# SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

## 1. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

## 1.1 Held and Bradshaw International, Inc.

This Settlement Agreement is entered into by and between Anthony E. Held, Ph.D., P.E. ("Held") and Bradshaw International, Inc. ("Bradshaw"), with Held and Bradshaw collectively referred to as the "Parties." Held is an individual residing in California who seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals and to improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer products. Bradshaw 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 §§ 25249.5 et seq. ("Proposition 65").

## 1.2 General Allegations

Held alleges that Bradshaw has manufactured, imported, distributed and/or sold in the State of California vinyl/PVC gloves containing Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate ("DEHP"). DEHP is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm.

### 1.3 **Product Description**

The products that are covered by this Settlement Agreement are defined as vinyl/PVC gloves containing DEHP including, but not limited to, Mr. Clean Allure Fashion Cuff Glove, #243042, UPC #0 11171 23042 4, which are manufactured, imported, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale by Bradshaw in the State of California, hereinafter the "Products."

#### 1.4 Notice of Violation

On September 26, 2013, Held served Bradshaw and various public enforcement agencies with a document entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" ("Notice") that provided the recipients with notice that Bradshaw was in violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 for

failing to warn consumers that the Products exposed users in California to DEHP. No public enforcer has diligently prosecuted the allegations set forth in the Notice.

## 1.5 No Admission

Bradshaw 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 Bradshaw 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 Bradshaw of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law or violation of law. However, this section shall not diminish or otherwise affect the obligations, responsibilities and duties under this Settlement Agreement.

## 1.6 Effective Date

For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, the term "Effective Date" shall mean July 15, 2014.

## 2. <u>INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: REFORMULATION</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) 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 the DEHP content in a solid substance.

## 2.2 Reformulation Commitment

The Parties acknowledge and agree that Bradshaw has already implemented a warning program for all non-Reformulated Products manufactured, distributed, and/or sold by Bradshaw, that provides as follows:

WARNING: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. We recommend washing hands after use.

Bradshaw shall continue to use said warnings on all non-Reformulated Products through the Effective Date. As of the Effective Date, all Products, except for Products that contain Bradshaw's current warning and are in inventory or have already been distributed into the stream of commerce, must qualify as Reformulated Products pursuant to the standards set forth in Section 2.1.

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

In settlement of all the claims referred to in this Settlement Agreement, Bradshaw had been assessed a total of \$45,000 in civil penalties in accordance with this Section; however, shortly prior to execution of this Agreement, Bradshaw provided Held with written certification that as of such date of certification and continuing into the future, Bradshaw has met the reformulation standard in Section 2.1 above, such that all Products manufactured, imported, distributed, sold and offered for sale in California by Bradshaw are Reformulated Products (except for Products that contain Bradshaw's current warning and are in inventory or have already been distributed into the stream of commerce as of the Effective Date). As such, Bradshaw has received a \$30,000 waiver of civil penalties.

## 3.1 <u>Civil Penalty</u>

On or before the Effective Date, Bradshaw shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$15,000. The penalty payment will be allocated in accordance with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.12(c)(1) & (d), with 75% of the funds remitted to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") and the remaining 25% of the penalty remitted to Held. Bradshaw shall issue two separate checks to: (a) "OEHHA" in the amount of \$11,250; and (b) "The Chanler Group in Trust for Held" in the amount of \$3,750. The penalty payments shall be delivered to the addresses listed in Section 3.2 below.

## 3.2 Payment Procedures

- **3.2.1. Issuance of Payments.** Payments shall be delivered as follows:
  - (a) All payments owed to Held, pursuant to Section 3.2, shall be delivered to the following payment address:

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

(b) All payments owed to OEHHA (EIN: 68-0284486), pursuant to Section 3.2, shall be delivered directly to OEHHA (Memo line "Prop 65 Penalties") at the following addresses:

For United States Postal Service Delivery:

Mike Gyurics Fiscal Operations Branch Chief Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment P.O. Box 4010 Sacramento, CA 95812-4010

For Non-United States Postal Service Delivery:

Mike Gyurics Fiscal Operations Branch Chief Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814

With a copy of the checks payable to OEHHA mailed to The Chanler Group at the address set forth above in 3.3.1(a), as proof of payment to OEHHA.

3.2.2 Issuance of 1099 Forms. After each penalty payment, Bradshaw shall issue separate 1099 forms for payment to Held, whose address and tax identification number shall be furnished upon request after this Settlement Agreement has been fully executed by the Parties, and OEHHA at the addresses listed in Section 3.2.1 above.

## 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. Held 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 § 1021.5, for all work performed through the mutual execution of this agreement. Bradshaw shall pay \$27,000 for fees and costs incurred as a result of investigating, bringing this matter to Bradshaw's attention, and negotiating a settlement in the public interest. Bradshaw 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 the Effective Date, to the address listed in Section 3.3.1 above.

#### 5. RELEASES

#### 5.1 Held's Release of Bradshaw

This Settlement Agreement is a full, final and binding resolution between Held and Bradshaw of any violation of Proposition 65 that was or could have been asserted by Held on behalf of himself his past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors and/or assignees, against Bradshaw, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities under common ownership, directors, officers, employees, attorneys and each entity to whom Bradshaw directly or indirectly distributes or sells Products including, but not limited to, downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members and licensees ("Releasees"), based on their failure to warn about alleged exposures to DEHP contained in the Products that were manufactured, imported, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale by Bradshaw in California before the Effective Date.

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,

hereby waives all of his rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and releases all claims that he may have 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 manufactured, imported distributed, sold and/or offered for sale by Bradshaw before the Effective Date (collectively "claims"), against Bradshaw and Releasees. The releases in Section 5.1 are provided in Held's individual capacity and are not releases on behalf of public. The Parties acknowledge that this release shall not extend to entities that are upstream of Bradshaw.

## 5.2 **Bradshaw's Release of Held**

Bradshaw, on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors and/or assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against Held and 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, otherwise seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against it in this matter or with respect to the Products.

## 6. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>

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. <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>

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 if any of the provisions of this Settlement Agreement are rendered inapplicable or no longer required as a result of any such repeal or preemption or rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally as to the Products, then

Bradshaw 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 Bradshaw 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 certified mail) return receipt requested; or (iii) sent by overnight courier, to one party by the other party at the following addresses:

#### For Bradshaw:

Matthew S. Covington Archer Norris One Embarcadero Center, Suite 360 San Francisco California 94111 Counsel for Bradshaw International, Inc.

### 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 AND 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. <u>AUTHORIZATION</u>

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: 7/11/14	Date:		
By: Anthony 5. Held, Ph.D., P.E.	By:  Name: Jeff Megorden  Title: Executive Vice President-Operations Bradshaw International, Inc.		

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Title: Executive Vice President-

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