

## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

### 1. RECITALS

#### 1.1 The Parties

This Settlement Agreement (“Settlement”) is entered into by and between Erika McCartney (“Ms. McCartney”) on the one hand, and The Raw Food World, Inc., and its parents, subsidiaries, shareholders, directors, members, officers, employees, agents, attorneys, and manufacturers, distributors and retailers, on the other (“Raw Food World”). Ms. McCartney and Raw Food World shall hereinafter collectively be referred to as the “Parties.”

Ms. McCartney is a citizen of the State of California. Raw Food World is a person in the course of doing business as the term is defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6 *et seq.* (“Proposition 65”).

#### 1.2 Allegations

Ms. McCartney alleges Raw Food World manufactured, distributed, supplied, and/or sold a certain product, specifically, “Raw Food World Cacao Powder” (the “Covered Product”) for use by consumers, causing users in California to be exposed to cadmium (the “Listed Substance”) in amounts exceeding the maximum allowable dosage level (“MADL”) established by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (“OEHHA”) without providing “clear and reasonable warnings,” in violation of Proposition 65. Cadmium is subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements because it is listed as known to the State of California to cause reproductive harm.

On August 22, 2016, a sixty-day notice of violation, along with a Certificate of Merit, was provided by Ms. McCartney to Raw Food World and various public enforcement agencies regarding the alleged violation of Proposition 65. No public prosecutor commenced any action

in the intervening 60-day period.

### **1.3 No Admissions**

Raw Food World denies all allegations in Ms. McCartney's 60-Day Notice and maintains that the Covered Product has been, and is, in compliance with all laws, and that Raw Food World has not violated Proposition 65. This Settlement shall not be construed as an admission of liability by Raw Food World but as a compromise of claims that are expressly contested and denied. However, nothing in this section shall affect the Parties' obligations, duties, and responsibilities under this Settlement.

### **1.4 Compromise**

The Parties enter into this Settlement in order to resolve the controversy described above and to avoid prolonged and costly litigation between them.

### **1.5 Effective Date**

The "Effective Date" shall be the date upon which this Settlement is signed by both Parties and delivered to the opposing Party.

## **2. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

### **2.1 Warning Obligations for Covered Product**

After the Effective Date, Raw Food World shall not manufacture, decorate, import, distribute or offer for use or sale any Covered Product, unless clear and reasonable warnings are given in a manner consistent with the method and language set forth in Section 2.2.

### **2.2 Manner of Providing Warning**

For the Covered Product, Raw Food World shall provide the following warning ("Warning") as specified below:

"WARNING: This product contains lead and other chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm.

The Warning shall be permanently affixed to or printed on (at the point of manufacture, prior to shipment to California, or prior to distribution within California) the outside packaging or container of each unit of the Covered Product. The Warning shall be displayed with such conspicuousness, as compared with other words, statements designs or devices on the outside packaging or labeling, as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual prior to use. The parties agree that the placement and appearance of the warning language appearing on the specimen attached hereto as Exhibit A complies with the requirements of this paragraph. Raw Food World agrees to modify the language to conform to the requirements of California Code of Regulations 25607.2 prior to its effective date.

### **3. PAYMENTS**

#### **3.1 Civil Penalty Pursuant To Proposition 65**

Raw Food World shall pay a civil penalty of \$10,000, to be apportioned in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 25249.12(c)(l) and (d), with 75% paid to State of California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and the remaining 25% paid to Ms. McCartney.

The civil penalty shall be made by check or money order made payable to “Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment” in the amount of \$7,500; and (2) a check or money order made payable to “Erika McCartney” in the amount of \$2,500. Raw Food World shall remit the payment on or before February 1, 2017, via regular or certified U.S. Mail to:

Pacific Justice Center  
ATTN: Robert B. Hancock, Esq.  
50 California Street, Suite 1500  
San Francisco, CA 94111

#### **3.2 Payment of Attorneys' Fees And Expenses**

Raw Food World shall pay Ms. McCartney's attorney's fees and expenses incurred in pursuing the instant action, in the amount of \$35,000. The payments shall be made by check or money order made payable to "Robert B. Hancock." Raw Food World shall remit the payments in two installments of \$15,000 and \$20,000 on or before February 1, 2017, and March 1, 2017, respectively, via regular or certified U.S. Mail to:

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ATTN: Robert B. Hancock, Esq.  
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San Francisco, CA 94111

Any failure to remit any of the foregoing payments shall be deemed to be a material breach of this Settlement, and the parties agree that in that event the Settlement shall be rescinded in full, and the parties restored to their respective positions as though the Settlement had never existed.

#### **4. RELEASES**

##### **4.1 Ms. McCartney's Release Of Raw Food World**

Ms. McCartney, acting in her individual capacity, her past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, in consideration of the promises and monetary payments contained herein, hereby releases Raw Food World from the claims asserted in Ms. McCartney's 60-Day Notice regarding violation of Proposition 65 with respect to the Covered Product.

##### **4.2 Raw Food World' Release Of Ms. McCartney**

Raw Food World, by this Settlement, waives all rights to institute any form of legal action against Ms. McCartney, her past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, experts, successors, and/or assignees, for actions or statements made or undertaken, whether in the course of investigating claims or seeking enforcement of Proposition 65 against Raw Food World in this

matter.

#### **4.3 Waiver Of Unknown Claims**

Each of the Parties acknowledges that they are familiar with Section 1542 of 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 of the parties waives and relinquishes any right or benefit it has or may have under Section 1542 of the California Civil Code or any similar provision under the statutory or non statutory law of any other jurisdiction to the full extent that it may lawfully waive all such rights and benefits pertaining to the claims in this Settlement. The Parties acknowledge that each may subsequently discover facts in addition to, or different from, those that it believes to be true with respect to the claims released herein. The Parties agree that this Settlement and the releases contained herein shall be and remain effective in all respects notwithstanding the discovery of such additional or different facts.

#### **5. SEVERABILITY**

Should any non-material part or provision of this Settlement for any reason be declared by a Court to be invalid, void, unenforceable, or against law or public policy, the remaining portions and provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

#### **6. GOVERNING LAW**

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

#### **7. INTEGRATION**

This Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and may not be amended or modified except in writing executed by both

Parties.

8. COUNTERPARTS

This Settlement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute the same document. Execution and delivery of this Settlement by e-mail, facsimile, or other electronic means shall constitute legal and binding execution and delivery. Any photocopy of the executed Settlement shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

9. AUTHORIZATION

The undersigned are authorized to execute this Settlement on behalf of their respective Party. Each Party has read, understood, and agrees to all of the terms and conditions of this Settlement. Each Party warrants to the other that it is free to enter into this Settlement and not subject to any conflicting obligation which will or might prevent or interfere with the execution or performance of this Settlement by said Party.

AGREED: The Raw Food World, Inc.

Date: 1-13-17

By: Matthew Morarch

Its: Matthew Morarch

AGREED:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erika McCartney

Parties.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

**AGREED:**

Date: 1/16/17 \_\_\_\_\_



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Erika McCartney





Our Raw Organic Cacao Paste is cold pressed from the antioxidant and mineral-rich seeds from the fruit of the Theobroma cacao tree. This powerful superfood was so highly valued by the ancient Maya that Cacao Beans were actually used as currency. This superfood gives the body potent energy and is packed with more antioxidants than any other food known to man. This Raw Organic Cacao Paste is loaded with selenium, magnesium, and iron.

**Ingredients:**  
100% Organic Raw Cacao Paste



Warning: This product contains lead and other chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm.

**Nutrition Facts**

Serving Size 2 tbsp (28g)  
Servings Per Bag 32

Amount Per Serving	
Calories 140	Calories from Fat 140
<b>Total Fat</b> 15g	<b>30%</b> Daily Value*
<b>Saturated Fat</b>	
<b>Trans Fat</b> 0g	
<b>Cholesterol</b> 0mg	<b>0%</b>
<b>Sodium</b> 10mg	<b>0%</b>
<b>Total Carbohydrate</b> 2g	<b>4%</b>
<b>Dietary Fiber</b> 1g	
<b>Sugars</b> 0g	
<b>Protein</b> 4g	
<b>Vitamin A</b> 0%	<b>Vitamin C</b> 5%
<b>Calcium</b> 2%	<b>Iron</b> 5%

\* Percent Daily Values are based on a diet of other people's misdeeds.  
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	Calories: 2,000	% Daily Value
Total Fat	Less than 65g	8%
Sat Fat	Less than 20g	25%
Cholesterol	Less than 300mg	50%
Sodium	Less than 2,400mg	25%
Total Carb	300g	15%
Dietary Fiber	25g	5%

These statements have not been evaluated by the FDA. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease.

Lot: HNCPT160402  
Best Before: APR 2018

Certified Organic by:



Manufacturer:  
The Raw Food World,  
406 Broadway Unit E  
Crescent, CA 94009

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