALTIES PURSUANT TO HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(b)

\$1,500 in civil penalties. This civil penalty reflects a credit of \$3,000 based on MSR's commitment to reformulate the Products pursuant to Sections 2.1 and 2.2 above. Civil penalties

In settlement of all the claims referred to in this Settlement Agreement, MSR shall pay

are to be apportioned in accordance with California Health & Safety Code §§25249.12(c) & (d),

with 75% of these funds remitted to the State of California's Office of Environmental Health

Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") and the remaining 25% of the penalty remitted to Held. MSR

shall issue two separate checks for the penalty payment: (a) one check made payable to The

Chanler Group in Trust for the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard

Assessment ("The Chanler Group in Trust for OEHHA") in the amount of \$1125, representing

75% of the total penalty and (b) one check to "The Chanler Group in Trust for Held" in the

amount of \$375, representing 25% of the total penalty. Two separate 1099s shall be issued for

the above payments: The first 1099 shall be issued to OEHHA, P.O. Box 4010. Sacramento, CA

95814 (EIN: 68-0284486). The second 1099 shall be issued to Held, whose address and tax

identification number shall be furnished, upon request, at least five calendar days before payment

is due. The payments shall be delivered on or before December 15, 2011, to the following

address:

The Chanler Group Attn: Proposition 65 Controller 2560 Ninth Street Parker Plaza, Suite 214 Berkeley, CA 94710

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### 4. REIMBURSEMENT OF FEES AND COSTS

The parties acknowledge that Held 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. MSR then expressed a desire to resolve the fee and cost issue shortly after the other settlement terms had been finalized. The parties then attempted to (and did) reach an accord on the compensation due to Held and his counsel under general contract principles and the private attorney general doctrine codified at California Code of Civil Procedure (CCP) § 1021.5, for all work performed through the mutual execution of this agreement. MSR shall pay the total amount of \$13,500 for fees and costs incurred as a result of investigating, bringing this matter to MSR's attention, and negotiating a settlement in the public interest. MSR shall issue a separate 1099 for fees and costs (EIN: 94-3171522), shall make the check payable to "The Chanler Group" and shall deliver payment on or before December 15, 2011, to the following address:

The Chanler Group Attn: Proposition 65 Controller 2560 Ninth Street Parker Plaza, Suite 214 Berkeley, CA 94710-2565

### 5. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

### 5.1 Full, Final and Binding Resolution of Proposition 65 Allegations

This Settlement Agreement is a full, final and binding resolution between Held, on behalf of himself and the public, and MSR, of any violation of Proposition 65 that was or could have been asserted by Held against MSR, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities that are under common ownership, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, and each entity to whom MSR directly or indirectly distributes or sells Products, including but not limited to downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members, licensors, and licensees ("Releasees"), based on their failure to warn about alleged exposures to DEHP contained in the Products that were sold by MSR.

### 5.2 Held's Public Release of Proposition 65 Claims

In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, Held 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' fees, but exclusive of fees and costs on appeal — limited to and arising under Proposition 65 with respect to DEHP in the Products sold by MSR (collectively "claims"), against MSR and Releasees.

# 5.3 Held's Individual Release of Claims

Held also, in his individual capacity only and *not* in his representative capacity. provides a release herein which shall be effective as a full and final accord and satisfaction, as a bar to all actions, causes of action, obligations, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, losses, claims, liabilities and demands of Held of any nature, character or kind, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, against MSR and Releasees, limited to and arising out of alleged or actual exposures to any chemical listed pursuant to Proposition 65 in the Products manufactured, distributed, or sold in California by MSR. Held acknowledges that he is familiar with Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

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

Held, in his individual capacity only and *not* in his representative capacity, expressly waives and relinquishes any and all rights and benefits which he may have under, or which may be conferred on him by the provisions of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, as well as under any other state or federal statute or common law principle of similar effect, to the fullest

extent that he may lawfully waive such rights or benefits pertaining to the released matters. In furtherance of such intention, the release hereby given shall be and remain in effect as a full and complete release notwithstanding the discovery or existence of any such additional or different claims or facts arising out of the released matters.

The parties further understand and agree that the foregoing releases shall not extend upstream to any entities that manufactured the Products for MSR (except for Products manufactured by MSR, if any) or any component parts thereof, or to any distributors or suppliers who sold the Products or any component parts thereof to MSR.

# 5.4 MSR's Release of Held

MSR on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against Held, his attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made (or those that could have been taken or made) by Held and his attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of investigating claims or otherwise seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against it in this matter with respect to the Products.

MSR also provides a general release herein which shall be effective as a full and final accord and satisfaction, as a bar to all actions, causes of action, obligations, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, losses, claims. liabilities and demands of MSR of any nature, character or kind, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, arising out of the subject matter of this Settlement Agreement. MSR acknowledges that it is familiar with Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

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## 6. **SEVERABILITY**

If, subsequent to the execution of this Settlement Agreement, any of the provisions of this Settlement Agreement are deemed by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the enforceable provisions remaining shall not be adversely affected.

## 7. **GOVERNING LAW**

The terms of this Settlement Agreement 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 MSR shall provide written notice to Held of any asserted change in the law, and shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Settlement Agreement with respect to, and to the extent that, the Products are so affected. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be interpreted to relieve MSR from any obligation to comply with any pertinent state or federal toxics control law.

#### 8. NOTICES

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

For MSR:

Michael Rodack, President M S R Imports, Inc. 6920 Central Highway Pennsauken, NJ 08109 For Held:

Proposition 65 Coordinator The Chanler Group 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.

# 9. <u>COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE SIGNATURES</u>

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

# 10. COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(f)

Held agrees to comply with the reporting requirements referenced in Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f).

## 11. MODIFICATION

This Settlement Agreement may be modified only by a written agreement of the parties.

# 12. AUTHORIZATION

The undersigned are authorized to execute this Settlement Agreement and have read understood and agree to all of the terms and conditions contained herein.

AGREED TO:		AGREED TO:
Date: APPROVED  By Anthony Held at 1	1:23 am, Dec 09, 2011	Date:
By: anthone	1 & Held	By:
Anthony E. Held, Ph.D	, P.E.	Michael Rodack, President M S R Imports, Inc.

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