

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

SARA HAMMOND

AND

SAKAR INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Sara Hammond ("Hammond") and Sakar International, Inc. ("SAKAR") (Hammond and SAKAR are collectively referred to as the "Parties"), enter into this agreement ("Settlement Agreement") for the purpose of avoiding prolonged and costly litigation to settle Hammond's allegations that SAKAR violated Proposition 65. The effective date of this Settlement Agreement shall be the date upon which it is fully executed by all Parties hereto (the "Effective Date").

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Hammond alleges she is an individual who seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals and improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer and industrial products.
- 1.2. SAKAR previously sold, imported, distributed, or manufactured at various times "sauna suits" (suits designed for exercise), including but not limited to the Vivi Life Sauna Suit UPC # **6 81066 38347 6** (the "Covered Products").
- 1.3. Hammond alleges that the Covered Products contain Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate ("DEHP"), also known as Diethyl Hexyl Phthalate and Bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, and that SAKAR did not provide a required warning in compliance with the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, *et seq.* ("Proposition 65")).

- 1.4. On January 1, 1988 the Governor of California added DEHP to the list of chemicals known to the State to cause cancer, and on October 24, 2003, the Governor added DEHP to the list of chemicals known to the State to cause developmental male reproductive toxicity. These additions took place more than twenty (20) months before Hammond served her “Sixty-Day Notice Of Violation Sent in Compliance With California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d)” which is further described below.
- 1.5. DEHP is referred to hereafter as the “Listed Chemical.”
- 1.6. On or about February 9, 2017, Hammond alleges she served SAKAR, Ross Stores and relevant public enforcement agencies with a Sixty-Day Notice of Violation pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d) alleging the Covered Products contained the Listed Chemical (the “Notice”).
- 1.7. The Notice alleged that SAKAR violated Proposition 65 by failing to warn consumers in California that use of the Covered Products exposes persons to the Listed Chemical.
- 1.8. The Parties enter into this Settlement Agreement to settle disputed claims between them concerning the Parties’ and the Covered Products’ compliance with Proposition 65 (the “Dispute”).
- 1.9. SAKAR disputes Hammond’s allegations described in this Settlement Agreement and in the Notice.
- 1.10. By execution of this Settlement Agreement, the Parties do not admit any facts or conclusions of law, including, but not limited to, any facts or conclusions of law regarding any violation of Proposition 65, or any other statutory, regulatory,

common law, or equitable doctrine. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed as an admission by the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement, nor compliance with its terms, shall constitute or be construed, considered, offered, or admitted as evidence of an admission or evidence of fault, wrongdoing, or liability by SAKAR, its officers, directors, employees, parents, subsidiaries or affiliated corporations, licensees, licensors, suppliers, distributors or retailers of its products, in any administrative or judicial proceeding or litigation in any court, agency, or forum. Except for the allegations settled and compromised, nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy, argument, or defense that Hammond or SAKAR may have in any other legal proceeding as to allegations unrelated to the Dispute or claims released herein.

2. Release

- 2.1. This Settlement Agreement is a full, final, and binding resolution between Hammond, acting in her individual capacity, on the one hand, and (a) SAKAR, and its past or present owners, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, sister and related companies, licensees, licensors, suppliers, employees, shareholders, members, officers, directors, insurers, attorneys, predecessors, successors, and assigns (collectively “Releasees”), and (b) all entities to whom Releasees directly or indirectly provide, distribute, or sell the Covered Products, including but not limited to Ross Stores and related entities, distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, and cooperative members (“Downstream Releasees”), on the other hand, of any violation(s) or claimed violation(s) of Proposition 65 or any

statutory or common law claim that has been, could have been or may in the future be asserted against the Releasees and Downstream Releasees regarding exposing persons to any Proposition 65 listed chemical or the failure to warn about exposure to any Proposition 65 listed chemical arising in connection with the Covered Products sold or otherwise distributed by SAKAR prior to the Effective Date, even if sold by Downstream Releasees after the Effective Date.

- 2.2. Hammond, on behalf of herself and her past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, hereby waives and releases with respect to the Covered Products all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action, 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) (collectively "Claims"), against Releasees and the Downstream Releasees that arise under Proposition 65 or any other statutory or common law claims that were or could have been asserted in connection with Covered Products sold or otherwise distributed by SAKAR up to the Effective Date, including without limitation to the extent that such claims relate to Releasees' or Downstream Releasees' alleged exposure of persons to any Proposition 65 listed chemicals contained in the Covered Products or any failure by Releasees or Downstream Releasees to warn about exposures to any Proposition 65 listed chemical contained in the Covered Products.
- 2.3. Hammond acknowledges that she is familiar with Section 1542 of 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.

Hammond, on behalf of herself and her past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees expressly waives and relinquishes any and all rights and benefits which she may have under, or which may be conferred on her by the provisions of California Civil Code § 1542 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. The release in this section shall have no force or effect until the full amount of payments set forth below are paid in full.

- 2.4. SAKAR on its own behalf, and on behalf of its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors and assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against Hammond and her attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of investigating claims, seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against it in this matter, or with respect to the Covered Products.

3. SAKAR's Duties

- 3.1. SAKAR shall not sell the Covered Products in their current formulation for distribution in California in the future, and shall not resume sales of the Covered Products in California unless they meet the reformulation standard set forth in Paragraph 3.2. If SAKAR offers Covered Products that are not reformulated,

SAKAR shall provide a clear and reasonable warning for any non-reformulated Covered Products that it ships, sells, or offers to ship or sell in California.

- 3.2. Upon the Effective Date, SAKAR agrees to only manufacture for sale or purchase for sale in or into California, "Reformulated Covered Products." For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, "Reformulated Covered Products" are Covered Products containing no more than 1,000 parts per million (0.1%) DEHP in any accessible component (i.e., any component that may be touched during use). In order to determine compliance with this reformulation standard, SAKAR may rely on third party testing from an accredited laboratory.

4. Payments

- 4.1. SAKAR agrees to pay a total of twenty-four thousand five hundred dollars (\$24,500), within seven (7) days of the execution date by all parties to this Agreement. All payments shall be made by check and sent via overnight mail with tracking numbers provided to plaintiff's counsel and addressed as follows:

Law Office of Joseph D. Agliozzo
18314 S. Broadway
Gardena, CA 90248

and further specified as follows:

- 4.1.1. Civil Penalty: SAKAR shall issue two separate checks for a total amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) as penalties pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.12 as follows: (a) one check made payable to the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) in the amount of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750), representing 75% of the total penalty; and (b) one check to Sara Hammond

in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), representing 25% of the total penalty. Additionally, two separate 1099's shall be issued for the above payments. The first 1099 shall be issued to OEHHA, PO Box 4010, Sacramento, CA 95184 (EIN: 68-0284486) in the amount of \$750. The second 1099 shall be issued in the amount of \$250 to Sara Hammond be addressed to Sara Hammond C/O The Law Office of Joseph D. Aglio, PO Box 3582, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. Hammond shall provide SAKAR with her Social Security Number for completion of the Form 1099.

4.1.2. Attorneys' Fees and Costs: Twenty-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$23,500) shall be paid to The Law Office of Joseph D. Aglio as Hammond's attorney, for reasonable investigation fees and costs, attorneys' fees, and other costs incurred as a result of investigating and bringing this matter to SAKAR's attention.

5. Authority to Enter Into Settlement Agreement

5.1. Hammond represents that she has full authority to enter into and legally bind Hammond to this Settlement Agreement.

5.2. The person signing this Settlement Agreement on behalf of SAKAR represents and warrants that he/she has been granted full authority to enter into and legally bind SAKAR to this Settlement Agreement.

6. **Report of the Settlement Agreement to the Office of the Attorney General of California**

Hammond shall report this Settlement Agreement to the Attorney General's Office within five (5) days of the Parties' execution of this Settlement Agreement.

7. **Execution in Counterparts and Facsimile**

This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts, which taken together shall be deemed to constitute the same document. A facsimile or portable document format (PDF) signature shall be as valid as the original as an electronic record executed and adopted by a Party with the intent to sign the electronic record pursuant to California Civil Code §§ 1633.1-1633.17.

8. **Entire Agreement**

This Settlement Agreement contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and all related prior discussions, negotiations, commitments, and understandings. No other promises or agreements, oral or otherwise, exist to bind any of the Parties or are being relied on by any of the Parties in connection with the execution of this Settlement Agreement.

9. **Modification of Settlement Agreement**

Any modification to this Settlement Agreement shall be in writing and signed by the Parties.

10. **Application of Settlement Agreement**

This Settlement Agreement shall apply to, be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, Hammond and the Releasees and Downstream Releasees identified in Section 2 above.

11. Enforcement of Settlement Agreement

- 11.1. Any party may file suit before the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in paragraphs 11.2 and 11.3 of this Settlement Agreement, to enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Settlement Agreement. The prevailing party shall be entitled to its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with such enforcement.
- 11.2. No action to enforce this Settlement Agreement may be commenced or maintained, and no notice of violation related to the Covered Product may be served or filed against SAKAR by Hammond, unless the party seeking enforcement or alleging a violation notifies the other party of the specific acts alleged to breach this Settlement Agreement at least 90 days before serving or filing any action or Notice of Violation, and the entity receiving the notice fails to comply with the requirements set forth in Section 11.3 below. Any notice to SAKAR must contain (a) the name of the product, (b) specific dates when the product was sold after the Effective Date in California, (c) the address and name of the store or other place at which the product was available for sale to consumers, and (d) any other evidence or other support for the allegations in the notice.
- 11.3. Within 30 days of receiving the notice described in Section 11.2, SAKAR shall either (1) send the store or other place at which the product was available for sale to the public a letter directing that the offending product be immediately removed from inventory and returned to SAKAR for full credit, including shipping costs, or (2) demonstrate to Hammond that the product did not reflect the shipment of

any Covered Product into California after the Effective Date and was purchased as a result of the sale-through of inventory authorized by Section 2.1, or otherwise refute the information provided under Section 11.2. Should the parties be unable to resolve the dispute, any party may seek relief under Section 11.1.

12. Notification Requirements

Any notice required or permitted hereunder shall be effective only if given in writing and delivered in person, certified or registered mail return receipt requested, or traceable overnight delivery service, to the following designees:

For Hammond:

Joseph D. Aglio
Law Office of Joseph D. Aglio
PO Box 3582
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

For SAKAR:

Sakar International, Inc.
Attn: Mendy Perl
195 Carter Drive
Edison, New Jersey 08817

With a courtesy copy that shall not constitute notice to:

Matthew Kaplan
Tucker Ellis LLP
515 South Flower Street
42nd Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Any party may change its designee(s) for purposes of notification by providing written notice of such change pursuant to this section.

13. Severability

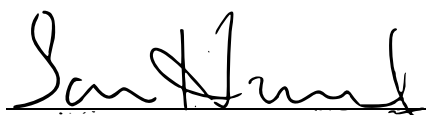
If, subsequent to the execution of this Settlement Agreement, any of the provisions of this Settlement Agreement are held by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the enforceable provisions remaining shall not be adversely affected.

14. Governing Law

The terms of this Settlement Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and apply within the State of California. In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed, preempted or is otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to the Listed Chemical and/or the Covered Product, then SAKAR shall provide written notice to Hammond of any asserted change in the law, and shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Settlement Agreement with respect to, and to the extent that, the Covered Product is so affected.

SARA HAMMOND

Date: June 30, 2017

By: 
Text Printed Name: Sara Hammond

SAKAR INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Date: _____

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

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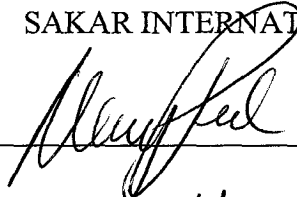
SARA HAMMOND

Date: _____

By: _____
Printed Name: Sara Hammond

SAKAR INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Date: 7/17/17

By: 

Printed Name: Wendy Pera

Title: LEGAL Dept.