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15	MARK MOORBERG,	Case No. CIV1503228		
16	Plaintiff,	[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT		
17	V.	(Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 et seq.)		
18	JOBAR INTERNATIONAL, INC.; et al.,			
19	Defendants.			
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	[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT			

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Parties

This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between Mark Moorberg ("Moorberg") and
Jobar International, Inc. ("Jobar"), with Moorberg and Jobar each individually referred to as a "Party"
and collectively as the "Parties."

1.2 Plaintiff

Moorberg is an individual residing in California who seeks to promote awareness of
exposures to toxic chemicals and improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous
substances contained in consumer products.

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#### 1.3 Defendant

Jobar 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, Health and Safety Code
section 25249.6 *et seq.* ("Proposition 65").

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### 1.4 General Allegations

Moorberg alleges that Jobar manufactures, imports, sells, or distributes for sale in California,
vinyl/PVC back stretchers containing di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate ("DEHP"), and vinyl/PVC toilet seat
cushions containing DEHP without first providing the exposure warning required by Proposition 65.
DEHP is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause
birth defects and other reproductive harm.

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## 1.5 Product Description

The Jobar products that are covered by this Consent Judgment are defined as vinyl/PVC back
stretchers containing DEHP including, but not limited to, *North American Healthcare Back Stretcher*, *ITEM JB4866*, *UPC #0 17874 14866 0*, and vinyl/PVC toilet seat cushions containing DEHP
including, but not limited to, *North American Health & Wellness Comfort Gel Toilet Cushion*, *MODEL: JB6542*, *UPC #0 17874 00959 6*, which are manufactured, imported, distributed, sold
and/or offered for sale by Jobar in the State of California, hereinafter the "Products."

#### 1.6 Notice of Violation

On or about June 26, 2015, Moorberg served Jobar, others, and certain requisite public
enforcement agencies with a 60-Day Notice of Violation ("Notice") alleging that Jobar was in
violation of Proposition 65 for failing to warn its customers and consumers in California that the
Products expose users to DEHP.

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### 1.7 Complaint

On September 2, 2015, Moorberg filed the instant action ("Complaint"), naming Jobar as a
defendant for the alleged violations of Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 that are the subject of
the Notice.

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#### 1.8 No Admission

Jobar denies the material, factual, and legal allegations contained in the Notice and 11 12 Complaint, and maintains that all of the products that it has sold and distributed for sale in California, including the Products, have been, and are, in compliance with all laws. Nothing in this Consent 13 Judgment shall be construed as an admission of any fact, finding, conclusion of law, issue of law, or 14 violation of law, nor shall compliance with this Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an 15 16 admission of any fact, finding, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law. This Section shall 17 not, however, diminish or otherwise affect Jobar's obligations, responsibilities, and duties under this 18 Consent Judgment.

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## 1.9 Jurisdiction

**Effective Date** 

For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over Jobar as to the allegations in the Complaint, that venue is proper in the County of Marin, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter and enforce the provisions of this Consent Judgment.

For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term "Effective Date" means the date which this

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Court approves the Consent Judgment, including any unopposed tentative rulings.

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# **INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: REFORMULATION AND WARNINGS**

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# 2.1 Reformulated Products

3 Commencing on the December 30, 2015, and continuing thereafter, Jobar shall only purchase 4 for sale, manufacture for sale, import, sell, or distribute for sale in California "Reformulated Products," or Products that are sold with a clear and reasonable warning pursuant to Section 2.2 5 6 below. For purposes of this Consent Judgment, "Reformulated Products" are products that contain 7 DEHP in concentrations of 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 8 9 methodology utilized by federal or state agencies for the purpose of determining the DEHP content in 10 a solid substance. In addition to the EPA test methods authorized above, the Parties may utilize equivalent methodologies employed by state or federal agencies to determine DEHP content in a 11 12 solid substance.

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# 2.2 Product Warnings

14 Commencing on the December 30, 2015, Jobar shall provide clear and reasonable warnings 15 for all Products as set forth in subsections 2.2(a) and (b) for all products that do not currently have warnings and that do not qualify as Reformulated Products. Each warning shall be prominently 16 17 placed with such conspicuousness as compared with other words, statements, designs, or devices as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions 18 19 before purchase or use. Each warning shall be provided in a manner such that the consumer or user understands to which specific Product the warning applies, so as to minimize the risk of consumer 20 confusion. 21

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# (a) Retail Store Sales.

(i) Product Labeling. Jobar shall affix a warning to the packaging, labeling, or
 directly on each Product provided for sale in retail outlets in California that states:

WARNING: This product contains DEHP, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects and other reproductive harm.

(ii) Point-of-Sale Warnings. Alternatively, Jobar may provide warning signs in
 the form below to its customers in California with instructions to post the warnings in close proximity

1	to the point of display of the Products. Such instruction sent to Jobar customers shall be sent by		
2	certified mail, return receipt requested.		
3	WARNING: This product contains DEHP, a chemical		
4	known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects and other reproductive harm.		
5	Where more than one Product is sold in proximity to other like items or to those that do not		
6	require a warning (e.g., Reformulated Products as defined in Section 2.1), the following statement		
7	shall be used: <sup>1</sup>		
8 9	WARNING: The following products contain DEHP, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects and other reproductive harm:		
10	[list products for which warning is required]		
11	(b) Mail Order Catalog and Internet Sales. In the event that Jobar sells Products via		
12	mail order catalog and/or the internet, to customers located in California, after the Effective Date, that		
13	are not Reformulated Products, Jobar shall provide warnings for such Products. Warnings given in		
14	the mail order catalog or on the internet shall identify the specific Product to which the warning		
15	applies as further specified in Sections 2.2(b)(i) and (ii).		
16	(i) Mail Order Catalog Warning. Any warning provided in Jobar's mail order		
17	catalog shall be in the same type size or larger than the Product description text within the catalog.		
18	The following warning shall be provided on the same page and in the same location as the display		
19	and/or description of the Product:		
20	WARNING: This product contains DEHP, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer		
21	and birth defects and other reproductive harm.		
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23	Where it is impracticable to provide the warning on the same page and in the same location as		
24	the display and/or description of the Product, Jobar may utilize a designated symbol to cross		
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26	<sup>1</sup> For purposes of the Settlement Agreement, "sold in proximity" shall mean that the Product and another similar product are offered for sale close enough to each other that the consumer, under customary conditions of purchase, could not reasonably determine which of the two products is subject to the warning sign.		
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1	reference the applicable warning and shall define the term "designated symbol" with the following	
2	language on the inside of the front cover of the catalog or on the same page as any order form for the	
3	Product(s):	
4	WARNING: Certain products identified with this symbol ▼ and offered for sale in this catalog contain DEHP,	
5	a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects and other reproductive harm.	
6	The designated symbol must appear on the same page and in close proximity to the display	
7	and/or description of the Product. On each page where the designated symbol appears, Jobar must	
° 9	provide a header or footer directing the consumer to the warning language and definition of the	
10	designated symbol.	
10	(ii) Internet Website Warning. A warning shall be given in conjunction with the	
12	sale of the Products by Jobar via the internet, which warning shall appear either: (a) on the same web	
13	page on which a Product is displayed; (b) on the same web page as the order form for a Product; (c)	
14	on the same page as the price for any Product; or (d) on one or more web pages displayed to a	
15	purchaser during the checkout process. The following warning statement shall be used and shall	
16	appear in any of the above locations adjacent to or immediately following the display, description, or	
17	price of the Product for which it is given in the same type size or larger than the Product description	
18	text:	
19	WARNING: This product contains DEHP, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer	
20	and birth defects and other reproductive harm.	
21	Alternatively, the designated symbol may appear adjacent to or immediately following the	
22	display, description, or price of the Product for which a warning is being given, provided that the	
23	following warning statement also appears elsewhere on the same web page, as follows:	
24	WARNING: This product contains DEHP, a chemical	
25	known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects and other reproductive harm.	
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#### MONETARY SETTLEMENT TERMS

# 3.1 Civil Penalty Payments

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b), in settlement of all the claims referred
to in this Consent Judgment, Jobar shall pay \$14,000 in civil penalties. Each civil penalty payment
shall be allocated according to Health and Safety Code section 25249.12(c)(1) and (d) with seventyfive percent (75%) of the funds paid to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard
Assessment ("OEHHA") and twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds remitted to Moorberg.

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### 3.1.1 Initial Civil Penalty

Jobar shall issue a check for its initial civil penalty payment in the amount of \$4,000 to
"Mark Moorberg, Client Trust Account," and deliver this check to Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith
LLP ("LBBS"). LBBS shall provide The Chanler Group with written confirmation within five days
of its receipt that LBBS has received this check. Moorberg and his counsel will ensure that the
appropriate 75% is delivered to OEHHA.

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### 3.1.2 Final Civil Penalty

15 On or before July 1, 2016, Jobar shall make a final civil penalty payment of \$10,000 to "Mark Moorberg, Client Trust Account." Pursuant to title 11 California Code of Regulations, section 16 3203(c), Moorberg agrees that the final civil penalty payment shall be waived in its entirety if, no 17 18 later than June 15, 2016, an officer of Jobar provides Moorberg with written certification that all of 19 the Products purchased for sale or manufactured for sale in California as of the date of such certification are Reformulated Products as defined by Section 2.1, and that Jobar will continue to 20 21 offer only Reformulated Products in California in the future. The option to certify reformulation in lieu of making the final civil penalty payment required by this Section is a material term and time is 22 23 of the essence.

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## 3.2 Reimbursement of Fees and Costs

The parties acknowledge that Moorberg 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 the issue to be resolved after the material terms of this Consent Judgment had been settled. Shortly after the other settlement terms had been finalized, Jobar expressed a desire to resolve Moorberg's fees

and costs. The Parties then attempted to (and did) reach an accord on the compensation due to
Moorberg and his counsel under general contract principles and the private attorney general doctrine
codified at California Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5 for all work performed through the
mutual execution of this Consent Judgment. Jobar shall issue a check payable to "The Chanler
Group" in the amount of fees and costs of \$28,750 and deliver this check to LBBS to be held in trust
by LBBS LLP for The Chanler Group. LBBS LLP shall provide The Chanler Group with written
confirmation within five days of receipt that LBBS has received this check.

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#### 3.3 Payment Procedures

9 Except for the final civil penalty payment required by Section 3.1.2, all payments due under
10 this Consent Judgment are to be delivered to LBBS within ten days of the date of the filing of the
11 motion to approve this Consent Judgment under Section 10 below, and released to The Chanler
12 Group and Moorberg within five (5) days of the Effective Date according to the following subsection.

#### 3.3.1 Payment Addresses

All payments and tax documentation for Moorberg and his counsel shall be

The Chanler Group

2560 Ninth Street Parker Plaza, Suite 214

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# 4. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

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Berkeley, CA 94710

4.1 Moorberg's Public Release of Proposition 65 Claims

Attn: Proposition 65 Controller

Moorberg, acting on his own behalf and in the public interest, releases Jobar and its parents,

22 subsidiaries, affiliated entities under common ownership, directors, officers, employees, and

attorneys ("Releasees") and each entity to whom it directly or indirectly distributes or sells the

24 Products, including but not limited to its downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers,

- 25 franchisers, cooperative members, licensors, and licensees, ("Downstream Releasees") for violations
- 26 arising under Proposition 65 for unwarned exposures to DEHP from the Products sold by Jobar prior
- 27 || to the Effective Date, as set forth in the Notice and Complaint.

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### 4.2 Moorberg's Individual Release of Claims

Moorberg, in his individual capacity only and *not* in his representative capacity, also provides a release to Jobar, Releasees, and Downstream Releasees which shall be effective as a full and final accord and satisfaction, as a bar to all actions, causes of action, obligations, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, losses, claims, liabilities and demands of Moorberg of any nature, character or kind, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, arising out of alleged or actual exposures to DEHP from the Products sold or distributed for sale by Jobar before the Effective Date.

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#### 4.3 Jobar's Release of Moorberg

Jobar, on its own behalf, and on behalf of its past and current agents, representatives,
attorneys, successors, and assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against Moorberg and his
attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made by Moorberg
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.

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# COURT APPROVAL

This Consent Judgment is not effective until it is approved and entered by the Court and shall be null and void if, for any reason, it is not approved and entered by the Court within one year after it has been fully executed by the Parties.

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#### **SEVERABILITY**

If, subsequent to the Court's approval and entry of this Consent Judgment as a judgment, any
provision is held by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be
adversely affected.

22 7. <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>

The terms of this Consent Judgment 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, preempted, or is otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to the Products, then Jobar may provide written notice to Moorberg of any asserted change in the law, and shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Consent Judgment with respect to, and to the extent that, the Products are

1	so affected. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be interpreted to relieve Jobar from any	
2	obligation to comply with any pertinent state or federal toxics control laws.	
3	8. <u>NOTICE</u>	
4	Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notice required by this Consent Judgment	
5	shall be in writing and sent by: (i) personal delivery; (ii) first-class, registered, or certified mail,	
6	return receipt requested; or (iii) a recognized overnight courier to the following addresses:	
7	For Jobar:	
8 9	James A. Geocaris, Esq. Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith, LLP 650 Town Center Drive	
10	Suite 1400 Costa Mesa, CA 92626	
11	For Moorberg:	
12	The Chanler Group Attn: Proposition 65 Coordinator	
13	2560 Ninth Street Parker Plaza, Suite 214	
14	Berkeley, CA 94710	
15	Any Party may, from time to time, specify in writing to the other, a change of address to which all	
16	notices and other communications shall be sent.	
17	9. COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE SIGNATURES	
18	This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile or portable	
19	document format (PDF) signature, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when	
20	taken together, shall constitute one and the same document.	
21	10. POST EXECUTION ACTIVITIES	
22	Moorberg agrees to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced in Health and	
23	Safety Code section 25249.7(f). The Parties further acknowledge that, pursuant to Health and Safety	
24	Code section 25249.7(f), a noticed motion is required to obtain judicial approval of the settlement.	
25	Moorberg will prepare and file this motion. Also, in furtherance of obtaining such approval,	
26	Moorberg and Jobar agree to mutually employ their best efforts, and that of their counsel, to support	
27	the entry of this agreement as judgment, and to obtain judicial approval of their settlement in a timely	
28	manner. For purposes of this Section, "best efforts" shall include, at a minimum, cooperating with	

the drafting and filing of the necessary moving papers, and supporting the motion for judicial
 approval.
 **11.** <u>MODIFICATION</u>

4	This Consent Judgment may be modified only by: (i) a written agreement of the Parties and
5	entry of a modified consent judgment by the Court; or (ii) a successful motion or application of any
6	Party, and the entry of a modified consent judgment by the Court.

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# **AUTHORIZATION**

8 The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment and have read, understood,
9 and agree to all of the terms and conditions contained herein.

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MARK MOORBERG

The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment and have read, understood, and agree to all of the terms and conditions contained herein.

**AGREED TO:** 

Date:

By:

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Date:

By:

Mitch Sussman, Chief Executive Officer Jobar International, Inc.