1 PARKER SMITH, ESO. (SBN 290311) SY AND SMITH, PC. 2 11622 El Camino Real, Suite 100 Del Mar, CA 92130 3 Telephone: (858) 746-9554 Facsimile: (858)746-5199 4 Attorneys for Plaintiff, King Pun Cheng 5 6 7 8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO 10 KING PUN CHENG. Case No. 37-2016-0003730-CU-NP-CTL 11 Plaintiff, **UNLIMITED JURISDICTION** 12 vs. STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED] 13 BRUNTON OUTDOOR, INC.; ORDER RE ENTRY OF CONSENT JUDGMENT AS TO BRUNTON 14 Defendants. OUTDOOR, INC. 15 Complaint Filed: February 3, 2016 16 17 1. Introduction 18 1.1 On November 17, 2015, Kingpun Cheng ("Cheng") served Brunton Outdoor, Inc. 19 ("Brunton"), Primus North America, Fenix Outdoor International, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. ('Wal-20 Mart") and various public enforcement agencies with a document entitled "Supplemental 60 Day 21 Notice of Violation" (the "Notice"). The Notice provided Brunton and such others, including 22 23 public enforcers, with notice that alleged that Brunton was in purported violation of California 24 Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 et seq. ("Proposition 65") for failing to warn consumers and 25 customers that Primus® stoves with brass valves, including but not limited to Primus Classic 26 Trail Gas Stove UPC733033224306 (the "Products"), exposed users in California to lead and lead 27 compounds. No public enforcer has prosecuted the allegations set forth in the Notice. 28

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- 1.2 On February 3, 2016, Cheng filed a Complaint for Civil Penalties and Injunctive Relief ("Complaint") in the San Diego County Superior Court (the "Court"), Case No. 37-2016-00003730-CU-NP-CTL, against Brunton, alleging violations of Proposition 65 with respect to the Products (the "Action").
- 1.3 Brunton is a corporation that employs more than ten persons under California

 Health and Safety Code § 25249.6 and offered the Products for sale within the State of California.
- 1.4 Cheng's Complaint alleges, among other things, that Brunton sold the Products in California and/or to California citizens, that the Products contain lead and lead compounds, and that the resulting exposure violated provisions of Proposition 65 by knowingly and intentionally exposing persons to a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm, without first providing a clear and reasonable warning to such individuals.
- 1.5 For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the Complaint and personal jurisdiction over Brunton as to the acts alleged in the Complaint, that venue is proper in the County of San Diego, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Judgment as a resolution of the allegations contained in the Complaint.
- 1.6 The parties enter into this Consent Judgment pursuant to a full settlement and release of disputed claims between the parties as alleged in the Complaint for the purpose of avoiding prolonged litigation. By execution of this Consent Judgment, Brunton does not admit any violation of Proposition 65 and specifically denies that it has committed any such violation. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission by Brunton of any fact, issue of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with the Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by Brunton of any fact, issue of law, or violation of law. Nothing in

this Consent Judgment shall prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy or defense that Brunton may have in any other future legal proceeding. However, this paragraph shall not diminish or otherwise affect the obligations, responsibilities and duties of Brunton under this Consent Judgment.

1.7 For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term "Effective Date" shall mean the date this Consent Judgment is entered as a judgment of this Court.

2. <u>Injunctive Relief</u>

- 2.1 Commencing ninety (90) days after the Effective Date, and continuing thereafter, Brunton shall only ship, sell, or offer for sale in California, Reformulated Products pursuant to Section 2.2 or Products that are labeled with a Clear and Reasonable Warning pursuant to Section 2.3. Brunton, its manufacturers, and its downstream retailers shall have no obligation to reformulate or label Products that entered the stream of commerce before the Effective Date or within ninety (90) days after the Effective Date.
- 2.2 "Reformulated Products" shall mean Products, the exposed brass valves or other metal components of which have a lead content by weight of no more than 0.01% (100 parts per million or "100 ppm"). Brunton may comply with the above requirement by relying on information obtained from its suppliers regarding the content of the alloy from which the components are made, provided the reliance is in good faith. Obtaining test results showing that the lead content is no more than 0.01% using a method of sufficient sensitivity to establish a limit of quantification (as distinguished from detection) of less than 100 ppm shall be deemed to establish good faith reliance.
- 2.3 "Clear and Reasonable Warning" shall be as set forth in this Section 2.3. The warning shall be prominently 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 before purchase or use. Each warning shall be provided in a manner such that the consumer or user is reasonably likely to understand to which specific Products the warning applies so as to minimize the risk of consumer confusion. In the event that the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment promulgates one or more regulations requiring or permitting warning text and/or methods of transmission different than those set forth herein, Brunton shall be entitled to use, at its discretion, such other warning text and/or methods of transmission without being deemed in breach of this Consent Judgment.

(a) Retail Store Sales

(i) Product Labeling. Brunton shall affix a warning to the packaging, labeling or directly on each Product that states:

[PROPOSITION 65] WARNING:

This product contains lead and lead compounds known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

The bracketed text may, but is not required to be used.

(ii) Point of Sale Warnings. Alternatively to the Product Labeling set forth in Section 2.3(a)(i) above, Brunton may provide warning signs in the form below to its customers in California with instructions to post the warnings in close proximity to the point of display of the Product. Such instruction sent to Brunton customers shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.

[PROPOSITION 65] WARNING:

This product contains lead and lead compounds known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

The bracketed text may, but is not required to be used.

(b) Mail Order Catalog Warning. In the event that Brunton sells Products via mail order catalog directly to consumers located in California that are not Reformulated Products, Brunton shall provide a warning for such Products sold via mail order catalog to such California residents. A warning that is given in a mail order catalog shall be in the same type size or larger

than the Product description text within the catalog. The following warning shall be provided on the same page and in the same location as the display and/or description of the Product:

[PROPOSITION 65] WARNING:

This product contains lead and lead compounds known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

The bracketed text may, but is not required to be used. Where it is impracticable to provide the warning on the same page and in the same location as the display and/or description of the Product, Brunton may utilize a designated symbol to cross reference the applicable warning and shall define the term "designated symbol" with the following language on the inside of the front cover of the catalog or on the same page as any order form for the Product:

[PROPOSITION 65] WARNING: Certain products identified with this symbol "▼" and offered for sale in this catalog contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

The bracketed text may, but is not required to be used. The designated symbol must appear on the same page and in close proximity to the display and/or description of the Product. On each page where the designated symbol appears, Brunton must provide a header or footer directing the consumer to the warning language and definition of the designated symbol.

(c) Internet Sales Warning. In the event that Brunton sells Products via the internet directly to consumers located in California that are not Reformulated Products, Brunton shall provide a warning for such Products sold via the internet to such California residents. A warning that is given on the internet shall be in the same type size or larger than the Product description text and shall be given in conjunction with the direct sale of the Product. The warning shall appear either: (a) on the same web page on which the Product is displayed; (b) on the same web page as the order form for the Product; (c) on the same page as the price for the Product; or (d) on one or more web pages displayed to a purchaser during the checkout process. The following warning shall be provided:

[PROPOSITION 65] WARNING:

This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

The bracketed text may, but is not required to be used.

3. Entry of Consent Judgment

- 3.1 The parties hereby request that the Court promptly approve and enter this Consent Judgment. Upon entry of this Consent Judgment, Cheng and Brunton waive their respective rights to a hearing or trial on the allegations of the Complaint and Notice which are at issue in the Action.
- 3.2 In the event that the California Attorney General objects or otherwise comments on one or more provisions of this Consent Judgment, Cheng and Brunton agree to take reasonable steps to satisfy such concerns or objections.

4. Matters Covered By This Consent Judgment

4.1 Plaintiff's Public Release of Proposition 65 Claims. This Consent

Judgment is a final and binding resolution between Cheng, acting on his own behalf and in the
public interest, and Brunton, and shall have preclusive effect such that no other person or entity,
whether purporting to act in his, her, or its interests or the public interest shall be permitted to
pursue and/or take any action with respect to any violation of Proposition 65 that was alleged in
the Complaint, or that could have been brought pursuant to the Notice against Brunton and the
Releasees as defined in Section 4.3 below ("Proposition 65 Claims"). As to alleged exposures to
the Products, compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment by Brunton resolves any issue,
now and in the future, and is deemed sufficient to satisfy all obligations concerning compliance
by the Releasees (as defined in Section 4.3 below) with the requirements of Proposition 65 with
respect to the Products, and any alleged resulting exposure.

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4.2 Plaintiff's Release of Additional Claims. As to Cheng for and in his individual capacity only, this Consent Judgment shall have preclusive effect such that he shall not be permitted to pursue and/or take any action with respect to any other statutory or common law claim, to the fullest extent that any such claim was or could have been asserted by him against Brunton and the Releasees (as defined in Section 4.3 below) based on their exposure of Cheng to the Products, or their failure to provide a clear and reasonable warning of exposure to Cheng as well as any other claim based in whole or in part on the facts alleged in the Complaint and the Notice based on actions or inaction of the Releasees ("Lead Exposure Claims").

4.3 Waiver of Rights Under Section 1542 of the California Civil Code. As to Cheng's public release of Proposition 65 Claims set forth in Section 4.1 ("Public Release") and his individual release of Lead Exposure Claims set forth in Section 4.2 ("Individual Release"), Cheng, acting on his own behalf and in the public interest with respect to the Public Release and acting in his individual capacity with respect to the Individual Release, waives and releases all rights to institute any form of legal action, and releases all claims against Brunton (including its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, assigns, investors, shareholders and websites) and Brunton's vendors, wholesalers, distributors, dealers, retailers (including, but not limited to Wal-Mart and its affiliates and subsidiaries), commercial users, advertisers, manufacturers and suppliers who may manufacture, supply, use, maintain, distribute or sell any of the Products or any of the Products' components, as well as, for each of the foregoing persons and entities, each of their past, present, or future officers, directors, shareholders, owners, investors, employees, contractors, lawyers, accountants, advisors, representatives, agents, principals, partners, affiliates, members, administrators, legatees, executors, heirs, estates, predecessors, successors, and assigns (collectively, the "Releasees"), for the Proposition 65 Claims and the Lead Exposure Claims (referred to collectively in this Section as "Claims"). In furtherance of the foregoing, as to

alleged exposures to the Products, Cheng, acting in his individual capacity with respect to the Individual Release, waives any and all rights and benefits which he now has, or in the future may have, conferred upon him with respect to the Claims by virtue of the provisions of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT EXIST IN HIS FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

4.4 **Brunton's Release of Cheng.** Brunton waives any and all claims against Cheng, his attorneys and other representatives, executors, heirs, estates for any and all actions taken or statements made (or those that could have been taken or made) by Cheng and his attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of investigating claims or otherwise seeking enforcement of Proposition 65 against it in this matter.

5. Enforcement of Judgment

5.1 The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be enforced exclusively by the parties hereto. The parties may, by noticed motion or order to show cause before the Court, giving the notice required by law, enforce the terms and conditions contained herein. In any proceeding brought by either party to enforce this Consent Judgment, such party may seek whatever fines, costs, penalties or remedies as may be provided by law for any violation of Proposition 65 or this Consent Judgment.

6. Modification of Judgment

- 6.1 This Consent Judgment may be modified only by written agreement of the parties upon entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court thereon, or upon motion of any party as provided by law and upon an entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court.
- 6.2 Should any court enter final judgment in a case brought by Cheng or the People involving the Products setting forth formulation or warning standards related to the Products or the California Attorney General provide written endorsement (i.e., a writing that is circulated by the Attorney General that is not intended for the purpose of soliciting further input or comments) of formulation or warning standards applicable to products that are of the same general type as the Products or constructed from the same materials as the Products that implicate Proposition 65 ("Alternative Standards"), Brunton shall be entitled to seek a modification of this Consent Judgment on forty-five (45) days' notice to Cheng so as to be able to utilize and rely on such Alternative Standards in lieu of those set forth in Section 2 of this Consent Judgment. Cheng shall not unreasonably contest any proposed application to effectuate such a modification provided that the Products for which such a modification is sought are of the same general type or constructed from the same materials as the Products that implicate Proposition 65.

7. Settlement Payment

- 7.1 In settlement of all the Claims referred to in this Consent Judgment, and without any admission of liability therefore, Brunton shall make the following monetary payments:
- 7.1.1 Brunton shall pay a total of two-thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) in civil penalties (the "Civil Penalty") in accordance with this Section. The Civil Penalty will be allocated in accordance with California Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.12(c)(1) and (d), with seventy five percent (75%) of the funds remitted to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") and the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds

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| 2 | A copy of the check payable to OEHHA shall be mailed to Sy and Smith, PC at the address set |
| 3 | forth above as proof of payment to OEHHA. |
| 4 | 8. <u>Notices</u> |
| 5 | 8.1 Any and all notices between the parties provided for or permitted under this |
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| 7 | Consent Judgment or by law shall be in writing and personally delivered or sent by: (i) first-class |
| 8 | (registered or certified mail) return receipt requested; or (ii) overnight or two-day courier on any |
| 9 | party by the other party to the following addresses: |
| 10 | For Brunton: |
| 11 | Brent E. Johnson, Esq. Holland & Hart LLP |
| 12 | 222 South Main Street, Suite 2200 Salt Lake City, UT 84101 |
| 13 | T: 801.799.5800 |
| 14 | For Cheng: |
| 15 | Parker A. Smith, Attorney At Law Sy and Smith, PC |
| 16 | 11622 El Camino Real, Suite 100 Del Mar, CA 92130 |
| 17 | T: 760.579.7600 |
| 18 19 | Any party, from time to time, may specify in writing to the other party a change of address to |
| 20 | which all notices and other communications shall be sent. |
| 21 | 9. <u>Authority to Stipulate</u> |
| 22 | 9.1 Each signatory to this Consent Judgment certifies that he or she is fully authorized |
| 23 | by the party he or she represents to enter into this Consent Judgment and to execute it on behalf of |
| 24 | the party represented and legally to bind that party. |
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| 26 | 10. <u>Counterparts and Facsimile</u> |
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10.1 This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same document.

11. Retention of Jurisdiction

11.1 This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to implement and enforce the terms contained in the Consent Judgment.

12. Service on the California Attorney General

12.1 Cheng shall serve a copy of this Consent Judgment, signed by both parties, on the California Attorney General on behalf of the parties so that the Attorney General may review this Consent Judgment prior to its submittal to the Court for approval. No sooner than forty-five (45) days after the Attorney General has received the aforementioned copy of this Consent Judgment, and in the absence of any written objection by the Attorney General to the terms of this Consent Judgment, the parties may then submit it to the Court for Approval.

13. Compliance with Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f)

13.1 Cheng agrees to comply with the reporting requirements referenced in Health & Safety Code section 25249.7(f).

14. Entire Agreement

14.1 This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof, and any and all discussions, negotiations, commitments and understanding related thereto. No representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those contained herein have been made by any party hereto. No other agreements not specifically referred to herein, oral or otherwise, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties.