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8	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE	STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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12	SHEFA LMV, INC,	Case No. RG18907968
13	Plaintiff,	Case No. RO18907908
14	v.	[PROPOSED] CONSENT
15	SUMMIT CE GROUP & SUMMIT	JUDGMENT AS TO SUMMIT
16	ELECTRONICS LLC,	ELECTRONICS LLC
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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Parties. This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between Plaintiff Shefa LMV, Inc. ("Shefa" or "Plaintiff"), acting on behalf of the public interest, and Summit Electronics LLC ("Summit"), with Shefa and Summit collectively referred to as the "Parties" and each of them as a "Party." Plaintiff alleges it is a California public benefit, non-profit corporation that seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals and improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer products. Plaintiff alleges that Summit is "a person in the course of doing business" for purposes of Proposition 65. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6.
- 1.2 Allegations and Representations. Plaintiff alleges Summit exposed, and continues to expose, individuals to Diisononyl Phthalate ("DINP") and Di[2-Ethylhexyl] Phthalate ("DEHP") (the "Listed Chemicals") from the use of Coby® headphones (the "Covered Products") without providing a "clear and reasonable warning" under Proposition 65. *Id.* DINP is a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer. DEHP is a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity
- 1.3 Notice of Violation/Complaint. On or about May 26, 2017, Shefa served Summit, and various public enforcement agencies, with a document entitled "Sixty Day Notice of Violation" pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d) (the "First Notice"), alleging that Summit was in violation of Proposition 65 for failing to warn consumers and customers that the Covered Products exposed users in California to DINP. On or about November 15, 2018, Shefa served Summit, and various public enforcement agencies, with a document entitled "Sixty Day Notice of Violation" pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d) (the "Second Notice"), alleging that Summit was in violation of Proposition 65 for failing to warn consumers and customers that the Covered Products exposed users in California to DEHP. No public enforcer has brought and is diligently prosecuting the claims alleged in the First Notice or Second Notice. On June 7, 2018, Shefa filed a Complaint in the matter as captioned above (the "Action"). On February 25, 2019, Shefa filed a First Amended Complaint in the Action.

1.4 For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate: this Court has jurisdiction over Summit as to the allegations contained in the complaints filed in this Action; venue is proper in the County of Alameda; and this Court has jurisdiction to approve, enter, and oversee the enforcement of this Consent Judgment as a full and final binding resolution of all claims which were or could have been raised in this Action based on the facts alleged in the complaints therein and/or in the First Notice and the Second Notice.

1.5 Summit denies the material allegations contained in the First Notice and the Second Notice and made in this Action and maintains that it has not violated Proposition 65. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission by Summit 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 Summit of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law, such being specifically denied by Summit. However, this section shall not diminish or otherwise affect the obligations, responsibilities, and duties of Summit under this Consent Judgment.

### 2. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

- **2.1 Covered Products.** The term "Covered Products" means headphones that Summit manufactured, imported, offered for sale, and/or sold in California.
- **2.2 Effective Date.** The term "Effective Date" means the date the Court enters this Consent Judgment as a Judgment of the Court.

# 3. <u>INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: WARNINGS</u>

3.1 As of the date this Consent Judgment is signed by all Parties, Summit shall not manufacture, or order from any supplier, any Covered Products intended for retail sale in California that contain DINP and DEHP on any component to which consumers are exposed in excess of 0.1% (1,000 parts per million (ppm) (hereinafter "Reformulated Products") unless the Covered Product is accompanied by a warning that complies with the requirements of Section 3.2, or any Proposition 65 law or regulation specifying the method of transmission and content of the warning effective on or after the Effective Date. Covered Products sold or distributed by

Summit before the date all Parties sign this Consent Judgment may sell through without a warning even if not Reformulated Products.

- 3.2 Warning Language. For Covered Products manufactured before August 30, 2018, a warning provided under Section 3.1 shall consist of either:
  - (a) The statement: "PROP 65 WARNING FOR CA RESIDENTS: This product may contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm"; or
  - (b) A symbol consisting of a black exclamation point in a yellow equilateral triangle with a bold black outline to the left of the word "warning" in bold all capital letters, followed by the statement: "This product can expose you to chemicals including Di[2-Ethylhexyl] Phthalate (DEHP), which is known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information, go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov"; or
  - (c) A symbol that is a black exclamation point in a yellow equilateral triangle with a bold black outline to the left of the word "warning" in bold all capital letters, followed by the statement: "Cancer and Reproductive Harm www.P65Warnings.ca.gov."

The symbol specified in Sections 3.2(b) and 3.2(c) may be in a white triangle if the sign, label, shelf tag or other transmission format on which the warning is provided is not printed using the color yellow.

For Covered Products manufactured on and after August 30, 2018, the warning set forth in either Section 3.2(b) or 3.2(c) shall be used.<sup>1</sup>

3.3 Warnings; Method of Transmission: The warning provided pursuant to Section3.1 shall be prominently affixed to or printed on the packaging, labeling, or instruction booklet

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For Covered Products manufactured before May 19, 2019, the warning set forth in 3.2(c) may consist of a black exclamation point in a yellow equilateral triangle with a bold black outline to the left of the word "WARNING" in bold all capital letters, followed by the statement: "Cancer and reproductive harm - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov."

0907002. This payment shall be delivered to the Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum, 7120 Hayvenhurst Ave, Suite 320, Van Nuys, CA 91406.

**4.2.2 Attorney's Fees and Costs**. A reimbursement of Shefa's attorney's fees and costs in the amount of \$19,100.00 payable to the "Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum," and associated with taxpayer identification number 46-4580172. This payment shall be delivered to the Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum, 7120 Hayvenhurst Ave, Suite 320, Van Nuys, CA 91406.

# 5. RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

- 5.1 This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between Plaintiff acting in the public interest, and Summit and its parents, shareholders, divisions, subdivisions, subsidiaries, partners, sister companies, and affiliates, and their successors and assigns, including Summit CE Group, and its parents, shareholders, divisions, subdivisions, subsidiaries, partners, sister companies, and affiliates, and their successors and assigns ("Defendant Releasees"), and all entities from whom they obtain or to whom they directly or indirectly distribute or sell Covered Products, including but not limited to manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, customers, licensors, licensees, retailers, franchisees, and cooperative members, including but not limited to Marshalls, The TJX Companies, Inc., The TJX Operating Companies, Inc. and each of their subsidiaries and affiliates ("Downstream Defendant Releasees"), of all claims for violations of Proposition 65 based on exposure to the Listed Chemicals from Covered Products as set forth in the First Notice and Second Notice, with respect to any Covered Products manufactured, distributed, or sold by Summit prior to the Effective Date. Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 regarding the Covered Products.
- 5.2 In addition to the foregoing, Plaintiff, each on behalf of himself or itself, their past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, and successors and/or assignees, and <u>not</u> in their representative capacity, hereby waives all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and releases Summit, Defendant Releasees, and Downstream Defendant Releasees from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, claims, demands, rights, suits,

obligations, debts, contracts, agreements, promises, liabilities, damages, charges, losses, costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees, of any nature whatsoever, known or unknown, in law or equity, fixed or contingent, now or in the future, with respect to any alleged violations of Proposition 65 related to or arising from Covered Products manufactured distributed or sold by Summit or Defendant Releasees. With respect to the foregoing waivers and releases in this paragraph, Plaintiff hereby specifically waives any and all rights and benefits which they now have, or in the future may have, conferred by virtue of the provisions of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

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

5.3 Summit waives any and all claims against Plaintiff, their attorneys and other representatives of Plaintiff, for any and all actions taken, or statements made (or those that could have been taken or made) by Plaintiff and their attorneys and other representatives of Plaintiff, whether in the course of investigating claims or otherwise seeking enforcement of Proposition 65 against it in this matter, and/or with respect to Covered Products.

#### 6. INTEGRATION

6.1 This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement of the Parties and any and all prior negotiations and understandings related hereto shall be deemed to have been merged within it. No representations or terms of agreement other than those contained herein exist or have been made by any Party with respect to the other Party or the subject matter hereof.

#### 7. GOVERNING LAW

7.1 The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and apply within the State of California. In the event Proposition 65 is repealed or is otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to Covered Products, then Summit shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Consent Judgment with respect to, and to the extent that, Covered Products are so affected.

# 10. <u>COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(f)/COURT</u> APPROVAL

- 10.1 Plaintiff agrees to comply with the requirements set forth in California Health & Safety Code §25249.7(f) and to promptly bring a Motion for Approval of this Consent Judgment and Summit agrees it shall support approval of such Motion.
- 10.2 This Consent Judgment shall not be effective until it is approved and entered by the Court and shall be null and void if, for any reason, it is not approved by the Court. In such case, the Parties agree to meet and confer on how to proceed and if such agreement is not reached within 30-days, the case shall proceed on its normal course.
- 10.3 If the Court approves this Consent Judgment and is reversed or vacated by an appellate court, the Parties shall meet and confer as to whether to modify the terms of this Consent Judgment. If the Parties do not jointly agree on a course of action to take, the case shall proceed on its normal course on the trial court's calendar.

### 11. MODIFICATION

11.1 This Consent Judgment may be modified only by further stipulation of the Parties and the approval of the Court or upon the granting of a motion brought to the Court by either Party.

# 12. <u>RETENTION OF JURISDICTION</u>

12.1 This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to implement or modify the Consent Judgment.

# 13. <u>ENFORCEMENT</u>

- 13.1 The Parties may, by noticed motion or order to show cause before the Superior Court of Alameda County, giving the notice required by law, enforce the terms and conditions contained herein.
- 13.2 Before bringing any noticed motion or order to show cause, a Party seeking to enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment shall provide the other party thirty (30) days advance written notice of any alleged violation(s). The Parties shall meet and confer in good faith during

such thirty (30) days in an effort to reach an agreement on an appropriate cure for the alleged violation(s). No action or motion may be filed in the absence of such a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute beforehand.

- 13.3 If the Party alleged to be in violation corrects the purported violation(s) within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice, the Party seeking to enforce this Consent Judgment shall take no further enforcement action with respect to such violation(s) under either this Consent Judgment, or any other law.
- 13.4 In any proceeding brought by either party to enforce this Consent Judgment, such party may seek whatever fines, costs, penalties or remedies as may be provided by law for any violation of this Consent Judgment.

#### 14. **AUTHORIZATION**

14.1 The undersigned 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 document and certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the Party he or she represents to execute the Consent Judgment on behalf of the Party represented and legally bind that Party. Except as explicitly provided herein each Party is to bear its own fees and costs.

AGREED TO:	AGREED TO:	
Date:	Date: 4/3/2019	
By: Sonay Aures; SUMMIT ELECTRONICS, LLC	By: SHEFA LMV INC.	

1	[DDODOCED] HIDOMENT
2	[PROPOSED] JUDGMENT
3	Please note that on, 2019 at, Plaintiff Shefa LMV Inc.'
4	("Plaintiff") Motion to Approve Entry of Consent Judgment as to Defendant Summit Electronics
5	LLC ("Defendant") came for hearing before this Court in Department 21, the Honorable Winifred
- 9	Y. Smith presiding. Counsel for Plaintiff did [not] appear; counsel for Defendant did [not]
6	appear.
7	After full consideration of the points and authorities and related pleadings submitted, the
8	Court GRANTED Plaintiff's Motion pursuant to and in accordance with Health & Safety Code
9	§25249.7(f)(4). The Court reviewed the above Settlement Agreement and makes the following
10	findings pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f)(4):
11	a. The injunctive relief required by the Settlement Agreement complies with Health
12	& Safety Code § 25249.7;
13	b. The reimbursement of fees and costs to be paid pursuant to the Settlement
14	Agreement is reasonable under California law; and
15	c. The civil penalty amount to be paid pursuant to Settlement Agreement is
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