

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

This Settlement Agreement and Release (“Agreement”) between Environmental Research Center, Inc. (“ERC”) and Omega Nutrition U.S.A., Inc. and Omega Nutrition Canada Inc. (collectively “Omega Nutrition”) is effective on the date on which it is fully executed (“Effective Date”). ERC and Omega Nutrition are referred to individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.” The Parties agree as follows:

1. This Agreement is intended to fully resolve all claims, demands, and allegations set forth in or related to the Notices of Violation of California Health & Safety Code §25249.5, *et seq.* (also known as “Proposition 65”) that ERC served on Omega Nutrition on September 26, 2014 and June 5, 2015 (the “Notices”) with regard to each of the following products identified below as to chemicals identified below (referred to individually as “Covered Product” or collectively as “Covered Products”):

- **Oskri Coconut Bar Original-Lead**
- **Omega Nutrition Inc. Omega SportsPRO Protein Blend-Lead**
- **Omega Nutrition Inc. Nutri-Flax-Cadmium**

2. The Parties enter into this Agreement in order to achieve a settlement of the claims as stated in Section 1 (collectively “this Matter”) and for the purpose of avoiding prolonged litigation. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as an admission of the Parties of any fact, issue of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with this Agreement constitute or be construed as an admission by the Parties of any fact, issue of law or violation of law. Nothing in this Agreement or any document referred to shall be construed as giving rise to any presumption or inference of admission or concession by the Parties as to any fault, wrongdoing or liability. This Section shall not diminish or otherwise affect the obligations, responsibilities, and duties of the Parties under this Agreement.

3. In consideration of the following covenants and conditions contained in this Agreement, the Parties have provided the releases as set forth in Section 6 below:

a. Omega Nutrition agrees that all Covered Products produced and offered for sale in California (and offered for sale to a third party for retail sale in California) on and after the Effective Date, shall comply with California law, including Proposition 65.

b. Beginning on the Effective Date, Omega Nutrition shall not manufacture for sale in the State of California, “Distribute into the State of California”, or directly sell in the State of California, any Covered Product which exposes a person to a “Daily Exposure Level” of more than 0.5 micrograms of lead per day or 4.1 micrograms of cadmium per day when the maximum suggested dose is taken as directed on the Covered Product’s label, unless each such unit of the Covered Product bears the following warning statement on its individual unit label packaging or by sticker securely affixed on the container or bottle cap:

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“WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause [cancer and] birth defects or other reproductive harm.”

i. As used in this Settlement Agreement and Release, the term “Distribute into the State of California” shall mean to directly ship a Covered Product into California for sale in California or to sell a Covered Product to a distributor that Omega Nutrition knows will sell the Covered Product in California.

ii. For the purposes of this Agreement, “Daily Exposure Level” shall be measured in micrograms, and shall be calculated using the following formula: micrograms of lead or cadmium per gram of product, multiplied by grams of product per serving of the product (using the largest serving size appearing on the product label), multiplied by servings of the product per day (using the largest number of servings in a recommended dosage appearing on the product label), which equals micrograms of lead or cadmium exposure per day.

iii. The phrase “cancer and” must be included in the warning only if the maximum recommended daily dose causes an exposure to more than 15 micrograms of lead when taken as directed on the Covered Product’s label.

c. The warning statement set forth in Section 3b. shall be prominent and displayed securely on either the cap, the unit packaging, or by a sticker securely affixed to the Covered Products with such conspicuousness, as compared with other words, statements, or designs so as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual purchasing or using the Covered Products. The warning appearing on the label or container shall be at least the same size as the largest of any other health or safety warnings correspondingly appearing on the label or container, as applicable, or such product, and the word “**WARNING**” shall be in capital letters and in bold print. No other statements may accompany the warning.

4. Omega Nutrition shall make a total settlement payment of \$30,000.00 (“Total Settlement Payment”) in settlement payments to ERC on the following schedule: An initial payment of \$10,000.00 shall be made to ERC within five (5) days of the Effective Date (“Due Date”), followed by two (2) consecutive monthly payments in the amount of \$10,000.00 due and owing no later than the 15th of each month after the month the first payment is made. Omega Nutrition shall make these payments by wire transfer to ERC’s escrow account, for which ERC will give Omega Nutrition the necessary account information. The Total Settlement Payment shall be allocated as follows:

a. \$6,632.00 shall be considered a civil penalty pursuant to California Health and Safety Code §25249.7(b)(1). ERC shall remit 75% (\$4,974.00) of the civil penalty to the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (“OEHHA”) for deposit in the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Fund in accordance with California Health and Safety Code §25249.12(c). ERC will retain the remaining 25% (\$1,658.00) of the civil penalty.

b. \$1,432.05 shall be considered a reimbursement to ERC for its costs incurred as a

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result of bringing this Matter to Omega Nutrition's attention and negotiating a settlement.

c. \$9,939.52 shall be considered payment in lieu of civil penalties, for day-to-day business activities such as (1) continued enforcement of Proposition 65, which includes work, analyzing, researching and testing consumer products that may contain Proposition 65 chemicals, focusing on the same or similar type of ingestible products that are the subject of this Matter; and (2) the continued monitoring of past consent judgments and settlements to ensure companies are in compliance with Proposition 65.

d. \$11,996.43 shall be considered reimbursement for ERC's in-house legal fees.

e. In the event that Omega Nutrition fails to remit the Total Settlement Payment owed under Section 4 of this Settlement Agreement on or before the Due Date, Omega Nutrition shall be deemed to be in material breach of its obligations under this Agreement.

5. Except as expressly set forth in Section 4, the Parties shall bear their own costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees related to this Matter.

6. Binding Effect; Claims Covered and Released

a. ERC, on behalf of itself and its respective owners, principals, shareholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, parents, subsidiaries, successors, assigns, and legal representatives fully releases Omega Nutrition and its respective owners, principals, shareholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, parents, subsidiaries, successors, assigns, and legal representatives (collectively the "Releasing Parties") from any and all claims for violations of Proposition 65 up through and including the Effective Date based on exposure to lead or cadmium from the Covered Products as set forth in the Notices.

b. The Releasing Parties further waive and release any and all claims they may have against each other for all actions or statements made or undertaken in the course of seeking or opposing enforcement of Proposition 65 in connection with the Notices.

c. It is possible that other claims not known to the Parties arising out of the facts alleged in the Notices and relating to the Covered Products will develop or be discovered. ERC on behalf of itself only, on the one hand, and Omega Nutrition, on behalf of itself only, on the other hand, acknowledge that this Agreement is expressly intended to cover and include all such claims up through and including the Effective Date, including all rights of action therefore, and further acknowledge that the claims released this section may include unknown claims, and nevertheless waive California Civil Code section 1542 as to any such unknown claims. California Civil Code section 1542 reads 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

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BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

ERC on behalf of itself only, on the one hand, and Omega Nutrition, on the other hand, acknowledge and understand the significance and consequences of this specific waiver of California Civil Code Section 1542.

7. Nothing in this Release is intended to apply to any occupational or environmental exposures arising under Proposition 65, except as otherwise provided in this agreement, nor shall it apply to any of Omega Nutrition's products other than the Covered Products.

8. Nothing herein shall be construed as diminishing Omega Nutrition's continuing obligations to comply with Proposition 65.

9. After executing this Agreement, ERC will submit to the California Attorney General a Report of Settlement. In addition, ERC will provide to the California Attorney General a signed copy of this Agreement. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the Parties shall provide as much information as is requested by the California Attorney General, or any other governmental agency, regarding this Matter, its settlement, and this Agreement.

10. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties with regard to settlement of this Matter, and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous agreements or understandings, written or oral, with regard to the matters set forth in this Agreement. This Agreement may be amended or modified in whole or in part at any time only by an agreement in writing executed by the Parties.

11. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective owners, principals, shareholders, members, managers, officers, directors, employees, agents, successors, and assigns.

12. No inference, assumption or presumption shall be drawn, and no provision of this Agreement shall be construed against any of the Parties, based upon the fact that one of the Parties and/or one of the Parties' attorneys prepared and/or drafted all or any portion of this Agreement. It is conclusively presumed that the Parties participated equally in the preparation and drafting of this Agreement.

13. If any provision, term, or section of this Agreement is found to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions, terms, or sections shall continue in full force and effect and remain binding on the Parties. If any provision, term, or section of this Agreement is determined to be unenforceable, then such provision, term, or section may be modified so that the unenforceable provision, term, or section is enforceable to the greatest extent possible.

14. This Agreement shall be deemed to have been entered into in the State of California, and governed and interpreted by the laws of the State of California, regardless of the physical locations of the individuals executing this Agreement at the time of execution.

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15. The Parties acknowledge that they have a right to consult an attorney and they have consulted their attorneys with respect to the terms and conditions of this Agreement or by signing this Agreement hereby acknowledge they have made the decision not to consult with an attorney in this Matter. The Parties further acknowledge that they fully understand this Agreement and the effect of signing and executing this Agreement.

16. The Parties are aware and acknowledge that this Agreement is an out-of-court settlement and that they will not receive the protections afforded by a court-approved consent judgment. The Parties are entering into this Agreement in good faith and in an effort to settle all claims and allegations related to the Notices, and this Agreement applies only to the claims made by ERC and to the products identified in the Notices.

17. Any legal action to enforce this Agreement shall be brought in any county of the State of California, any of which is deemed to be the proper venue for such legal action. The prevailing party in any such legal action shall be entitled to recover its attorneys' fees in addition to any other legally recoverable costs.

18. If a dispute arises with respect to either Party's compliance with the terms of this Agreement, the Parties shall meet in person or by telephone and endeavor to resolve the dispute in an amicable manner. No action or motion may be filed in the absence of such a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute beforehand. In the event an action or motion is filed, however, the prevailing party may seek to recover costs and reasonable attorney's fees. As used in the preceding sentence, the term "prevailing party" means a party who is 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 that is the subject of such enforcement action.

19. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, and each counterpart, as well as any facsimile, e-mail, copy of this Agreement, or any other counterpart, shall be deemed to be an original.

20. Each of the individuals who execute this Agreement represents and warrants they have the authority to execute this document and bind the respective Parties to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and have read, understand, and agree to all the terms and conditions in this Agreement.

DATED: August 28, 2015

OMEGA NUTRITION U.S.A., INC.

By: _____

Robert Gaffney

Title: CEO]

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DATED: Aug 28, 2015

OMEGA NUTRITION CANADA INC.

By: 
Robert Gaffney
Title: CEO

DATED: 8/27/2015

ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER, INC.

By: 
Chris Heptinstall, Executive Director

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Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the
 requester. Do not
 send to the IRS.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.
Environmental Research Center Inc

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above
Environmental Research Center Inc

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification; check only one of the following seven boxes:
 Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
 Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____
 Note. For a single-member LLC that is disregarded, do not check LLC; check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner.
 Other (see instructions) ▶ **Nonprofit corporation exempt under IRS code section 501(c)(3)**

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):
 Exempt payee code (if any) _____
 Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____
(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)
3111 Camino Del Rio North Suite 400

6 City, state, and ZIP code
San Diego, CA. 92108

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number	
[] [] [] - [] [] [] - [] [] [] [] [] []	
or	
Employer identification number	
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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

Sign Here Signature of U.S. person ▶ Date ▶ _____

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at www.irs.gov/fw9.

- Purpose of Form**
- An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:
- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
 - Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
 - Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
 - Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
 - Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
 - Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)

- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
 - Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
 - Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)
- Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.
- If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See *What is backup withholding?* on page 2.
- By signing the filled-out form, you:
- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued).
 - Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
 - Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
 - Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting?* on page 2 for further information.