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14	COUNTY OF ALAMEDA			
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16	Special Title (Rule 3.350)	PROCEEDING NO: 4765		
17 18	PROPOSITION 65 COCAMIDE DEA () CASES ()	[Shefa LMV, LLC v. Target, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court No. BC520410]		
19		[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT		
20		AS TO PRO'S CHOICE BEAUTY CARE, INC.		
21		Judge: Hon. George C. Hernandez, Jr.		
22	<i>)</i>	Action filed: September 4, 2013		
23		Action Coordinated: December 4, 2013		
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INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Parties. This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between plaintiff Shefa LMV, LLC ("Shefa LMV") and Pro's Choice Beauty Care, Inc. ("Pro's Choice") with Shefa LMV and Pro's Choice collectively referred to as the "Parties," and individually as "Party." Shefa LMV is an entity organized in the State of California, which has asserted that it seeks to promote awareness of exposure to toxic chemicals and to improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer and commercial products. Shefa LMV alleges that Pro's Choice 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").
- **1.2 General Allegations.** Shefa LMV alleges that Pro's Choice has manufactured, imported, distributed and/or sold soap products that contain Cocamide Diethanolamine ("Cocamide DEA") without the requisite Proposition 65 warnings. Cocamide DEA is on the Proposition 65 list as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.
- **1.3 Product Description.** As used in this Consent Judgment, "Products" shall mean soap products containing Cocamide DEA, including, but not limited to, liquid soap, body washes bubble baths and shampoos, that are distributed and/or sold by Pro's Choice for sale in the State of California.
- **1.4 Notice of Violation.** On July 11, 2013, Shefa LMV served Pro's Choice and various public enforcement agencies with a document entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" (the "Notice") that provided recipients with notice of Shefa LMV's allegation that Pro's Choice was in violation of Proposition 65 for failing to warn consumers and customers that the Products exposed users in California to Cocamide DEA.

In addition to the Notice referenced above, other Notices were served by various private plaintiffs, which overlapped with the original July 11, 2013 Shefa notice. The additional notices are as follows:

 Shefa LMV, LLC served a Notice of Violation on, among others, Tigi Linea Corp and Amazon.com, Inc. on September 23, 2013;

- ProtectConsumers, LLC served Farouk Systems, Inc., and Rite Aid Corporation on September 28, 2013;
- ProtectConsumers, LLC served Ultimark Products and CVS Pharmacy, Inc. on September 28, 2013;
- ProtectConsumers, LLC served Sexy Hair Concepts and Target Corporation on September 28, 2013

No public enforcer has prosecuted the allegations set forth in the Notice.

1.5 Complaint. On or about September 4, 2013, Shefa LMV filed a complaint in the Superior Court in and for the County of Los Angeles against other entities, *Shefa LMV*, *LLC v.Target corporation*, Case No. BC520410, alleging violations of Proposition 65, based on the alleged exposures to Cocamide DEA contained in certain products sold by Defendants ("Complaint"). After this case was coordinated with other Cocamide DEA cases in the Superior Court in and for the County of Alameda, *Proposition 65 Cocamide DEA Cases*, Case No. JCCP 4765, Shefa LMV filed a DOE amendment related to the Target complaint, adding Pro's Choice as a DOE on September 30, 2014. No other complaints have been filed with respect to any other Notice of Violation.

1.6 No Admission. Pro's Choice denies the material, factual and legal allegations contained in Shefa LMV's Notice and Complaint and maintains that it has at all times been in compliance with all laws and all products that it has sold, manufactured, imported and/or distributed in California, including the Products. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission by Pro's Choice 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 Pro's Choice of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law or violation of law. However, this Section shall not diminish or otherwise affect Pro's Choice's obligations, responsibilities and duties under this Consent Judgment.

1.7 Consent to Jurisdiction. For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over Pro's Choice as to the allegations contained in the Complaint, that venue is proper in Alameda County Superior Court, and that this Court or, if the

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case is transferred back to the Los Angeles County Superior Court at the conclusion of the Coordination Action, the Los Angeles Superior Court has jurisdiction to enter and enforce the provisions of this Consent Judgment.

- **1.8 Execution Date.** For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term "Execution Date" shall mean the date this Consent Judgment is signed by both parties.
- **1.9 Effective Date.** For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term "Effective Date" shall mean the date the Court enters Judgment pursuant to the terms of this Consent Judgment.

2. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

- 2.1 Reformulation of Covered Products. As of the Effective Date, Pro's Choice shall not manufacture, distribute, sell or offer for sale any Covered Product that contains Cocamide DEA and that will be sold or offered for sale to California consumers. For purposes of this Consent Judgment, a product "contains Cocamide DEA" if Cocamide DEA is an intentionally added ingredient in the product and/or part of the product formulation.
- **2.2 Suppliers.** No more than 30 days after the Effective Date, Pro's Choice shall issue specifications to its suppliers of Covered Products requiring that Covered Products not contain any Cocamide DEA, and shall instruct each supplier to use reasonable efforts to eliminate Covered Products containing Cocamide DEA on a nationwide basis.
- 2.3 Sell Through Period. Pro's Choice's Products that were manufactured and distributed for retail sale prior to the Effective Date shall be subject to the release of liability pursuant to Section 5 of this Consent Judgment, without regard to when such Products were, or are in the future, sold to consumers. As a result, the obligations of Pro's Choice as set forth in this Consent Judgment, including but not limited to Section 2.1, do not apply to these products.

3. ENFORCEMENT

Shefa may, by motion or application for an order to show cause before the Alameda County Superior Court, or, if the case is transferred back to the Los Angeles County Superior Court at the conclusion of the Coordination Action, the Los Angeles Superior Court, may enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Consent Judgment. Prior to bringing any motion or application to enforce the requirements of Section 2 above, Shefa shall provide the Defendant with Notice of Violation and a copy of any test results which purportedly support Shefa's Notice

of Violation. The Parties shall then meet and confer regarding the basis for Shefa's anticipated motion or application in an attempt to resolve the matter informally, including providing Settling Defendant a reasonable opportunity of at least thirty (30) days to cure any alleged violation. Should such attempts at informal resolution fail, Shefa may file its enforcement motion or application. The prevailing party on any motion to enforce this Consent Judgment shall be entitled to its reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred as a result of such motion or application.

4. MONETARY PAYMENTS

Pro's Choice agrees to a total settlement payment of Twenty-One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000.00) to be paid as set forth below.

4.1 Civil Penalty Payment Pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b)

Pro's Choice shall pay a total civil penalty payment of \$6,000.00 within ten (10) days of the Effective Date, as follows: the civil penalty shall be apportioned in accordance with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.12 (c) and (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 Shefa LMV, both pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 4.3.

4.2 Reimbursement of Shefa LMV's Fees and Costs

The parties acknowledge that Shefa LMV and its 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. Pro's Choice expressed a desire to resolve the fee and cost issue after the other settlement terms had been agreed. The Parties then attempted to (and did) reach an accord on the compensation due to Shefa LMV and its counsel under general contract principles and the private attorney general doctrine codified at California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5, for all work performed in this matter, except fees that may be incurred on appeal. Under these legal principles, Pro's Choice shall pay the amount of \$15,000.00 for fees and costs incurred investigating, litigating and enforcing this matter, including the fees and costs incurred (and yet to be incurred)

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negotiating, drafting, and obtaining the Court's approval of this Consent Judgment in the public interest.

4.3 Payment Procedures

All payments required by Sections 4.1 and 4.2 shall be within ten (10) days of the Effective Date, in three checks made payable as follows:

- (a) one check to "OEHHA" in the amount of \$4,500.00;
- (b) one check to "Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum in Trust for Shefa LMV, LLC" in the amount of \$1,500.00;
 - (c) one check to "Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum" in the amount of \$15,000.00;

4.4 Issuance of 1099 Forms

After the settlement funds have been transmitted to Shefa LMV's counsel, Pro's Choice shall issue separate 1099 forms, as follows:

- (a) one 1099 form to the "Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment" (EIN: 68-0284486) in the amount of \$4,500.00;
- (b) a second 1099 form to "Shefa LMV, LLC" in the amount of \$1,500.00, whose address and tax identification number shall be furnished upon request;
- (c) a third 1099 to "Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum" (EIN: 46-4580172) in the amount of \$15,000.00;

4.5 Issuance of Payments.

All payments owed shall be delivered to the following payment address:

Daniel N. Greenbaum, Esq. Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum 7120 Hayvenhurst Avenue Suite 320 Van Nuys, CA 91406

5. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

5.1 Shefa LMV's Release of Pro's Choice

Plaintiff, acting on its own behalf and in the public interest, releases Pro's Choice, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities that are under common ownership, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, and each entity to whom Pro's Choice directly or indirectly distributes or Page 6

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sells Products, including, but not limited to, downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, including specifically, but not limited to Target Corporation, Rite Aid Corporation, Amazon.com, Inc. and CVS Pharmacy, Inc., franchisees, cooperative members, licensors, and licensees ("Releasees"), from all claims for violations of Proposition 65 up through the date on which this Consent Judgment is signed by both parties based on exposure to Cocamide DEA from the Products as set forth in the Notice. Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to exposures to Cocamide DEA from the Products as set forth in the Notice.

5.2 Pro's Choice's Release of Shefa LMV

Pro's Choice on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against Shefa LMV, its attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made by Shefa LMV and its 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.

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.

7. SEVERABILITY

If, subsequent to the execution 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. GOVERNING LAW

- **8.1** The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and shall apply only to Covered Products that are sold or offered for sale in the State of California.
- **8.2** In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed, preempted or otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to the Covered Products, then Pro's Choice shall

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10. ATTORNEYS' FEES

- 10.1 A Party who unsuccessfully brings or contests an action arising out of this Consent Judgment shall be required to pay the prevailing Party's reasonable attorney's fees and costs.
- 10.2 For purposes of this Section 11.1, the prevailing Party refers to the Party that was successful in obtaining relief more favorable to it than the relief that the other Party was amenable to providing during the Parties' good faith attempt to resolve the dispute under Section 5.1.
- 10.3 Nothing in this Section 11 shall preclude a Party from seeking an award of sanctions pursuant to law.

11. COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE/PDF SIGNATURES

This Consent Judgment 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 on and the same document. A facsimile or pdf signature shall be as valid as the original.

12. COURT APPROVAL

- 12.1 This Consent Judgment shall not be effective until the Effective Date.
- 12.2 Shefa shall prepare and file a Motion for Approval of this Consent Judgment and Pro's Choice shall make no objections to entry of this Consent Judgment.
- 12.3 If this Consent Judgment is not entered by the Court, it shall be of no force or effect.
- 12.4 This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to implement or modify the Consent Judgment.

13. COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(f)

13.1 Shefa LMV and Pro's Choice agree to mutually employ their, and their counsel's, best efforts to support the entry of the agreement as a Consent Judgment and obtain approval of the Consent Judgment by the Court in a timely manner.

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- 13.2 The parties acknowledge that, pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, a noticed motion is required to obtain judicial approval of this Consent Judgment, which Shefa LMV shall draft and file, and Pro's Choice shall not oppose.
- 13.3 If any third party objection to the noticed motion is filed, Shefa LMV and Pro's Choice shall work together to file a joint reply or separate replies if the parties so desire and appear at any hearing before the Court.
- 13.4 This provision is a material component of the Consent Judgment and shall be treated as such in the event of a breach.
- 13.5 If the Court does not grant the motion to approve this Consent Judgment, and if the parties choose not to pursue a modified Consent Judgment within thirty (30) days after the Court's denial of the motion to approve, then, upon remittitur, any and all payments made pursuant to Section 3 of this Consent Judgment will be returned to Pro's Choice.

14. MODIFICATION

This Consent Judgment may be modified only: (1) by written agreement of the parties and upon entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court thereon; or (2) upon a successful motion of any party and entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court.

15. AUTHORIZATION

- 15.1 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 bind that Party.
- 15.2 The undersigned have read, understand and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment.
 - 15.3 Except as explicitly provided herein, each Party is to bear its own fees and costs.

16. <u>REQUEST FOR FINDINGS</u>, <u>APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AND ENTRY OF</u> CONSENT JUDGMENT

- 16.1 This Consent Judgment came before this Court upon the request of the Parties.
- 16.2 The Parties request the Court to review this Consent Judgment and to make the following findings pursuant to Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f)(4):

1	1. The injunctive relief required by the Consent Judgment complies with Cal. Health	
2	& Safety Code § 25249.7;	
3	2. The reimbursement of fees and costs to be paid pursuant to the Consent Judgment	
4	is reasonable under California law; and	
5	3. The civil penalty amount to be paid pursuant to Consent Judgment is reasonable.	
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7	AGREED TO:	
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14	Dated: 1 28 15 PRO'S CHOICE BEAUTY CARE, INC. By: Very Consult	
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1	ORDER AND JUDGMENT	
2	Based upon the stipulated Consent Judgment between Shefa LMV, LLC and Pro's Choice	
3	Beauty Supply, Inc., the settlement is approved and the clerk is directed to enter judgment in	
4	accordance with the terms herein.	
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