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Attention: Prop 65 Coordinator, 1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000, Oakland, CA 94612

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

SHEFA LMV, LLC

AND

LORNAMEAD, INC.

Shefa LMV, LLC ("SHEFA"), a California corporation and LORNAMEAD, INC., a New York corporation with principal offices located at 500 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 104, Harrison, NY 10528 (hereto referred to as "LORNAMEAD"), (SHEFA and LORNAMEAD are collectively referred to as the "Parties") enter into this agreement ("Settlement Agreement") for the purpose of avoiding prolonged and costly litigation to settle SHEFA's allegations that LORNAMEAD violated Proposition 65. The effective date of this Settlement Agreement shall be September 1, 2014 (the "Effective Date").

1.0 <u>Introduction</u>

- 1.1 SHEFA is a California-based entity that seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals and improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer and industrial products.
- 1.2 LORNAMEAD previously sold, at various times, certain liquid soaps and shampoos (referred to throughout as the "Covered Products"). The Covered Products are limited to those sold by LORNAMEAD only, or the Downstream Releasees as defined herein.
- 1.3 SHEFA alleges that Covered Products contain Diethanolamine ("DEA") and that LORNAMEAD did not provide a required warning in compliance with the California Safe

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Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, et seq. ("Proposition 65")).

- 1.4 On June 22, 2012, the Governor of California added DEA to the list of chemicals subject to Proposition 65 labeling requirements. These additions took place more than twelve (12) months before SHEFA served on LORNAMEAD its "Sixty-Day Notice of Intent To Sue For Violations Of The Safe Drinking Water And Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986" which is further described below.
 - 1.5 DEA is referred to hereafter as the "Listed Chemical".
- 1.6 On or about September 23, 2014, SHEFA served LORNAMEAD, Amazon.com, Inc., as well as certain relevant public enforcement agencies with documents entitled "Sixty-Day Notice Of Intent To Sue For Violations Of The Safe Drinking Water And Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986" regarding Covered Products containing the Listed Chemical.
- 1.7 The Sixty-Day Notice (referred to herein as the "Notice") alleged that LORNAMEAD violated Proposition 65 by failing to warn consumers in California that use of Covered Products exposes persons to the Listed Chemical.
- 1.8 The Parties enter into this Settlement Agreement to settle disputed claims between the Parties as set forth below concerning the Parties' and the Covered Products' compliance with Proposition 65 (the "Dispute").
- 1.9 By execution of this Settlement Agreement, the Parties do not admit any facts, claims, allegations or conclusions of law, including, but not limited to, those regarding any purported violation of Proposition 65, or any other statutory, regulatory, common law, or equitable doctrine. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed as an admission by

the Parties of any fact, claim, allegation, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law.

1.10 Nothing in this Settlement Agreement, nor compliance with its terms, shall constitute or be construed, considered, offered, or admitted as evidence of an admission or evidence of fault, wrongdoing, negligence, strict liability or any other liability, conduct or responsibility by LORNAMEAD, its officers, directors, managing agents, employees, or parents, subsidiaries or affiliated corporations or entities, in any administrative, judicial or other proceeding, or litigation in any court, agency, or forum.

1.11 Except for the allegations settled and compromised herein, nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy, argument, or defense that Shefa or LORNAMEAD may have against one another in any other pending legal proceeding as to allegations unrelated to the Dispute, the claims released herein, or the Covered Products.

2.0 Mutual Release

This Settlement Agreement is a full, final, and binding resolution between SHEFA, acting in its individual capacity, and on behalf of its managers, members, officers, employees, agents, representatives, attorneys, successors and assigns, on the one hand, and (a) LORNAMEAD, and its owners, parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, sister and related companies, employees, shareholders, officers, directors, managing agents, insurers, attorneys, predecessors, successors, and assigns (collectively, the "Releasees") and (b) all entities to whom Releasees directly or indirectly provide, distribute, or sell the Covered Products, including but not limited to distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members, licensees, included but not limited to Amazon.com, Inc. (collectively,

the "Downstream Releasees"), on the other hand, of any violation(s) or claimed violation(s) of Proposition 65, or any statutory or common law claim that has been, could have been or may in the future be asserted against the Releasees and/or Downstream Releasees alleging a violation of Proposition 65, including but not limited to any regarding exposing persons to the Listed Chemical and the failure to warn about exposure to the Listed Chemical arising only in connection with the Covered Products manufactured, shipped, and/or otherwise distributed prior to the Effective Date, even if sold by Downstream Releasees after the Effective Date.

2.1 The Covered Products are limited to those sold by LORNAMEAD or any of the Downstream Releasees. SHEFA and its past and current managers, members, officers, employees, agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees hereby waive and release with respect to the Covered Products all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of administrative and/or legal action, 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) (collectively "Claims"), against Releasees and/or Downstream Releasees that arise under Proposition 65 or any other statutory or common law claims that were or could have been asserted with respect to any Covered Products sold up to the Effective Date, including without limitation to the extent that such claims relate to Releasees' and/or Downstream Releasees' alleged exposure of persons to the Listed Chemical contained in the Covered Products or any failure by Releasees and Downstream Releasees to warn about exposures to the Listed Chemical contained in the Covered Products.

2.2 SHEFA acknowledges that it is familiar with Section 1542 of 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.

SHEFA, its past and current managers, members, officers, employees, agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, in its individual and not representative capacity, expressly waive and relinquishe any and all rights and benefits which they may have under, or which may be conferred on them by the provisions of Civil Code § 1542 as well as under any other state or federal statute or common law principle of similar effect, to the fullest extent that it may lawfully waive such rights or benefits pertaining to the released matters.

3.0 LORNAMEAD's Obligations

- 3.1 After the Effective Date, LORNAMEAD shall reformulate to exclude DEA in the Covered Products, or properly label any Covered Products, manufactured after the Effective Date and offered for sale in California.
- 3.2 As of the Effective Date, to the extent it ships or sells any Covered Products in existing inventory that have not been reformulated, LORNAMEAD will provide proper labels on such Covered Products that comply with Proposition 65.

3.3 The labels shall be provided in such a conspicuously and prominent manner that will assure the message is made available and likely to be read, seen, or heard by the consumer prior to or at the time of the sale or purchase.

4.0 Payments

- 4.1 LORNAMEAD agrees, to pay a total of Twelve thousand seven hundred and fifty Dollars (\$12,750.00) within ten (10) days of the complete execution of this Settlement Agreement by separate checks apportioned as follows:
 - 4.1.1 <u>Attorneys' Fees and Costs:</u> Eleven Thousand dollars (\$11,000.00) of such payment shall be paid to Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum, as SHEFA's attorneys, for reasonable investigation fees and costs, attorneys' fees, and any other costs incurred as a result of investigating and bringing this matter to LORNAMEAD's attention. The check shall be delivered to: Daniel N. Greenbaum, 14752 Otsego Street, Sherman Oaks, California 91403. By the Effective Date, Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum shall provide LORNAMEAD with its EIN.
 - 4.1.2 <u>Penalty:</u> LORNAMEAD shall issue two (2) separate checks for a total amount of One thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,750.00) as penalties pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.12: (a) one check made payable to the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) in the amount of One thousand three hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents dollars (\$1,312.50), representing 75% of the total penalty; and (b) one check to Shefa LMV, LLC in the amount of Four hundred and thirty seven dollars and fifty cents (\$437.50), representing 25% of the total penalty. The OEHHA payment shall be delivered to:

Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, Attn.: Mike Gyrics, Fiscal Operations Branch Chief, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, P.O. Box 4010, Sacramento, CA 95812-4010. The payment to Shefa shall be delivered to: Daniel N. Greenbaum, 14752 Otsego Street, Sherman Oaks, California 91403.

4.1.3 <u>Tax Forms:</u> Additionally, two separate 1099s shall be issued for the above payments: The first 1099 shall be issued to OEHHA, P.O. Box 4010, Sacramento, CA 95184 (EIN: 68-0284486) in the amount of \$1,312.50. The second 1099 shall be issued in the amount of \$437.50 to SHEFA and delivered to: Daniel N. Greenbaum, 14752 Otsego Street, Sherman Oaks, California 91403.

5.0 Authority to Enter Into Settlement Agreement

- 5.1 SHEFA represents that its signatory to this Settlement Agreement has full authority to enter into and legally bind SHEFA to this Settlement Agreement.
- 5.2 LORNAMEAD represents that its signatory to this Settlement Agreement has full authority to enter into and legally bind LORNAMEAD to this Settlement Agreement.

6.0 Report of the Settlement Agreement to the Office of the Attorney General of California

6.1 SHEFA shall report this Settlement Agreement to the Attorney General's Office within five (5) days of the Parties' execution of this Settlement Agreement.

7.0 Execution in Counterparts and Facsimile

7.1 This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts, which taken together shall be deemed to constitute the same document. A facsimile or portable document format (PDF) signature shall be as valid as the original.

8.0 Entire Agreement

- 8.1 This Settlement Agreement contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof, and all related prior discussions, negotiations, commitments, and understandings.
 - 8.2 No other agreements, oral or otherwise, exist to bind any of the Parties.

9.0 Modification of Settlement Agreement

9.1 Any modification to this Settlement Agreement shall be in writing and signed by the Parties.

10.0 Application of Settlement Agreement

10.1 This Settlement Agreement shall apply to, be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, SHEFA and the Releasees and Downstream Releasees identified in Section 2 above.

110 Enforcement of Settlement Agreement

- 11.1 Any party may file suit before the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in paragraphs 11.2 and 11.3 of this Settlement Agreement, to enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Settlement Agreement.
- 11.2 No action to enforce this Settlement Agreement may be commenced or maintained, and no notice of violation related to the Covered Products may be served or filed against LORNAMEAD by SHEFA, unless the Party seeking enforcement or alleging violation notifies the other party in writing, served by means providing for third-party proof of delivery of said notice, of the specific acts alleged to breach this Settlement Agreement at least 90 days before serving or filing any action or Notice of Violation and the Party receiving the notice

fails to comply with the requirements set forth in Section 11.3 below. Any notice to LORNAMEAD must contain (a) the name of the product, (b) specific dates when the product was sold after the Effective Date in California without reformulation or proper warning, (c) the store or other place at which the product was available for sale to consumers, and (d) any other evidence or other support for the allegations in the notice.

11.3 Within 30 days of receiving the notice described in Section 11.2, LORNAMEAD shall either (1) send the store or other place at which the product was available for sale to the public a letter directing that the offending product be immediately removed from inventory and returned to LORNAMEAD, or (2) refute the information provided under Section 11.2. Should the parties be unable to resolve the dispute, any Party may seek relief under Section 11.1.

12.0 <u>Notification Requirements</u>

12.1 Any notice required or permitted hereunder shall be effective only if given in writing and delivered in person, certified or registered mail return receipt requested, or traceable overnight delivery service, to the following designees:

For SHEFA:

Daniel N. Greenbaum, Esq. Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum 14752 Otsego Street Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

For LORNAMEAD:

Kevin C. Mayer, Esq.
Crowell & Moring LLP
515 S. Flower Street, 40th Floor
Los Angeles, California 90071

(213) 443-5544kmayer@crowell.comAny party may change its designee(s) for purposes

of notification by providing written notice of such change pursuant to this section.

13.0 **Severability**

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

14.0 Governing Law

- 14.1 The Terms of this Settlement Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and apply within the State of California.
- 14.2 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 LORNAMEAD shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Consent Judgment with respect to, and to the extent that, any Covered Products that are so affected.
- 14.3 This Settlement Agreement shall apply to and be binding upon the Parties and their respective parents, divisions, subdivisions, and subsidiaries, successors and assigns.
- 14.4 The Parties, including their counsel, have jointly participated in the preparation of this Settlement Agreement and this Settlement Agreement is the result of the joint efforts of the Parties.
- 14.5 This Settlement Agreement was subject to revision and modification by the Parties and has been accepted and approved as to its final form by all Parties and their counsel.
- 14.6 Each Party to this Settlement Agreement agrees that any statute or rule of construction providing that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting Party should not be employed in the interpretation of this Settlement Agreement and, in this regard, the Parties hereby waive California Civil Code § 1654.

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15.0 **Other Provisions**

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

AGREED TO:

Dated: August 5, 2014

SHEFA LMV, LLC

By: [name]

Approved as to form:

Daniel Greenbaum, Esq. Attorney for Shefa LMV, LLC

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