

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

SHEFA LMV, LLC

AND

BRIGGS & STRATTON

Shefa LMV, LLC ("SHEFA") and BRIGGS & STRATTON POWER PRODUCTS GROUP, LLC and BRIGGS & STRATTON CORPORATION (hereto collectively referred to as "B&S"), SHEFA and B&S (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 B&S violated Proposition 65. The effective date of this Settlement Agreement shall be the date upon which it is fully executed by all Parties hereto (the "Effective Date").

1.0 Introduction

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 B&S previously sold, at various times, Pressure Washer Quick-Connect Kit, including but not limited to UPC 011675751975 (referred to throughout as the "Covered Products"). The Covered Products are limited to those placed into the stream of commerce by B&S only.

1.3 SHEFA alleges that Covered Products contain Lead and Lead Compounds and that B&S did not provide a required warning in compliance with the California Safe Drinking

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

1.4 On February 27, 1987, the Governor of California added Lead to the list of chemicals known to the State to cause developmental, female and male reproductive toxicity.

1.5 On October 1, 1992, the Governor of California added Lead and Lead Compounds to the list of chemicals known to the State to cause cancer.

1.6 These additions took place more than twelve (12) months before SHEFA served its "60-Day Notice of Violation" which is further described below.

1.7 Lead and Lead Compounds is referred to hereafter as the "Listed Chemical."

1.8 On or about March 6, 2014, SHEFA served B&S, Lowe's Companies, Inc.; Lowe's HIW, Inc.; Orchard Supply Company, LLC, as well as certain relevant public enforcement agencies with documents entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" regarding Covered Products containing the Listed Chemical.

1.9 The Sixty-Day Notice (referred to as "Notice") alleged that B&S and the other noticed parties violated Proposition 65 by failing to warn consumers in California that use of Covered Products exposes persons to the Listed Chemical.

1.10 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").

1.11 By execution of this Settlement Agreement, the Parties do not admit any facts or conclusions of law, including, but not limited to, any facts or conclusions of law regarding any 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, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law.

1.12 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, or liability by B&S, its officers, directors, employees, or parents, subsidiaries or affiliated corporations, in any administrative or judicial proceeding or litigation in any court, agency, or forum.

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

2.0 Release

2.1 This Settlement Agreement is a full, final, and binding resolution between SHEFA, acting in its individual capacity, and not its representative capacity, on the one hand, and (a) B&S, and its owners, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, sister and related companies, employees, shareholders, officers, directors, insurers, attorneys, predecessors, successors, and assigns (collectively "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, and Lowe's Companies, Inc.; Lowe's HIW, Inc.; and Orchard Supply Company, LLC ("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 Downstream Releasees 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.

2.2 The Covered Products are limited to those manufactured, distributed and/or sold by B&S.

2.3 SHEFA, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, acting in its individual capacity and not in its representative capacity, hereby waives and releases with respect to the Covered Products all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of 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 in respect of 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.

2.4 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 agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, acting in its individual and not representative capacity, expressly waives and relinquishes any and all rights and benefits which it may have under, or which may be conferred on it 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 B&S' Duties

3.1 B&S agrees, promises, and represents that after the Effective Date, B&S shall reformulate any Covered Products manufactured after the Effective Date and offered for sale in California to exclude lead in the Covered Products or, alternatively, shall only sell products with a warning consistent with paragraph 3.4.

3.2 B&S agrees, promises, and represents that, as of the Effective Date, to the extent it ships or sells any Covered Products in existing inventory that have not been reformulated, it will provide warnings on such Covered Products that comply with Proposition 65.

3.3 The warnings 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.

3.4 The Parties agree that product labeling stating "**WARNING: This product contains lead and lead compounds, known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. Wash your hands after handling this product**" shall constitute compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to the Listed Chemical in the Covered Products for

any Covered Products in existing inventory that had not been reformulated and were distributed and/or sold by Releasees or Downstream Releasees after the Effective Date.

4.0 Payments

4.1 B&S agrees, to pay a total of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) by separate checks apportioned as follows:

4.1.1 Attorneys' Fees and Costs: Six thousand dollars (\$6,500.00) 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 B&S's attention.

4.1.2 Penalty: B&S shall issue two (2) separate payments for a total amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) 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 three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375.00), representing 75% of the total penalty; and (b) one check to Shefa LMV, LLC in the amount of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00), representing 25% of the total penalty.

4.2 Delivery and Schedule of Payments

4.2.1 Delivery. Within 10 days of the signing of this agreement, the checks shall be issued and sent to the following locations: 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: Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum, 7120 Hayvenhurst Avenue, Suite 320, Van Nuys,

California 91406. The attorney fee payments shall be delivered to: Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum, 7120 Hayvenhurst Avenue, Suite 320, Van Nuys, California 91406.

4.3 Tax Forms: Additionally, three 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 \$375.00. The second 1099 shall be issued in the amount of \$125.00 to SHEFA and delivered to: Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum, 7120 Hayvenhurst Avenue, Suite 320, Van Nuys, California 91406. The third 1099 shall be issued in the amount of \$6,500 to Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum and delivered as well to: Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum, 7120 Hayvenhurst Avenue, Suite 320, Van Nuys, California 91406. By the Effective Date, Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum shall provide B&S with its EIN.

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 B&S represents that its signatory to this Settlement Agreement has full authority to enter into and legally bind B&S 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.

7.2 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.

11.0 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 The prevailing party shall be entitled to its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with such enforcement.

11.3 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 B&S by SHEFA, unless the party seeking enforcement or alleging violation notifies the other party 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 entity receiving the notice fails to comply with the requirements set forth in Section 11.3 below.

11.4 Any notice to B&S must contain (a) the name of the product, (b) specific dates when the product was sold after the Effective Date in California without reformulation, (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.

11.5 Within thirty (30) days of receiving the notice described in Section 11.2, B&S 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 B&S, or (2) refute the information provided under Section 11.2.

11.6 Should the parties be unable to resolve the dispute, any party may seek relief under Section 11.1.

12.0 Notification Requirements

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
7120 Hayvenhurst Avenue

Suite 320
Van Nuys, CA 91406

For B&S:

Anthony J. Cortez
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
1201 K Street
Suite 1100
Sacramento, CA 95814

Any 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 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 B&S shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Settlement Agreement 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 Shefa and B&S and their respective, divisions, subdivisions, and subsidiaries, successors and assigns.

14.4 The Parties, including their counsel, have 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.

15.0 AUTHORIZATION

15.1 Each signatory to this Settlement Agreement certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the Party he or she represents to stipulate to this Settlement Agreement and to enter into and execute the Settlement Agreement 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 Settlement Agreement.


15.3 Except as explicitly provided herein, each Party is to bear its own fees and costs.

AGREED TO:

Dated: January 20, 2015

SHEFA LMV, LLC

By:



Shefa LMV, LLC

Dated: January 16, 2015

BRIGGS & STRATTON POWER
PRODUCTS GROUP, LLC

By: 

Name: Patricia Hanz

Its: Deputy General Counsel