### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT SUSAN DAVIA AG NOTICE 2016-00411

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 The Parties

This settlement agreement (this "Agreement" or "Settlement Agreement") is entered into by and between Susan Davia ("Davia"), Baudville, Inc. (hereafter, "Baudville") and Staples, Inc. (hereafter, "Staples"), with Davia, Baudville and Staples collectively being referred to as the "Parties."

#### 1.2 Davia

Davia represents that she 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 Baudville, Inc.

Baudville is a person 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"). Baudville is alleged to have been responsible for the manufacture and/or California distribution of the products subject to this Agreement.

#### 1.4 Staples, Inc.

Staples is a person in the course of doing business for purposes of Proposition 65. Staples is alleged to have been responsible for the California distribution and/or California sale of the products subject to this Agreement.

## 1.5 General Allegations

Davia alleges that Baudville and Staples participated in the manufacture (or other acquisition), distribution and/or sale, in the State of California, of vinyl ID Badge Holder & Strap products, which products exposed users to di(isononyl)phthalate (DINP) without first providing "clear and reasonable warning" under Proposition 65. DINP is listed as a carcinogen pursuant to Proposition 65. DINP shall hereinafter, where applicable, be referred to as the "Listed Chemical."

### 1.6 Notice of Violation

On May 5, 2016, Davia served Baudville, Staples, and various public enforcement agencies with a document entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" that provided such public enforcement agencies and the

noticed entities with notice of alleged violations of Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 for failing to warn consumers of the presence of DINP in Covered Products sold in California. Baudville and Staples received the May 5, 2016, 60-Day Notice of Violation.

Baudville and Staples each represent that, as of the date it executes this Agreement, it is not aware of any public enforcement agency that is diligently prosecuting a Proposition 65 enforcement action related to DINP in the Covered Products, as identified in the 60-Day Notice.

#### 1.7 No Admission

This Agreement resolves claims that are denied and disputed by Baudville and Staples. 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 the expense, distraction, and uncertainty of litigation. Each of Baudville and Staples denies and disputes the material factual and legal allegations contained in the Notice, maintains that it did not knowingly or intentionally expose California consumers to the Listed Chemical through the reasonably foreseeable use of the Covered Products and otherwise contends that all Covered Products each has manufactured, distributed and/or sold in California have been and are in compliance with all applicable laws. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as an admission by Baudville or Staples of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with this Agreement constitute or be construed as an admission by Baudville or Staples of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law, such being specifically denied and disputed by Baudville and Staples. However, notwithstanding the foregoing, this Section shall not diminish or otherwise affect Baudville's and Staples' obligations, responsibilities, and duties under this Agreement.

#### 1.8 Consent to Jurisdiction

For purposes of this Agreement only, the Parties stipulate that the Marin County Superior Court has jurisdiction over Baudville and Staples as to the allegations in the 60-Day Notice received from Davia, that venue is proper in the County of Marin, and that the Marin County Superior Court has jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this Agreement. As an express part of this Agreement, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 664.6, the Marin County Superior Court has jurisdiction over the Parties to enforce the settlement until performance in full of the terms of the settlement.

#### 2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 The term "Covered Products" shall mean all ID badge holders, straps, and reels manufactured by or on behalf of Baudville and made in whole or in part with PVC/vinyl, including, but not limited to, IDville ID badge reels (including, but not limited to, #1342811WT31), IDville badge holders (including, but not limited to, #134302631, #45234, #45281, #43027) and IDville arm badge holders (including, but not limited to, #45237WT, #45236BK)...
- 2.2 The term "Phthalate Free" Covered Products shall mean any component of any Covered Product containing less than or equal to 1,000 parts per million ("ppm") 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.
- 2.3 "Effective Date" shall mean the date upon which this Agreement has been fully executed by the Parties or July 1, 2017, whichever is earlier.

## 3. INJUNCTIVE-TYPE RELIEF

## 3.1 Products No Longer in Baudville's Control

No later than the Effective Date, Baudville shall send a letter, electronic or otherwise ("Notification Letter") to (1) its primary contact at Staples, (2) each other California retailer, if any, to whose customers Baudville, after January 1, 2016, supplied any Covered Products, and (3) each California retailer, if any, that Baudville reasonably understands or believes had any inventory for resale in California of Covered Products as of January 1, 2016. The Notification Letter shall advise the recipient that the Covered Products "contain DINP, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer," and, if and to the extent applicable, request that the recipient either: (a) label, at Baudville's sole expense, any and all units of the Covered Products remaining in inventory for resale in California or to California customers with a label meeting the requirements of Section 3.3; or (b) return, at Baudville's sole expense, all units of the Covered Products remaining in inventory for resale in California or to California customers. The Notification Letter shall, if and to the extent applicable, require a response from the recipient within 15 days, confirming whether the Covered Products will be labeled or returned. Baudville shall maintain records of all correspondence or other communications generated pursuant to this Section for two years after the Effective Date and shall promptly produce copies of such records upon Davia's written request.

## 3.2 Product Reformulation or Warning Commitment

- 3.2.1 On or before the Effective Date, Baudville shall provide the Phthalate Free phthalate concentration standards of Section 2.2 to the manufacturer or vendors of any Covered Product and the vinyl components thereof and request each such entity try to incorporate raw or component materials that meet the Phthalate Free concentration standards of Section 2.2 into any Covered Product.
- 3.2.2 After the Effective Date, Baudville shall provide the Phthalate Free phthalate concentration standards of Section 2.2 to any new manufacturer or vendor of the Covered Product, any vinyl component thereof and any raw material used in any vinyl component thereof and request such manufacturer or vendor try to incorporate raw or component materials that meet the Phthalate Free concentration standards of Section 2.2 into any Covered Product.
- 3.2.3 As of the Effective Date, any Covered Products sold, caused to be sold, distributed or caused to be distributed by Baudville shall either meet the Phthalate Free concentration standards of Section 2.2 or include warning language compliant with the requirements of Section 3.3.

### 3.3 Product Warnings for Existing Inventory

As a material term of this Agreement, Baudville represents that it implemented a Proposition 65 warning program for the Covered Products in July of 2016, shortly after receiving Davia's Notice. As of the Effective Date, Baudville shall not sell or ship any Covered Product to a California vendor or retailer, or sell or ship any Covered Product to a vendor or retailer that Baudville reasonably understands maintains retail outlets in the California, unless such Covered Products are either Phthalate Free or are sold or shipped with one of the clear and reasonable warnings set forth hereafter in this Section 3.3.

Each 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 understands to which *specific* Covered Product the warning applies, so as to minimize the risk of consumer confusion.

3.3.1 **Product Labeling.** For all Covered Products sold to any entity that Baudville reasonably understands either maintains retail outlets in California or is a distributor for any entity that maintains retail outlets in the California, Baudville shall affix a warning to the labeling of the Covered Product that states:

**WARNING:** This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer.

3.3.2 Catalog and Internet Sales. Baudville represents as a material term of this Agreement that it currently receives the vast majority of its orders for products, including Covered Products, offered for sale by Baudville via ecommerce websites. As such, this Agreement does not require Baudville to place any warnings regarding the Covered Products in Baudville's catalogs.

3.3.3 Internet Website Warning. A warning must be given in conjunction with the sale, or offer of sale, of any Covered Products by Baudville via any ecommerce website owned or controlled by Baudville, provided it appears either: (a) on the same web page on which a Covered Product is displayed; (b) on the same web page as the order form for a Covered Product; (c) on the same page as the price for any Covered Product; or (d) on one or more web pages displayed to a purchaser with a California address or California ship to address during the checkout process. The following warning statement shall be used and shall appear in any of the above instances adjacent to or immediately following the display, description, or price of the Covered Product for which it is given in the same type size or larger than the Covered Product description text:

**WARNING:** This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer.

Alternatively, the designated symbol may appear adjacent to or immediately following the display, description, or price of the Covered Product for which a warning is being given, provided that the following warning statement also appears elsewhere on the same web page, as follows:

WARNING: Products identified on this page with the following symbol ▼ contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer.

Should Baudville be unable to secure complete revision/implementation of its e-commerce internet website warning language in compliance with this Section 3.3.3 by the Effective Date, despite reasonably best efforts, it shall have an automatic, one-time extension to achieve compliance until August 1, 2017.

### 3.4 Staples

Staples and Baudville represent, as a material term of this Agreement, that during the period from January 1, 2016 to the Effective Date, all units of the Covered Products purchased by Staples' California customers were drop shipped by Baudville directly to those customers, and Staples further represents, as a material term of this Agreement, that Staples has not had any inventory of Covered Products for resale in California or to California customers during such period. After the Effective Date, Baudville shall not drop

ship any Covered Product to Staples' California customers unless such Covered Product is documented to be Phthalate Free or is labeled with a clear and reasonable warning pursuant to Section 3.3.

#### 4. MONETARY PAYMENTS

## 4.1 Civil Penalty

As a condition of settlement of all the claims referred to in this Agreement, Baudville shall pay a total of \$20,000.00 in civil penalties 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 Agreement, Davia is relying entirely upon Baudville and its counsel for accurate, good faith reporting to Davia of the nature and amounts of relevant sales activity. If within nine (9) months of the Effective Date, Davia discovers and presents to Baudville evidence that the Covered Products have been distributed by Baudville in sales volumes materially (more than 25%) different than those identified by Baudville prior to execution of this Agreement, then Baudville shall be liable for an additional penalty amount of up to \$10,000.00. Baudville shall also be liable for any reasonable, additional attorney fees expended by Davia, up to \$10,000, in discovering such additional retailers or sales. Davia agrees to provide Baudville with a written demand for all such additional penalties and attorney fees under this Section. After service of such demand, Baudville shall have thirty (30) days to agree to the amount of fees and penalties owing by Baudville and submit such payment to Davia in accordance with the method of payment of penalties and fees identified in Section 4.4. Should this thirty (30) day period pass without any such resolution between the Parties and payment of such additional penalties and fees, Davia shall be entitled to file a formal legal claim to recover supplemental civil penalties consequent to the material discrepancy in sales reporting and the prevailing party with respect to such claim shall be entitled to all reasonable attorney fees and costs relating to such claim.

### 4.3 Reimbursement of Davia's Attorney Fees and Costs

The Parties acknowledge that Davia and her counsel offered to resolve this dispute without reaching terms on the amount of attorney fees and costs to be reimbursed to them, thereby leaving this fee and cost issue to be resolved after the material terms of the agreement had been settled. Baudville then expressed a desire to resolve the fee and cost issue shortly after the other settlement terms had been finalized. The Parties then attempted to (and did) reach an accord on the reimbursement 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, Baudville shall pay Davia's counsel the amount of \$31,000 for fees and costs incurred investigating, litigating and enforcing this matter. Such payment shall be made payable to "Sheffer Law Firm."

### 4.4 Payment Procedures

Baudville shall pay civil penalties pursuant to Section 4.1 by a civil penalty check payable to "OEHHA" (Memo line "Prop 65 Penalties, 2016-00411") in the amount of \$15,000.00 and a civil penalty check payable to "Susan Davia" (Memo line "Prop 65 Penalties, 2016-00411") in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Baudville shall pay any civil penalties pursuant to Section 4.2 by civil penalty checks payable to "OEHHA" and "Susan Davia" (Memo line "Prop 65 Penalties, 2016-00411"), in the amounts agreed to by the Parties pursuant to Section 4.2 or as ordered by the Court.

Baudville shall pay attorney fees and costs pursuant to Section 4.3 by a check payable to "Sheffer Law Firm" (Memo line "2016-00411") in the amount of \$31,000.

Baudville shall pay any attorney fees and costs pursuant to Section 4.2 by a check payable to "Sheffer Law Firm" (Memo line "2016-00411") in the amount agreed to by the Parties pursuant to that Section or as ordered by the Court.

All Section 4.1 and Section 4.3 civil penalty and attorney fee/cost payments shall be delivered to Davia's counsel at the following address on or before the Effective Date:

Sheffer Law Firm Attn: Proposition 65 Controller 81 Throckmorton Ave., Suite 202 Mill Valley, CA 94941

All Section 4.2 civil penalty and attorney fee/cost payments shall be delivered to Davia's counsel at the following address on or before the date determined pursuant to that Section:

Sheffer Law Firm Attn: Proposition 65 Controller 81 Throckmorton Ave., Suite 202 Mill Valley, CA 94941

Baudville shall be liable for payment of interest, at a rate of 10% simple interest per annum, for all amounts due and owing from it under this Section that are not received by Sheffer Law Firm within ten business days of the due date for such amounts.

#### 4.5 Issuance of 1099 Forms

After this Agreement has been executed and the settlement funds have been transmitted to Davia's counsel, Baudville shall issue three separate 1099 forms, as follows:

- (a) The first 1099 shall be issued to the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, P.O. Box 4010, Sacramento, CA 95814 (EIN: 68-0284486) in the amount paid pursuant to Section 4.1 and, if applicable, Section 4.2;
- (b) The second 1099 shall be issued to Davia, whose address and tax identification number shall be furnished upon request, in the amount paid pursuant to Section 4.1 and, if applicable, Section 4.2; and
- (c) The third 1099 shall be issued to the Sheffer Law Firm (EIN: 55-08-58910) in the amount paid pursuant to Section 4.3 and, if applicable, Section 4.2.

### 4.6 Delayed Payment or Non-Payment of Civil Penalties or Attorney Fees/Costs

While the obligations of this Agreement are binding upon execution, the release of Baudville and Staples as set forth in Section 5.1 below shall not become effective until after all Section 4.1 and Section 4.3 monetary payments have been made by Baudville and all funds have cleared.

#### 5. RELEASES

## 5.1 DAVIA'S RELEASE OF BAUDVILLE AND STAPLES

5.1.1 Davia, on behalf of herself and her heirs, executors, administrators, attorneys, agents, representatives, successors, and assigns, strictly in their capacities as such (collectively, the "Davia Releasors"), hereby fully and finally releases and forever discharges Baudville, Staples, their respective parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and their respective past and current officers, directors, principals, partners, managers, members, shareholders, employees, agents, representatives, attorneys, successors and assigns, strictly in their capacities as such, and each entity or individual to whom Baudville or Staples directly or indirectly has distributed or sold Covered Products, including, but not limited to, downstream distributors, wholesalers, dealers, customers, purchasers, users, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members, and licensees (collectively, "Releasees"), from all claims for violations of Proposition 65, including, without limitation, all actions, causes of action, suits, liabilities, demands, obligations, damages, fines, penalties, fees, expenses, costs, and losses of every kind, nature, and description whatsoever, whether known or unknown, anticipated or

unanticipated, suspected or unsuspected, fixed or contingent, at law or in equity, including, without limitation, investigation fees, expert fees, and attorney fees and costs arising under Proposition 65 (collectively, "Claims"), that were or could have been asserted by the Davia Releasors against Releasees with respect to DINP contained in the Covered Products that were manufactured, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale by Baudville and/or Staples through the Effective Date; provided, however, that any obligations created by or set forth in this Agreement shall not be released.

- 5.1.2 In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, with the exception of any action to convert this Agreement into a judgment pursuant to Section 6 of this Agreement, the Davia Releasors hereby waive all rights that they may have to file, institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action or proceeding, at law or in equity, arising under Proposition 65 with respect to the Listed Chemical contained in the Covered Products that were manufactured, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale by Baudville and/or Staples through the Effective Date.
- 5.1.3 The Davia Releasors also provide a general release herein which shall be effective as a full and final accord and satisfaction, and as a bar to all Claims of the Davia Releasors arising out of the subject matter of the Notice as to Covered Products manufactured, distributed, sold, and/or offered for sale by Baudville, Staples and/or Releasees through 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 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, except as otherwise provided in 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 additional or different claims or facts arising out of the released matters.

This Section 5.1 release is expressly limited to those claims that arise under Proposition 65, as such

claims relate to Baudville's and Staples' alleged failure to warn about exposures to or identification of DINP contained in the Covered Products and as such claims are identified in Davia's Proposition 65 60-Day Notice to Staples and Baudville.

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

### 5.2 Baudville's and Staples' Release of Davia

Baudville and Staples, each on behalf of itself, its parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and their respective past and current officers, directors, principals, partners, managers, members, shareholders, employees, agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and assigns, strictly in their capacities as such (collectively, "Releasors"), hereby fully and finally release and forever discharge Davia and her heirs, executors, administrators, attorneys, agents, representatives, successors, and assigns, strictly in their capacities as such (collectively, the "Davia Releasees"), for any and all Claims relating to actions taken or statements made (or those that could have been taken or made) by the Davia Releasees through the Effective Date, whether in the course of investigating claims, otherwise seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against Releasors in this matter, or with respect to the Covered Products; provided, however, that any obligations created by or set forth in this Agreement shall not be released. Each of Baudville and Staples acknowledges that it is familiar with Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

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## 6. POST EXECUTION CONVERSION TO CONSENT JUDGMENT

Within twelve months of the execution of this Settlement Agreement, Baudville may ask Davia, in writing, to file a complaint, to incorporate the terms of this Settlement Agreement into a proposed consent judgment, and to seek the court's approval of the consent judgment pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7, or as may be otherwise allowed by law. If so requested, Davia agrees to reasonably cooperate with Baudville and to use her best efforts, and those of her counsel, to support the entry of a consent judgment by a superior court in California. Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Sections 1021 and 1021.5, Baudville shall reimburse Davia and her counsel for their reasonable attorney fees and costs incurred in filing the complaint, converting this Settlement Agreement into a proposed consent judgment and seeking judicial approval of the consent judgment, in an amount not to exceed \$ 10,000.00, exclusive of fees and costs that may be incurred on appeal. Such additional fees and costs shall be paid by Baudville, within ten days after its receipt of any invoice from Davia for work performed under this Section. Baudville understands that no motion to approve any proposed consent judgment will be filed absent payment for the work performed under this Section. All payments owed to Davia, pursuant to this Section shall be made payable to "Sheffer Law Firm" (Memo Line "2016-00411") and delivered to the following payment address:

Sheffer Law Firm Attn: Proposition 65 Controller 81 Throckmorton Ave., Suite 202 Mill Valley, CA 94941

Any failure by Baudville to timely pay Davia's invoices under this Section shall result in the assessment of ten percent (10%) simple interest per annum on any outstanding balance.

## 7. SEVERABILITY

If any of the provisions of this Agreement 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 this Agreement.

#### 8. GOVERNING LAW

The terms of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.

### 9. NOTICES

When any Party is entitled to receive any notice under this Agreement, the notice shall be sent by

tracked delivery (FedEx, UPS, USPS, etc.), with delivery in no more than two business days, to the following: For Baudville, to:

Brad Darooge, CEO Baudville, Inc. 5380 52nd Street S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49512

## For Staples, to:

G. Perry Wu, Esq./Legal Department Staples, Inc. 500 Staples Drive Framingham, MA 01702

## With a copy to their counsel:

William R. Warne, Esq. Downey Brand LLP 621 Capitol Mall, 18th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

#### For Davia to:

Proposition 65 Coordinator Sheffer Law Firm 81 Throckmorton Ave., Suite 202 Mill Valley, CA 94941

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 Agreement may be modified only by written agreement of the Parties.

### 12. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof, and supersedes any and all prior discussions, negotiations, commitments, and understandings relating to such subject matter. 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. 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 Agreement shall be deemed to be or shall constitute a waiver of any of the other provisions whether or not similar, nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver

### 13. ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS

- 13.1 Should any Party prevail on any motion, application for order to show cause or other proceeding to enforce a violation of this Agreement, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to its reasonable attorney fees and costs incurred as a result of such motion, order or application, consistent with C.C.P. § 1021.5.
- 13.2 Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, each Party shall bear its own attorney fees and costs in connection with the Notice.
- 13.3 Nothing in this Section shall preclude a Party from seeking an award of sanctions pursuant to law.

### 14. NEUTRAL CONSTRUCTION

All Parties and their counsel have participated in the preparation of this Agreement 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 Agreement shall not be interpreted against any Party by virtue of its participation in 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 Agreement and, in this regard, the Parties hereby waive California Civil Code Section 1654.

## 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

Each of the signatories to this Agreement represents that he or she is duly authorized to execute this Agreement for the Party on whose behalf he or she signs this Agreement and that, for and on behalf of such Party, he or she has read, understands, and agrees to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

IT IS SO AGREED

Dated: June, 2017	Dated: June, 2017
Brad Darooge, CEO Baudville, Inc.	Staples, Inc.
Dated: June 16, 2017  Susan Davia	

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Dated: June, 2017  Brad Darooge, CEO Baudville, Inc.	Dated: June <u>30</u> , 2017   Jackyn Staples, Inc.
Dated: June, 2017  Susan Davia	