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12	CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH,	Case No. CGC-12-526396
13	Plaintiff,	PROPOSED   CONSENT JUDGMENT   AS TO BUDERIM GINGER LIMITED
14	V.	AND COST PLUS, INC.
15	FAYEON DISTRIBUTORS, INC., et al.,	
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17	Defendants.	
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22	1. INTRODUCTION	
23	1.1 The Parties to this Consent Judgmen	t are the Center For Environmental Health, a
24	California non-profit corporation ("CEH"), and Bud	derim Ginger Limited ("Settling Defendant").
25	CEH and Settling Defendant (the "Parties") enter in	nto this Consent Judgment to settle certain
26	claims asserted by CEH against Settling Defendant	as set forth in the operative complaint
27	("Complaint") in the above-captioned matter. This	Consent Judgment covers the lead content of
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ginger chews, candied or crystallized ginger snack foods and wholesale of bulk candied or crystalized ginger ("Covered Products") sold or offered for sale by Settling Defendant. This Consent Judgment and the term Covered Products do not cover or include baking ingredients, whether or not made with candied ginger, crystalized ginger or any other type of ginger.

- 1.2 On November 30, 2012, CEH served a 60-day Notices of Violation under Proposition 65, alleging that Settling Defendant violated Proposition 65 by exposing persons to lead and lead compounds ("Lead") contained in ginger and fruit snack foods without first providing a clear and reasonable Proposition 65 warning.
- 1.3 Settling Defendant is a corporation that manufactures, distributes, sells or offers for sale Covered Products that are offered for sale in the State of California or has done so in the past.
- 1.4 On November 27, 2012, CEH filed the original Complaint in this matter. On December 20, 2012, CEH filed the operative First Amended Complaint in this matter. The First Amended Complaint was then amended on March 7, 2013 to add Settling Defendant as named party.
- 1.5 For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the Complaint and personal jurisdiction over Settling Defendant as to the acts alleged in the Complaint, that venue is proper in the County of San Francisco, and that 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 Covered Products manufactured, distributed, and/or sold by Settling Defendant.
- 1.6 Nothing in this Consent Judgment is or shall be construed as an admission by the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law or violation of law, nor shall compliance with the Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall prejudice, waive or impair any right, remedy, argument or defense the Parties may have in any other pending or future legal proceedings. This Consent Judgment is the product of negotiation

and compromise and is accepted by the Parties solely for purposes of settling, compromising, and resolving issues disputed in this action.

1.7 The Parties agree not to challenge this Court's jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment once it has been entered, and this Court maintains jurisdiction over this Judgment for that purpose.

#### 2. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

2.1 **Interim Warnings.** CEH and the California Attorney General are co-litigating Proposition 65 enforcement actions against a group of other defendants that sell crystalized and candied ginger that contains lead. The parties contemplate that future Consent Judgments entered with other defendants including farmers, processors and manufacturers may involve a higher Reformulation Level due to an allocation of Lead that is naturally occurring under 27 Cal. Code Regs. § 25501. This higher Reformulation Level may also include additional injunctive requirements that will ensure that the Lead in the Covered Products is not avoidable by good agricultural or good manufacturing practices and that the producer, manufacturer, distributor, or holder of the food is at all times utilizing quality control measures that reduce natural occurring Lead to the lowest level currently feasible, as such term is defined in 27 Cal. Code Regs. § 25501. Accordingly, until thirty days after the Court enters a Judgment or a Consent Judgment to which the Attorney General or CEH is a party that resolves Proposition 65 claims regarding failure to warn about Lead in Covered Products that: (i) sets forth a Reformulation Level containing an allocation of Lead that is naturally occurring under 27 Cal. Code Regs. §25501; or (ii) includes injunctive relief designed to ensure that the Lead in the Covered Products is not avoidable by good agricultural or good manufacturing practices and that the producer, manufacturer, distributor, or holder of the food is at all times utilizing quality control measures that reduce natural occurring Lead to the "lowest level currently feasible" as such term is defined in 27 Cal. Code Regs. § 25501; or (iii) a combination of both, then Settling Defendant may not sell a Covered Product that will be sold or offered for sale in California that contains a concentration of lead that exceeds 17 parts per billion, unless it provides warnings on the Covered Products in the following manner:

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1	The warning shall state:
2	"WARNING – THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS LEAD, A
3	CHEMICAL THAT IS KNOWN TO THE STATE OF
4	CALIFORNIA TO CAUSE BIRTH DEFECTS OR OTHER
5	REPRODUCTIVE HARM."
6	2.1.1.1 The warning shall be displayed with such conspicuousness, as
7	compared with other words, statements, designs, or devices, as to render it likely to be read and
8	understood by an ordinary individual prior to purchase. The warning statement shall not be
9	preceded, followed, or surrounded by words, symbols, or other matter that reduces its
10	conspicuousness or that introduces, modifies, undermines, qualifies, obfuscates or explains the
11	required text.
12	2.1.1.2 If the Covered Product is sold in a package, the warning must appear
13	in bold face 12 point type, that is clearly visible on the package. The parties agree that the sample
14	label attached hereto as Exhibit A satisfies the requirements of this Section 2.1.
15	2.1.1.3 If the Covered Product is sold in bulk at retail, the warning shall
16	appear on a clearly visible sign, posted immediately adjacent to or on the bulk product container,
17	in 36 point type.
18	2.1.1.4 If the Covered Product is sold wholesale to a customer that
19	repackages the Covered Product, the warning shall be accompanied by a letter in the form attache
20	hereto as Exhibit B.
21	2.1.1.5 For internet purchases, the warning message must be prominently
22	displayed to the purchaser before the purchaser completes his or her purchase of the Covered
23	Product. By way of example, a warning is not prominently displayed if the purchaser must: (i)
24	click on a hyperlink to view the warning; (ii) search for the warning in the general content of the
25	website; or (iii) take some other affirmative action to view the warning.
26	2.1.1.6 <b>Final Reformulation Level.</b> Thirty days after the Court enters a
27	Judgment or a Consent Judgment to which the Attorney General or CEH is a party that resolves

Proposition 65 claims regarding failure to warn about Lead in Covered Products that: (i) sets forth a Reformulation Level containing an allocation of Lead that is naturally occurring under 27 Cal. Code Regs. § 25501; or (ii) includes injunctive relief designed to ensure that the Lead in the Covered Products is not avoidable by good agricultural or good manufacturing practices and that the producer, manufacturer, distributor, or holder of the food is at all times utilizing quality control measures that reduce natural occurring Lead to the "lowest level currently feasible" as such term is defined in 27 Cal. Code Regs. § 25501; or (iii) a combination of both, Settling Defendant shall not purchase, manufacture, ship, sell or offer for sale any Covered Product that will be offered for sale in California that does not comply with the reformulation requirements of the CEH or Attorney General Consent Judgment (the "Reformulation Level").

2.2 **Meet and Confer.** If Settling Defendant contends that it cannot comply with the Reformulation Level, it shall send CEH a notice with supporting documentation indicating the reason that such Settling Defendant cannot comply with the Reformulation Level. The Parties shall meet and confer to try to reach agreement on this issue. If the Parties agree that Settling Defendant, despite using all reasonable efforts, cannot comply with the Reformulation Level for some or all of the Covered Products it sells, Settling Defendant shall be allowed to continue to provide warnings for such Covered Products pursuant to Section 2.1. In such case, the Settling Defendant shall make an additional payment to CEH in the amount of \$20,000. If the Parties do not agree, the Settling Defendant my seek Court intervention to modify this Consent Judgment. If Settling Defendant does not prevail with the Court, it shall pay CEH's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs related to such Court intervention.

#### 3. ENFORCEMENT

3.1 **Enforcement Procedures**. Prior to bringing any motion or order to show cause to enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment, a Party seeking to enforce shall provide the violating party thirty (30) days advanced written notice of the alleged violation. The Parties shall meet and confer during such thirty (30) day period, exchanging any relevant information, in an effort to try to reach agreement absent Court intervention. After such thirty (30) day period, the Party seeking

1	to enforce may, by new action, motion or order to show cause before the Superior Court of San
2	Francisco, seek to enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Consent Judgment.
3	4. PAYMENTS
4	4.1 <b>Payments by Settling Defendant.</b> Within five (5) days of the entry of this
5	Consent Judgment, Settling Defendant shall pay the sum set forth on Exhibit C as further set forth
6	in this Section and on Exhibit C.
7	4.2 <b>Allocation of Payments.</b> The total settlement amount for Settling Defendant shall
8	be paid in four separate checks in the amounts specified on Exhibit C and delivered as set forth
9	below. Any failure by Settling Defendant to comply with the payment terms herein shall be
10	subject to a stipulated late fee in the amount of \$100 for each day after the delivery date the
11	payment is received. The late fees required under this Section shall be recoverable, together with
12	reasonable attorneys' fees, in an enforcement proceeding brought pursuant to Section 3 of this
13	Consent Judgment. The funds paid by Settling Defendant shall be allocated as set forth on Exhibi
14	C between the following categories and made payable as follows:
15	4.2.1 A civil penalty pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b). The civil
16	penalty payment shall be apportioned in accordance with Health & Safety Code § 25249.12 (25%
17	to CEH and 75% to the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
18	("OEHHA")). Accordingly, the OEHHA portion of the civil penalty payment for the amount
19	designated for each Settling Defendant on Exhibit C as "Civil Penalty OEHHA Portion" shall be
20	made payable to OEHHA and associated with taxpayer identification number 68-0284486. This
21	payment shall be delivered as follows:
22	For United States Postal Service Delivery:
23	Attn: Mike Gyurics Fiscal Operations Branch Chief
24	Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment P.O. Box 4010, MS #19B
25	Sacramento, CA 95812-4010
26	For Non-United States Postal Service Delivery:
27	Attn: Mike Gyurics Fiscal Operations Branch Chief
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The CEH portion of the civil penalty payment for the amount designated for each Settling Defendant on Exhibit C as "Civil Penalty CEH Portion" shall be made payable to the Center For Environmental Health and associated with taxpayer identification number 94-3251981. This payment shall be delivered to Lexington Law Group, 503 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, CA 94117.

- 4.2.2 A payment in lieu of civil penalty to CEH pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b), and California Code of Regulations, Title 11, § 3203(b). CEH shall use such funds to continue its work educating and protecting people from exposures to toxic chemicals, including heavy metals. In addition, as part of its Community Environmental Action and Justice Fund, CEH will use four percent of such funds to award grants to grassroots environmental justice groups working to educate and protect people from exposures to toxic chemicals. The method of selection of such groups can be found at the CEH web site at www.ceh.org/justicefund. The payment pursuant to this Section shall be made payable to the Center For Environmental Health and associated with taxpayer identification number 94-3251981.
- 4.2.3 A reimbursement of a portion of CEH's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. The attorneys' fees and cost reimbursement check shall be made payable to the Lexington Law Group and associated with taxpayer identification number 94-3317175. This payment shall be delivered to Lexington Law Group, 503 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, CA 94117.

#### 5. MODIFICATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 5.1 **Modification.** This Consent Judgment may be modified from time to time by express written agreement of the Parties, with the approval of the Court, or by an order of this Court upon motion and in accordance with law.
- 5.2 **Notice; Meet and Confer.** Any Party seeking to modify this Consent Judgment shall attempt in good faith to meet and confer with all affected Parties prior to filing a motion to modify the Consent Judgment.

## 6. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASE

6.1 This Consent Judgment is a full, final and binding resolution between CEH on behalf of itself and the public interest and Settling Defendant, and their parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities that are under common ownership, directors, officers, employees, and attorneys ("Defendant Releasees"), and all entities, other than those listed on Exhibit D, to which Settling Defendant distributes or sells Covered Products, including but not limited to distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, licensors and licensees ("Downstream Defendant Releasees"), of any violation of Proposition 65 based on failure to warn about alleged exposure to Lead contained in Covered Products that were sold by Settling Defendant prior to the Effective Date.

6.2 CEH, for itself releases, waives, and forever discharges any and all claims against Settling Defendant, Defendant Releasees, and Downstream Defendant Releasees arising from any violation of Proposition 65 or any other statutory or common law claims that have been or could have been asserted in the public interest regarding the failure to warn about exposure to Lead arising in connection with Covered Products manufactured, distributed or sold by Settling Defendant prior to the Effective Date.

6.3 Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment by Settling Defendant and that Settling Defendant's Defendant Releasees shall constitute compliance with Proposition 65 by such Settling Defendant, that Settling Defendant's Defendant Releasees and that Settling Defendant's Downstream Defendant Releasees with respect to any alleged failure to warn about Lead in Covered Products manufactured, distributed or sold by that Settling Defendant after the Effective Date, provided that: (i) Settling Defendant, Defendant Releasees and Downstream Defendant Releasees must provide any reasonably necessary cooperation in the implementation of this Judgment, and (ii) Downstream Defendant Releasees who offer the Product for sale to the public must provide any warnings required by Section 2.

1	7. PROVISION OF NOTICE
2	7.1 When CEH is entitled to receive any notice under this Consent Judgment, the
3	notice shall be sent by first class and electronic mail to:
4	Eric S. Somers
5	Lexington Law Group 503 Divisadero Street
6	San Francisco, CA 94117 esomers@lexlawgroup.com
7	7.2 When Settling Defendant is entitled to receive any notice under this Consent
8	Judgment, the notice shall be sent by first class or electronic mail to the person(s) identified in
9	Exhibit C for Settling Defendant.
10	7.3 Any Party may modify the person and address to whom the notice is to be sent by
11	sending the other Party notice by first class and electronic mail.
12	8. COURT APPROVAL
13	8.1 This Consent Judgment shall become effective on the Effective Date, provided
14	however, that CEH shall prepare and file a Motion for Approval of this Consent Judgment and
15	Settling Defendant shall support approval of such Motion.
16	8.2 If this Consent Judgment is not entered by the Court, it shall be of no force or effect
17	and shall not be introduced into evidence or otherwise used in any proceeding for any purpose.
18	9. GOVERNING LAW AND CONSTRUCTION
19	9.1 The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of
20	California.
21	10. ATTORNEYS' FEES
22	10.1 A Party who unsuccessfully brings or contests an action arising out of this Consent
23	Judgment shall be required to pay the prevailing Party's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs
24	unless the unsuccessful Party has acted with substantial justification. For purposes of this Consent
25	Judgment, the term substantial justification shall carry the same meaning as used in the Civil
26	Discovery Act of 1986, Code of Civil Procedure §§ 2016.010, et seq.
27	10.2 Notwithstanding Section 11.1, a Party who prevails in a contested enforcement
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action brought pursuant to Section 3 may seek an award of attorneys' fees pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5 against a Party that acted with substantial justification. The Party seeking such an award shall bear the burden of meeting all of the elements of § 1021.5, and this provision shall not be construed as altering any procedural or substantive requirements for obtaining such an award.

10.3 Nothing in this Section 10 shall preclude a party from seeking an award of sanctions pursuant to law.

#### 11. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

11.1 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. 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. 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. No supplementation, modification, waiver, or termination of this Consent Judgment shall be binding unless executed in writing by the Party to be bound thereby. 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.

#### 12. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

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

l	13.	AUTHORITY TO STIPE	ULATE TO CONSENT JUDGMENT
2		13.1 Each signatory to the	his Consent Judgment certifies that he or she is fully authorized
3	by the l	Party he or she represents to	o stipulate to this Consent Judgment and to enter into and
4	execute	e the Consent Judgment on	behalf of the Party represented and legally to bind that Party.
5	14.	NO EFFECT ON OTHE	R SETTLEMENTS
6		14.1 Nothing in this Cor	nsent Judgment shall preclude CEH from resolving any claim
7	against	any entity other than Settli	ing Defendant on terms that are different than those contained in
8	this Co	onsent Judgment.	
9	15.	EXECUTION IN COUN	TERPARTS
10		15.1 The stipulations to	this Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by
11	means	of facsimile or portable doo	cument format (pdf), which taken together shall be deemed to
12	constitu	ute one document.	
13	IT IS S	SO ORDERED, ADJUDG DECREED	ED,
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15	Dated:		
16			Judge of the Superior Court of the State of California
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# **EXHIBIT A** Sample Warning (to be provided by Buderim and approved by CEH) DOCUMENT PREPARED ON RECYCLED PAPER EXHIBIT B LETTER TO REPACKAGERS

## **EXHIBIT B** 1 Letter to Wholesale/Repackage Customers 2 [Buderim Letterhead] 3 IMPORTANT LEGAL NOTICE 4 5 Date: 6 Attention: Purchasers of Buderim Ginger Products 7 Subject: California Proposition 65 Warnings 8 \* 9 This letter is to advise you that the Buderim candied or crystalized ginger products in this order contain lead, a chemical known to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. 10 Accordingly, these products may only be sold or offered for sale in California with warnings required by the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 ("Proposition 65"). 11 The ginger products that you purchased from Buderim have a compliant 12 Proposition 65 Warning affixed to the packaging. You are required to pass this warning on with any product that will be offered for sale in California. That means that if you repackage the 13 products, you will have to put a warning on the new packaging. The warning reads as follows: 14 "WARNING – THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS LEAD. A CHEMICAL THAT IS KNOWN TO THE STATE OF 15 CALIFORNIA TO CAUSE BIRTH DEFECTS OR OTHER REPRODUCTIVE HARM." 16 The warning shall be displayed with such conspicuousness, as compared with 17 other words, statements, designs, or devices, as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual prior to purchase. The warning statement shall not be preceded, followed, or 18 surrounded by words, symbols, or other matter that reduces its conspicuousness or that introduces, modifies, undermines, qualifies, obfuscates or explains the required text. 19 Failure to provide a Proposition 65 warning for these products may subject you to 20 legal action by the California Attorney General, County District Attorneys or various citizen groups, wherein monetary penalties of up to \$2,500 per violation could be sought. 21 Should you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please do not 22 hesitate to contact at 1-800-XXX-XXXX by phone, or by mail at the above address. 23 24 Sincerely, 25 26 Title 27

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<b>EXHIBIT C</b>
<b>Settling Defendants</b>

\$90,000

Settling Defendant: Buderim Ginger Limited

**Total Settlement Payment** 

1. Defendant's Settlement Payment and Allocation:

Total Civil Penalty \$11,900

Civil Penalty OEHHA Portion \$8,925

Civil Penalty CEH Portion \$ 2,975

Payment in Lieu of Civil Penalty \$17,900

Attorneys' Fees and Costs \$60,200

2. Person(s) to Receive Notices Pursuant to Section 8:

Mark E. Elliott

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP 725 South Figueroa Street, Suite 2800

Los Angeles, CA 90017-5406 mark.elliott@pillsburylaw.com

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## **EXHIBIT D** 1 (LIST OF ENTITIES NOT SUBJECT 2 TO DOWNSTREAM DEFENDANT RELEASE) 3 List of non-settling defendants that have received 60-Day Notices re lead in ginger products from CEH 4 5 ACH Food Companies, Inc. 6 Amazon.com, Inc. 7 American Roland Food Corporation 8 B & V Enterprises, Inc. 9 Blue Marble Brands, LLC 10 Brinkhoff & Monoson, Inc. 11 Dakota Brothers, Inc. 12 Euromarket Designs, Inc. 13 Frieda's, Inc. 14 Food Market Management, Inc. 15 Foodnet Supermarkets, Inc. 16 Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market Inc. 17 Garden Grove Superstore Inc. 18 Gelson's Markets 19 Goldstar Supermarket 20 Island Pacific Supermarkets, Inc. 21 JFC International, Inc. 22 Kam Lee Yuen Trading Co., Inc. 23 Longchamp Corporation dba Lion Supermarket 24 Marra Bros. Dist., Inc. 25 McCormick & Company, Incorporated 26 Mrs. Gooch's Natural Food Markets, Inc. 27

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PARTIES NOT SUBJECT TO RELEASE

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1	Nature's World LLC
2	PANOS Brands, LLC
3	Reed's, Inc.
4	Roxy Trading Inc.
5	Safeway Inc.
6	San Pablo Supermarket, Inc.
7	Save Mart Supermarkets
8	Seawind International, LLC
9	Shun Fat Supermarket, Inc.
10	Sincerely Nuts, Inc.
11	Sunflower Farmers Markets, LLC
12	Target Corporation
13	Tawa Supermarket, Inc.
14	The C.F. Sauer Company
15	The Spice Hunter, Inc.
16	The Vons Companies, Inc.
17	Torn & Glasser, Inc.
18	Trader Joe's Company
19	Unbeatable Sale. Com Inc.
20	United Natural Foods, Inc.
21	United Natural Trading, LLC
22	Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
23	Walmart.com USA LLC
24	Whole Foods Market California, Inc.
25	Y-Opco, LLC
26	Zion Market Irvine, Inc.
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