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13 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
14 COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
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17 CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH,) Case No. RG 13-699752
a non-profit corporation,)
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Plaintiff,) [PROPOSED] CONSENT
19 vs.) JUDGMENT AS TO SAKS
ACCESSORY ZONE, LLC, *et al.*,) INCORPORATED
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Defendant.)
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24 **1. INTRODUCTION**

25 1.1 The parties to this Consent Judgment (“Parties”) are the Center for
26 Environmental Health (“CEH”) and defendant Saks Incorporated (“Settling Defendant”). CEH
27 and Settling Defendant are referred to collectively as the “Parties.”
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1 1.2 Settling Defendant is a corporation that employs ten (10) or more persons and
2 that either manufactures, distributes and/or sells shampoo and liquid soaps that contain coconut
3 oil diethanolamine condensate (cocamide diethanolamine), as listed under Proposition 65
4 (hereinafter, “cocamide DEA”) in the State of California or has done so in the past.

5 1.3 On August 13, 2013, CEH served a 60-Day Notice of Violation under
6 Proposition 65 (The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health
7 & Safety Code §§ 25249.5, *et seq.*) (the “Notice”) to Settling Defendant, the California Attorney
8 General, the District Attorneys of every County in the State of California, and the City Attorneys
9 for every City in the State of California with a population greater than 750,000. The Notice
10 alleges violations of Proposition 65 with respect to the presence of cocamide DEA in shampoo
11 and liquid soaps manufactured, distributed and/or sold by Settling Defendant.

12 1.4 On October 18, 2013, CEH filed the action entitled *CEH v. Accessory Zone,*
13 *LLC, et al.*, Case No. RG 13-699752, in the Superior Court of California for Alameda County.
14 On October 28, 2013, CEH named Settling Defendant as a defendant in that action pursuant to
15 California Code of Civil Procedure §474.

16 1.5 As of September 19, 2013, Settling Defendant has ceased selling the American
17 Crew Classic Daily Shampoo, SKU No. 0-90174-07201-9, in California.

18 1.6 For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that: (i) this
19 Court has jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the operative Complaint
20 applicable to Settling Defendant (the “Complaint”) and personal jurisdiction over Settling
21 Defendant as to the acts alleged in the Complaint; (ii) that venue is proper in the County of
22 Alameda; and (iii) that this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Judgment.

23 1.7 Nothing in this Consent Judgment is or shall be construed as an admission by
24 the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law or violation of law, nor shall compliance
25 with the Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by the Parties of any fact,
26 conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall
27 prejudice, waive or impair any right, remedy, argument or defense the Parties may have in any
28 other legal proceeding. This Consent Judgment is the product of negotiation and compromise and

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

3 **2. DEFINITIONS**

4 2.1 “Covered Products” means shampoo and liquid soaps.

5 2.2 “Effective Date” means the date on which this Consent Judgment is entered by
6 the Court.

7 **3. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

8 3.1 **Reformulation of Covered Products.** As of the Effective Date, Settling
9 Defendant shall not sell or offer for sale any Covered Product that contains cocamide DEA to
10 California consumers, except as allowed under Section 3.3 below. For purposes of this Consent
11 Judgment, a product “contains cocamide DEA” if cocamide DEA is an intentionally added
12 ingredient in the product and is identified on the Covered Product label.

13 3.2 **Specification to Suppliers.** No more than 30 days after the Effective Date,
14 Settling Defendant shall issue specifications to its suppliers of Covered Products requiring that
15 Covered Products not contain any cocamide DEA, and shall instruct each supplier to use
16 reasonable efforts to eliminate Covered Products containing cocamide DEA on a nationwide
17 basis.

18 3.3 **Grace Period for Products Manufactured Prior to the Effective Date.**
19 Liability for Covered Products that were manufactured and distributed to Settling Defendant for
20 retail sale prior to the Effective Date shall be subject to the release of liability pursuant to Section
21 7 of this Consent Judgment, without regard to when such Covered Products were, or are in the
22 future, sold to consumers.

23 **4. ENFORCEMENT**

24 4.1 CEH may, by motion or application for an order to show cause before the
25 Superior Court of Alameda County, enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Consent
26 Judgment. Prior to bringing any motion or application to enforce the requirements of Section 3
27 above, CEH shall provide Settling Defendant with a Notice of Violation and a copy of any test
28 results which purportedly support CEH’s Notice of Violation. The Parties shall then meet and

1 confer regarding the basis for CEH's anticipated motion or application in an attempt to resolve it
2 informally, including providing Settling Defendant a reasonable opportunity of at least thirty (30)
3 days to cure any alleged violation. Should such attempts at informal resolution fail, CEH may
4 file its enforcement motion or application. The prevailing party on any motion to enforce this
5 Consent Judgment shall be entitled to its reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred as a result
6 of such motion or application. This Consent Judgment may only be enforced by the Parties.

7 **5. PAYMENTS**

8 **5.1 Payments by Settling Defendant.** Within five (5) business days of the Effective
9 Date, Settling Defendant shall pay the total sum of \$15,000.00 as a settlement payment. The total
10 settlement amount for Settling Defendant shall be paid in four separate checks delivered to
11 counsel for CEH at the address set forth in Section 8.1 below. The funds paid by Settling
12 Defendant shall be allocated between the following categories:

13 5.1.1 \$1,650 as a civil penalty pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b),
14 such money to be apportioned by CEH in accordance with Health & Safety Code § 25249.12
15 (25% to CEH and 75% to the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard
16 Assessment). The civil penalty check shall be made payable to the Center For Environmental
17 Health.

18 5.1.2 \$2,250 as a payment in lieu of civil penalty to CEH pursuant to Health &
19 Safety Code § 25249.7(b), and California Code of Regulations, Title 11, § 3203(b). CEH will use
20 such funds to continue its work educating and protecting people from exposures to toxic
21 chemicals. CEH may also use a portion of such funds to monitor compliance with this Consent
22 Judgment and to purchase and test Settling Defendant's products to confirm compliance. In
23 addition, as part of its Community Environmental Action and Justice Fund, CEH will use four
24 percent (4%) of such funds to award grants to grassroots environmental justice groups working to
25 educate and protect people from exposures to toxic chemicals. The method of selection of such
26 groups can be found at the CEH web site at www.ceh.org/justicefund. The payment pursuant to
27 this Section shall be made payable to the Center For Environmental Health.

28 5.1.3 \$11,100 as reimbursement of a portion of CEH's reasonable attorneys' fees

1 and costs. A check for \$9,600 shall be made payable to the Lexington Law Group, and a check
2 for \$1,500 shall be made payable to the Center For Environmental Health.

3 **6. MODIFICATION**

4 6.1 **Written Consent.** This Consent Judgment may be modified from time to
5 time by express written agreement of the Parties with the approval of the Court, or by an order of
6 this Court upon motion and in accordance with law.

7 6.2 **Meet and Confer.** Any Party seeking to modify this Consent Judgment shall
8 attempt in good faith to meet and confer with all affected Parties prior to filing a motion to
9 modify the Consent Judgment.

10 **7. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED**

11 7.1 This Consent Judgment is a full, final and binding resolution between CEH on
12 behalf of itself and the public interest and Settling Defendant, and its parents, subsidiaries,
13 affiliated entities that are under common ownership, directors, officers, employees, and attorneys,
14 as well as Pro's Choice ("Defendant Releasees") of any violation of Proposition 65 that was or
15 could have been asserted in the Complaint against Settling Defendant and Defendant Releasees,
16 based on failure to warn about alleged exposure to cocamide DEA contained in Covered Products
17 that were sold by Settling Defendant prior to the Effective Date. Defendant Releasees include
18 Saks Fifth Avenue, Saks Direct, Saks.com and Off Fifth Stores.

19 7.2 Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment by Settling Defendant
20 and the Defendant Releasees shall constitute compliance with Proposition 65 by Settling
21 Defendant and its Defendant Releasees with respect to any alleged failure to warn about
22 cocamide DEA in Covered Products manufactured, distributed, or sold by Settling Defendant
23 after the Effective Date.

24 7.3 Nothing in this Section 7 affects CEH's right to commence or prosecute an
25 action under Proposition 65 against any person other than Settling Defendant and Defendant
26 Releasees.

27 **8. NOTICE**

28 8.1 When CEH is entitled to receive any notice under this Consent Judgment, the

1 notice shall be sent by first class and electronic mail to:

2 Mark Todzo
3 Lexington Law Group
4 503 Divisadero Street
5 San Francisco, CA 94117
6 mtodzo@lexlawgroup.com

7 8.2 When Settling Defendant is entitled to receive any notice under this Consent
8 Judgment, the notice shall be sent by first class and electronic mail to:

9 Judith Praitis
10 Sidley Austin LLP
11 555 West Fifth Street
12 Los Angeles, CA 90013
13 jpraitis@sidley.com

14 Meredith D. Fogel
15 VP & Associate General Counsel
16 Saks Incorporated
17 12 East 49th Street
18 18th Floor
19 New York, NY 10017
20 Meredith_Fogel@s5a.com

21 8.3 Any Party may modify the person and address to whom the notice is to be sent
22 by sending the other Party notice by first class and electronic mail.

23 **9. COURT APPROVAL**

24 9.1 This Consent Judgment shall become effective upon entry by the Court. CEH
25 shall prepare and file a Motion for Approval of this Consent Judgment and Settling Defendant
26 shall support entry of this Consent Judgment.

27 9.2 If this Consent Judgment is not entered by the Court, it shall be of no force or
28 effect and shall never be introduced into evidence or otherwise used in any proceeding for any
purpose other than to allow the Court to determine if there was a material breach of Section 9.1.

10. ATTORNEYS' FEES

10.1 Should CEH prevail on any motion, application for an order to show cause or
other proceeding to enforce a violation of this Consent Judgment, CEH shall be entitled to its
reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred as a result of such motion or application. Should

1 Settling Defendant prevail on any motion application for an order to show cause or other
2 proceeding, Settling Defendant may be awarded its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as a result
3 of such motion or application upon a finding by the Court that CEH's prosecution of the motion
4 or application lacked substantial justification. For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term
5 substantial justification shall carry the same meaning as used in the Civil Discovery Act of 1986,
6 Code of Civil Procedure §§ 2016, *et seq.*

7 10.2 Except as otherwise provided in this Consent Judgment, each Party shall bear
8 its own attorneys' fees and costs.

9 10.3 Nothing in this Section 10 shall preclude a Party from seeking an award of
10 sanctions pursuant to law.

11 **11. OTHER TERMS**

12 11.1 The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State
13 of California.

14 11.2 This Consent Judgment shall apply to and be binding upon CEH and Settling
15 Defendant, and its respective divisions, subdivisions, and subsidiaries, and the successors or
16 assigns of any of them.

17 11.3 This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and
18 understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof, and any and all prior
19 discussions, negotiations, commitments, or understandings related thereto, if any, are hereby
20 merged herein and therein. There are no warranties, representations, or other agreements between
21 the Parties except as expressly set forth herein. No representations, oral or otherwise, express or
22 implied, other than those specifically referred to in this Consent Judgment have been made by any
23 Party hereto. No other agreements not specifically contained or referenced herein, oral or
24 otherwise, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the Parties hereto. No supplementation,
25 modification, waiver, or termination of this Consent Judgment shall be binding unless executed in
26 writing by the Party to be bound thereby. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Consent
27 Judgment shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any of the other provisions hereof
28 whether or not similar, nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

1 11.4 Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall release, or in any way affect any rights
2 that Settling Defendant might have against any other party, whether or not that party is a Settling
3 Defendant.


4 11.5 This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to implement or modify the
5 Consent Judgment.

6 11.6 The stipulations to this Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts
7 and by means of facsimile or portable document format (pdf), which taken together shall be
8 deemed to constitute one document.

9 11.7 Each signatory to this Consent Judgment certifies that he or she is fully
10 authorized by the Party he or she represents to stipulate to this Consent Judgment and to enter into
11 and execute the Consent Judgment on behalf of the Party represented and legally to bind that
12 Party.

13 11.8 The Parties, including their counsel, have participated in the preparation of
14 this Consent Judgment and this Consent Judgment is the result of the joint efforts of the Parties.
15 This Consent Judgment was subject to revision and modification by the Parties and has been
16 accepted and approved as to its final form by all Parties and their counsel. Accordingly, any
17 uncertainty or ambiguity existing in this Consent Judgment shall not be interpreted against any
18 Party as a result of the manner of the preparation of this Consent Judgment. Each Party to this
19 Consent Judgment agrees that any statute or rule of construction providing that ambiguities are to
20 be resolved against the drafting Party should not be employed in the interpretation of this Consent
21 Judgment and, in this regard, the Parties hereby waive California Civil Code § 1654.
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23 **IT IS SO STIPULATED:**
24 **CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

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28 Charlie Pizarro
Associate Director

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SAKS INCORPORATED

Meredith Fogel

Signature

Meredith Fogel

Printed Name

VP & Associate Gen. Counsel

Title

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Dated: _____, 2013

Judge of the Superior Court