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12	Plaintiff,	PROPOSITION 65 CONSENT TO
13	V.	JUDGMENT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
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	RUBIE'S COSTUME COMPANY, INC., and	Action Filed: December 7, 2016
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## INTRODUCTION

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# **1.1** The Parties

This consent to judgment settlement agreement ("Consent Judgment" or "Agreement") is entered into by and between Susan Davia ("Davia"), and the entities that execute this Consent Judgment, including Rubie's Costume Company, Inc. ("Rubie's"). All settling defendants shall be referred to herein as a "Settling Defendant" and collectively as "Settling Defendants." Settling Defendants and Davia are the "Parties" to this Agreement. To participate in this settlement, all Settling Defendants must execute this Consent Judgment by February 28, 2016, or such later date as permitted by Davia as reasonably necessary to let additional Settling Defendants who express interest in participating by February 28, 2016, participate in the settlement.

**1.2** Plaintiff Susan Davia

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

# **1.3** Settling Defendants

Davia alleges that Settling Defendants are persons in the course of doing business for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.6 *et seq.* ("Proposition 65"). For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, Settling Defendants do not dispute that they qualify as such persons in the course of doing business.

### **1.4** General Allegations

Davia alleges that Settling Defendants participated in the manufacture (or other acquisition), distribution and/or sale, in the State of California, of vinyl/PVC packaging and storage cases for costume and/or costume accessories, which packaging or storage cases exposed users to di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP), and/or other listed phthalates without first providing a "clear and reasonable warning" under Proposition 65. DEHP and certain other phthalates are listed as carcinogens and/or reproductive and developmental toxins pursuant to Proposition 65. DEHP, and other listed phthalates, shall hereinafter, where applicable, be referred to as the CONSENT TO JUDGMENT

"Listed Chemical" or "Listed Chemicals" as the case may be. Plaintiff does not contend that any products packaged inside the Covered Packaging sold by Settling Defendants contain any listed phthalates or other Listed Chemicals in alleged violation of Proposition 65.

# **1.5** Notices of Violation

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Commencing on February 1, 2016, Davia served Settling Defendants and various public enforcement agencies with a document entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" that provided public enforcers and the noticed entities with notice of alleged violations of Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 for failing to warn consumers of the presence of DEHP, and/or other listed phthalates, found in Covered Packaging sold in California. Each Settling Defendant received a 60-Day Notice of Violation (the "Notice" or "Notices").

Each Settling Defendant and Davia represent that, as of the date each executes this Consent Judgment, it is not aware of any public enforcer that is diligently prosecuting a Proposition 65 enforcement action related to DEHP and/or other listed phthalates in the Covered Packaging as identified in that Settling Defendant's 60-Day Notice. A Settling Defendant may execute this Agreement prior to expiration of the 60-day notice period for any Proposition 65 60-day Notice served upon it. While the execution of this Agreement by Settling Defendant is binding as of the date of execution, and may not be voluntarily withdrawn, this Agreement shall become null and void as to such Settling Defendant in the event that an authorized California public enforcer assumes prosecution of Davia's Noticed claims on or before the expiration of the 60-day notice period pertaining to such Settling Defendant. Otherwise, immediately upon expiration of the 60day notice period as to any Settling Defendant who has executed this Agreement, the obligations of this Agreement become binding and the Release of Settling Defendant and designated releasees shall become effective after all Section 4.1 and Section 4.3 monetary payments have been made by such Settling Defendant pursuant to the procedures outlined in Section 4.4

## 1.6 Complaint

On December 7, 2016, Plaintiff filed a complaint in the Superior Court of California for the County of Marin, Case No. CIV 1604382, alleging violations by Rubie's and DOE defendants of Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 based, *inter alia*, on the alleged exposure to DEHP, DINP, DIDP or

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other listed phthalates contained in Covered Packaging (hereinafter "Action" or "Complaint"). As part of, and upon execution of, this Agreement, the Settling Defendants stipulate and agree that the Complaint shall and will be amended to include all recitals and allegations against Settling Defendants of Davia's claims relating to the listed phthalates in Covered Packaging as identified in Davia's Notices to each such Settling Defendant. The Parties agree that this stipulated First Amended Complaint ("FAC") shall be presented for approval to the Court as part of and in conjunction with the motion to approve this Consent Judgment. Each Settling Defendant stipulates and agrees to waive service of the FAC except as part of the anticipated motion to approve this Consent Judgment and approve the FAC. With the exception of any Settling Defendant's right to respond to the FAC as detailed in Section 6.4 of this Agreement, each Settling Defendant further stipulates to waive any response to the FAC and stipulates that the FAC shall be deemed at issue as to Settling Defendant upon approval of the FAC. Notwithstanding this Stipulation, each Settling Defendant shall be responsible for paying the statutory first appearance fees, whether on the day of any approval hearing for this Consent Judgment or at such earlier time as any responsive pleading is filed.

# 1.7 No Admission

This Agreement resolves claims that are denied and disputed by Settling Defendants. The Parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to a full and final settlement of any and all claims between the Parties for the purpose of avoiding prolonged litigation. Settling Defendants each deny the material factual and legal allegations contained in the Notices, the Complaint, and the FAC, and expressly maintain that they did not knowingly or intentionally expose California consumers to any listed chemicals through the reasonably foreseeable use of the Covered Packaging, and otherwise contend that all Covered Packaging and products that each has manufactured, distributed and/or sold in California have been and are in compliance with all applicable laws, and are completely safe for their intended use. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission by Settling Defendants of any fact, finding, issue of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with this Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by the Settling Defendants of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law,

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or violation of law, such being specifically denied by Settling Defendants. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this section shall not diminish or otherwise affect Settling Defendants' obligations, responsibilities, and duties under this Consent Judgment.

# **1.8** Consent to Jurisdiction

For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that the Marin County Superior Court has jurisdiction over Settling Defendants as to the allegations in the Notices, Complaint and FAC, and that venue is proper in the County of Marin. As an express part of this Consent Judgment, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 664.6, the Marin County Superior Court shall retain jurisdiction over the Parties to enforce this Agreement until performance in full of the terms of the settlement.

# 2. DEFINITIONS

**2.1** The term "Packaging" or "Covered Packaging" shall mean all costume and costume accessory packaging and storage cases made in whole or in part with vinyl/PVC that are or will be sold in California, including, but not limited to, the products identified in the Notice to each Settling Defendant.

2.2 The term "Phthalate Free" Covered Packaging shall mean that each accessible component of any Covered Packaging contains less than or equal to 1,000 parts per million ("ppm") each of DEHP, DBP, DINP, DIDP, DnHP and BBP as determined by a minimum of duplicate quality controlled test results using Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") testing methodologies 3580A and 8270C, or equivalent methodologies used by state or federal agencies for purposes of determining DEHP or other listed phthalate content in a solid substance. Davia agrees that Covered Packaging meeting this reformulation standard complies with Proposition 65 for DEHP, DBP, DINP, DIDP, DnHP and BBP.

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"Effective Date" shall mean February 28, 2017.

INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

3.1 Covered Packaging Reformulation Commitment

**3.1.1** No later than the Effective Date or the date of first Covered Packaging order thereafter, Settling Defendants shall provide the Phthalate Free concentration standards of Section

2.2 to the manufacturer or vendors of any Covered Packaging and the vinyl/PVC components thereof and instruct each such entity not to incorporate any raw or component materials that do not meet the Phthalate Free concentration standards of Section 2.2 into any such Covered Packaging. Settling Defendants shall maintain copies of all vendor correspondence relating to the Covered Packaging Phthalate Free concentration standard for two years after the Effective Date, and shall produce such copies to Davia within fifteen (15) days of receipt of Davia's reasonable written request.

3.1.2 After the Effective Date, Settling Defendants shall provide the Phthalate Free concentration standards of Section 2.2 to any new manufacturer or vendor of the Covered Packaging, and any vinyl/PVC component thereof, and instruct such manufacturer or vendor not to incorporate any raw or component materials that do not meet the Phthalate Free concentration standards of Section 2.2 into any such Covered Packaging. Prior to the purchase or acquisition of any Covered Packaging from such new manufacturer or vendor, Settling Defendants shall obtain a written confirmation and accompanying laboratory test result from the new manufacturer or vendor demonstrating the Covered Packaging's compliance with the Phthalate Free concentration For every Covered Packaging Settling Defendants manufacture, cause to be standard. manufactured, order, cause to be ordered or otherwise obtain from a new vendor after the Effective Date, Settling Defendants shall maintain copies, for two years after the Effective Date, of all testing of such Covered Packaging demonstrating compliance with this section, and copies of all vendor correspondence relating to the Phthalate Free concentration standard, and shall produce such copies to Davia within fifteen (15) days of receipt of written request from Davia.

**3.1.3** No later than the Effective Date, Settling Defendants shall not manufacture or cause to be manufactured, order or cause to be ordered any Covered Packaging that is not Phthalate Free.

3.2 Covered Packaging Labels for Existing Inventory

As of the Effective Date, Settling Defendant shall not sell or ship any Covered Packaging that it reasonably understands is not Phthalate Free to a California vendor or retailer, or to a vendor or retailer that Settling Defendant reasonably understands maintains retail outlets in

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California, unless such Covered Packaging is sold or shipped with labeling or a sticker containing language directing that the packaging be discarded after opening. If Settling Defendant uses a sticker on any Covered Packaging to communicate the notice required by this section, such sticker shall be no less than 4 square centimeters and shall be comprised of black font letters on a white adhesive label. Each Covered Packaging label or sticker containing this language shall be prominently placed on the Covered Packaging so as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions *before* use.

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4.1 Civil Penalty

As a condition of settlement of all the claims referred to in the Notices, the Complaint, the FAC, and this Consent Judgment, Settling Defendants shall each individually pay the amount of civil penalties specified on their individual Exhibit A, attached hereto, in accordance with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.12(c)(1) & (d).

**4.2** Augmentation of Penalty Payments

For purposes of the penalty assessment under this Consent Judgment, Davia is relying upon Settling Defendants and their counsel for accurate, good faith reporting to Davia of the nature and amounts of relevant sales activity and/or annual revenue providing a reasonable basis on which to estimate such sales activity. If within nine (9) months of the Effective Date, Davia discovers and presents to a Settling Defendant evidence that its annual revenues materially exceeded the amount set forth on its Exhibit A, the Parties shall have a period of 30 days to meet and confer concerning such evidence, and Settling Defendant shall have the opportunity to present to Plaintiff any evidence to the contrary. If the Parties can agree on an appropriate disposition, then Settling Defendant shall submit payment of any agreed additional civil penalties and attorney's fees related to plaintiff's investigation of such defendant's annual revenues and/or sales activity within 30 days in accordance with the method of payment of penalties and fees specified in Sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.4. Plaintiff shall submit an application to the Court for approval of any agreed civil penalty payment or attorney fee/cost reimbursement payment that exceeds \$12,000. If the Parties cannot agree on an appropriate disposition within 30 days, Davia shall be

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entitled to file a motion against the applicable Settling Defendant for additional civil penalties pursuant to this section. The prevailing party on any such motion shall be entitled to its reasonable fees and costs incurred in prosecuting or defending such motion.

**4.3** Reimbursement of Davia's Fees and Costs

The Parties acknowledge that Davia and her 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. Settling Defendants determined that negotiation of the fee and cost reimbursement would be more effectively done as part of the settlement and without further litigation or application to the Court. The Parties then attempted to (and did) reach an accord on the compensation due to Davia and her 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 in this matter, except fees that may be incurred on appeal. Under these legal principles, Settling Defendants shall pay Davia's counsel the amount specified on their respective Exhibit A for fees and costs incurred investigating, litigating and enforcing this matter.

### 4.4 Payment Procedures

Each Settling Defendant shall pay the Section 4.1 civil penalty amount specified in their respective Exhibit A by a civil penalty check representing 75% of the total civil penalty payable to "OEHHA" (Memo line "Prop 65 Penalties") and a civil penalty check representing 25% of the total civil penalty payable to "Susan Davia" (Memo line "Prop 65 Penalties").

Each Settling Defendant shall pay the Section 4.3 attorney fee and cost amount specified in their respective Exhibit A by a check payable to "Sheffer Law Firm".

All Section 4.1 and 4.3 civil penalty and attorney fee/cost payments shall be delivered to Settling Defendant's counsel, or designated coordinating counsel, within ten days of the date that this Agreement is executed by such Settling Defendant. Each Settling Defendant's counsel, or designated coordinating counsel, shall confirm receipt of settlement checks in writing to Plaintiff's counsel and, thereafter, hold the checks in trust until such time as the Court approves the settlement as to such Settling Defendant. Within five business days of the date Davia or her

1	counsel provide electronic mail notice to Settling Defendant's counsel, or designated coordinatin	
2	counsel, that the Court has approved the Consent Judgment as to that Settling Defendant, such	
3	counsel shall deliver the civil penalty and attorney fee/cost settlement checks it has held in trust	
4	to Plaintiff's counsel as follows:	
5	Sheffer Law Firm	
6	Attn: Proposition 65 Controller 81 Throckmorton Ave., Suite 202 Mill Valley, CA 94941	
7	All Section 4.2 civil penalty and attorney fee/cost payments (if any) shall be delivered to	
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9	plaintiff's counsel at the following address on or before the date agreed upon pursuant to that	
10	section:	
11	Sheffer Law Firm Attn: Proposition 65 Controller	
12	81 Throckmorton Ave., Suite 202 Mill Valley, CA 94941	
13	Each Settling Defendant shall be liable for payment of interest, at a rate of 10% simple	
14	interest, for all amounts due and owing from it under this Section that are not received by Sheffer	
15	Law Firm within two business days of the due date for such payment.	
16	4.5 Issuance of 1099 Forms	
17	After this Agreement has been executed and the settlement funds have been transmitted to	
18	Davia's counsel, each Settling Defendant shall issue three separate 1099 forms, as follows, for its	
19	settlement payments specified in its Exhibit A:	
20	(a) The first 1099 shall be issued to the Office of Environmental Health Hazard	
21	Assessment, P.O. Box 4010, Sacramento, CA 95814 (EIN: 68-0284486) in the amount	
22	paid pursuant to Sections 4.1 and 4.2 (if any);	
23	(b) The second 1099 shall be issued to Davia in the amount paid pursuant to	
24	Sections 4.1 and 4.2 (if any), whose address and tax identification number shall be	
25	furnished upon request; and	
26	(c) The third 1099 shall be issued to the Sheffer Law Firm (EIN: 55-08-58910) in	
27	the amount paid pursuant to Section 4.2 (if any) and Section 4.3.	
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Delayed or Non-Payment of Civil Penalties or Attorney Fees

While the obligations of this Consent Judgment are binding upon execution, the Release of Settling Defendants shall not become effective as to a Settling Defendant until after all of that Settling Defendant's Section 4.1 and 4.3 monetary payments have been made and all such funds have cleared. Each Settling Defendant is only responsible for its own settlement payments and bears no joint and several liability for the settlement payments of any other Settling Defendant.

5. RELEASES

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5.1 Davia's Release of Settling Defendants

**5.1.1** This Consent Judgment is a full, final and binding resolution between Davia, on behalf of herself and in the public interest, and Settling Defendants, of all violations of Proposition 65 asserted by Davia on behalf of herself and her representatives and attorneys, against Settling Defendants, their parent companies, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, affiliates with more than 50% common ownership as identified on Settling Defendant's Exhibit A, and each entity to whom Settling Defendants directly or indirectly distribute or sell products in Covered Packaging, including, but not limited to, retailers, downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, franchisees, cooperative members, and licensees (collectively "Releasees"), based on their failure to warn about alleged exposures to Listed Chemicals contained in Covered Packaging manufactured, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale by Settling Defendants in California before the Effective Date as detailed in the Notice sent to each Settling Defendant and alleged against each such Settling Defendant in this Action.

**5.1.2** In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, Davia, on behalf of herself and her past and current representatives and attorneys, hereby waives all Davia's rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action, and releases all claims that Davia may have against the Releasees, 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 -- arising under Proposition 65 with respect to Listed Chemicals in Covered Packaging manufactured, distributed, sold and/or

offered for sale by Settling Defendants before the Effective Date as detailed in the Notice sent to each Settling Defendant and alleged against each such Settling Defendant in this Action (collectively "claims").

**5.1.3** Davia also, in her individual capacity, on behalf of herself and her past and current representatives and attorneys, provides a general release herein, which shall be effective as a full and final accord and satisfaction, and operate as a bar to all actions, causes of action, obligations, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, losses, claims, liabilities, and demands of Davia, of any nature, character or kind, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, arising out of Covered Packaging manufactured, distributed or sold by Settling Defendants or Releasees prior to the Effective Date. Davia acknowledges that she is familiar with 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 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.

Davia, in her individual capacity, on behalf of herself and her past and current representatives and attorneys, expressly waives and relinquishes any and all rights and benefits that she may have under, or which may be conferred on her by the provisions of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code as well as under any other state or federal statute or common law principle of similar effect, to the fullest extent that she may lawfully waive such rights or benefits pertaining to the released matters. In furtherance of such intention, excepting Section 4.2, the release hereby given shall be and remain in effect as a full and complete release notwithstanding the discovery or existence of any such additional or different claims or facts arising out of the released matters.

The Parties further understand and agree that this Section 5.1 release shall not extend upstream to any entities, other than Settling Defendants, that manufactured the Covered Packaging or any component parts thereof, or any distributors or suppliers who sold the Covered Packaging or any component parts thereof to Settling Defendants.

5.2 Settling Defendants' Release of Davia

Settling Defendants, each on behalf of themselves, their past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, hereby waive any and all claims against Davia and her attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made (or those that could have been taken or made) by Davia and her attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of investigating claims, otherwise seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against them in this matter, or with respect to Covered Packaging. Each Settling Defendant acknowledges that it is familiar with 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 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.

Each Settling Defendant 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 Section 1542 of the California Civil Code 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. In furtherance of such intention, the release hereby given shall be and remain in effect as a full and complete release notwithstanding the discovery or existence of any such additional or different claims or facts arising out of the released matters.

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POST SETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES AND COURT APPROVAL

6.1 The Parties acknowledge that, pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, a noticed motion is required to obtain judicial approval of this Consent Judgment, which Plaintiff shall prepare and file. As part of the noticed motion, plaintiff will seek approval of those fees and costs to be paid pursuant to this Consent Judgment, representing a portion of the total fees and costs incurred by Davia's counsel with respect to the investigation, litigation and enforcement of this mater, including the fees and costs previously incurred in this Action that have not otherwise been recovered. In furtherance of obtaining such approval, the Parties and their respective counsel agree to mutually employ their best efforts to support the entry of this Agreement as a Consent Judgment and obtain approval of the Consent Judgment by the Court in

a timely manner. For purposes of this section, best efforts shall include, at a minimum, cooperating on the drafting and filing of any papers in support of the required motion for judicial approval. The Parties further agree to accept service of notice of entry of any order on Plaintiff's motion to approve the settlement and/or enter judgment by electronic mail delivery to Settling Defendant's counsel of record or other electronic mail recipient expressly designated for purposes of this section in Settling Defendant's Exhibit A.

6.2 If this Consent Judgment is not approved by the Court in its entirety, the Parties shall meet and confer to determine whether to modify the terms of the Consent Judgment and to resubmit it for approval. In meeting and conferring, the Parties agree to undertake any actions reasonably necessary to amend and/or modify this Consent Judgment in order to further the mutual intention of the Parties in entering into this Consent Judgment.

**6.3** If this Consent Judgment is not entered by the Court within one year of the Effective Date, it shall be of no force or effect and shall never be introduced into evidence or otherwise used in any proceeding for any purpose other than to determine the rights or obligations of a Party as a result of the fact that the Consent Judgment was not approved.

6.4 If this Consent Judgment is not entered by the Court, and the Parties have exhausted their meet and confer efforts pursuant to Section 6.2, upon 15 days written notice, the law firm holding a Settling Defendant's funds or settlement checks in trust shall refund any and all payments or settlement checks held in trust for that Settling Defendant as requested. If this consent judgment is not approved by the court, each Settling Defendant retains the right to respond, or amend any previous response, to the FAC in this action in any manner permitted under the Code of Civil Procedure to the extent the FAC is or has been filed against any such defendant.

7. SEVERABILITY

If any of the provisions of this Consent Judgment are found by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the enforceable provisions remaining shall not be adversely affected, unless the Court finds that any unenforceable provision is not severable from the remainder of the Agreement.

### GOVERNING LAW

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The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed, or is otherwise rendered inapplicable, by reason of law generally, or as to the Covered Packaging, then Settling Defendants may, upon proper written notice to Davia of any asserted change in the law, make a motion in the Marin County Superior Court to be relieved from further obligations pursuant to this Consent Judgment with respect to, and to the extent that, Covered Packaging is so affected.

### 9. NOTICES

When any Party is entitled to receive any notice under this Consent Judgment, the notice shall be sent by certified mail or electronically tracked express delivery (e.g., Fedex, US Postal, UPS, etc.) for no more than two-day delivery to the persons identified on their respective Exhibit A. Any Party may modify the person and address to whom the notice is to be sent by sending each other Party notice by certified mail and/or other verifiable form of written communication.

# **10.** COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(f)

Davia agrees to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced in California Health & Safety Code §25249.7(f).

# **11.** MODIFICATION

This Consent Judgment may be modified only by written agreement of the Parties or court order after agreement of the affected Parties.

### **12.** ENTIRE AGREEMENT

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 prior discussions, negotiations, commitments, and understandings related hereto. No representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those contained herein have been made by any Party hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof. No other agreements not specifically referred to herein, oral or otherwise, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. No supplementation, modification, waiver, or termination of this

Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by the Party to be bound. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Consent Judgment shall be deemed to or shall constitute a waiver of any other provision, whether or not similar, nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

**13.** ATTORNEY'S FEES

**13.1** Should Davia prevail on any motion, application for order to show cause or other proceeding to enforce a violation of this Consent Judgment, Davia shall be entitled to her reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred as a result of such motion, order or application, consistent with C.C.P. § 1021.5. Should any Settling Defendant prevail on any motion, application for order to show cause or other proceeding to enforce a violation of this Agreement, that Settling Defendant shall be entitled to its reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred as a result of such motion, order or application upon a finding that Davia's prosecution of the motion or application lacked substantial justification. For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term substantial justification shall carry the same meaning as used in the Civil Discovery Act of 1986, Code of Civil Procedure §§ 2016, *et seq*.

**13.2** Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, each Party shall bear its own costs and attorney's fees in connection with the Notices, the Complaint, the FAC, and this Consent Judgment.

**13.3** Nothing in this Section shall preclude a Party from seeking an award of sanctions pursuant to law.

14. NEUTRAL CONSTRUCTION

The Parties and their counsel have participated in the preparation of this Consent Judgment, and this Agreement is the result of the joint efforts of the Parties. This 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. Accordingly, any uncertainty or ambiguity existing in this Consent Judgment shall not be interpreted against any Party as a result of the manner of the preparation of this Agreement. Each Party to this 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 Consent Judgment and, in this regard, the Parties hereby

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**15.** COUNTERPARTS, FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile or portable document format (PDF), each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same document.

16. AUTHORIZATION

The undersigned parties and their counsel are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment on behalf of their respective Parties and have read, understood, and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment.

IT IS SO AGREED

Dated: December <u>8</u>, 2016 Dated: December 5, 2016 Susan Davia Marc Beige, President & CEO Rubie's Costume Company, Inc. 

	EXHIBIT A	
1	CONSENT JUDGMENT CIV 1604382	
2	I. Name and Service Address of Settling Defendant (Mandatory):	
3	Marc Beige, President & CEO	
4	Rubie's Costume Company, Inc.	
5	c/o J. Robert Maxwell Rogers Joseph O'Donnell PLC	
6	311 California Street, 10th Fl. San Francisco, CA 94104	
7	Ii. Names Of Defendant Releasees And Downstream Defendant Releasees (Optional):	
8	The DiAmond Collection, LLC Morbid Enterprises, LLC Forum Novelties, Inc.	
9	II. Covered Products: Vinyl/PVC packaging for costumes and costume accessories.	
10	IV. Settlement Payments:	
11	\$7,500 in Civil Penalties (with Plaintiff providing a credit to Rubie's of \$4,500 for	
12	cooperating in negotiating this Opt-in Consent Judgment thus making Rubie's liable for a total	
13	of \$3,000 due in Civil Penalties).	
14	\$45,000 in attorney's fees	
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17	Settling Defendant hereby executes the Consent Judgment, subscribes to all rights and	
18	obligations under the Consent Judgment and certifies the accuracy of the information provided	
19	in this Exhibit A under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California. Dated: DECEMBOR 8, 2016 Man P Bug	
20	Dated: DECEMBOL 8, 2016 Man Buy Marc Beige, President & CEO	
21	Rubie's Costume Company, Inc.	
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23	VI. Acceptance	
24	Dated: 12.9.2016 Susan Davia	
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