

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Parties. This Settlement Agreement is entered into by and between Hector Velarde (“Velarde”), individually, and as administrator of the Estate of Karen Charlene Calacin, and Beauty Store Management, LLC (“Beauty Store Management”). Together, Velarde and Beauty Store Management are collectively referred to as the “Parties.” Velarde is an individual who reside in the State of California, and seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals and to improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer products.

On or about June 8, 2018, the Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles appointed Velarde as the administrator of the Estate of Karen Charlene Calacin, who passed away on March 1, 2018.

1.2 General Allegations. Velarde alleges that Beauty Store Management is a person in the course of doing business for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, Health & Safety Code § 25249.6, et seq. (“Proposition 65”), and further alleges that Beauty Store Management has imported, distributed and/or sold in the State of California Basics Collection cosmetic bags/totes that contain di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) without first providing a Proposition 65 exposure warning. On January 1, 1988, the State of California listed DEHP as a chemical known to the State to cause cancer. On October 24, 2003, the State of California listed DEHP as a chemical known to cause reproductive toxicity.

1.3 Product Description. The products covered by this Settlement Agreement are Basics Collection cosmetic bags/totes/cases, including but not limited to the Clear Bag/Cosmetic Case manufactured by Tastas, Inc.; the Basics Collection Clear PVC Makeup Bag; and, the City Lights 4 Piece Cosmetic Tote Set – Clear Plastic manufactured by The Burmax Company, Inc. (the “Product” or “Products”) that have been imported, distributed, offered for sale and/or sold in California by Beauty Store Management.

1.4 Notices of Violation. On October 8, 2017, and on March 16, 2018, Karen Calacin and Velarde, respectively, each served Beauty Store Management and various public enforcement agencies with documents entitled “Notice of Violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5,

et seq.” (the “Notices”). The Notices provided Beauty Store Management and such others, including public enforcers, with notice that Beauty Store Management was in violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, for failing to warn consumers and customers that the Products exposed users in California to DEHP. No public enforcer has diligently prosecuted the allegations set forth in the Notices.

1.5 No Admission. Beauty Store Management denies the material factual and legal allegations contained in the Notices and maintains that all products that are or have been sold and distributed in California, including the Products, have been and are in compliance with all laws. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed as an admission by Beauty Store Management of any fact, finding, issue of law, or violation of law; nor shall compliance with this Settlement Agreement constitute or be construed as an admission by Beauty Store Management of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law or violation of law, such being specifically denied by Beauty Store Management. However, this § 1.5 shall not diminish or otherwise affect the obligations, responsibilities and duties under this Settlement Agreement. Notwithstanding the allegations in the Notices, Beauty Store Management maintains that it has not knowingly imported, distributed, sold, or caused to be imported, distributed and/or sold, the Products for sale in California in violation of Proposition 65.

1.6 Effective Date. For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, the term “Effective Date” shall mean the date this Agreement is last executed by the Parties.

2. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: WARNINGS

2.1 Reformulation of Products. As of the Effective Date, and continuing thereafter, Products that Beauty Store Management directly imports, distributes, sells, or offers for sale in California shall either: (a) be Reformulated Products pursuant to § 2.2, below; or (b) be labeled with a clear and reasonable exposure warning pursuant to §§ 2.3 and 2.4, below. For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, a “Reformulated Product” is a Product that is in compliance with the standard set forth in § 2.2, below. The warning requirement set forth in §§ 2.3 and 2.4 shall not apply to any Reformulated Product.

2.2 Reformulation Standard. “Reformulated Products” shall mean Products that contain concentrations less than or equal to 0.1% (1,000 parts per million (ppm)) of DEHP when analyzed pursuant to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency testing methodologies 3580A and 8270C or other methodology utilized by federal or state government agencies for the purpose of determining the phthalate content in a solid substance.

2.3 Clear and Reasonable Warning. As of the Effective Date, and continuing thereafter, a clear and reasonable exposure warning as set forth in this §§ 2.3 and 2.4 must be provided for all Products that Beauty Store Management imports, distributes, sells, or offers for sale in California that is not a Reformulated Product. There shall be no obligation for Beauty Store Management to provide an exposure warning for Products that entered the stream of commerce prior to the Effective Date. The warning shall consist of either the **Warning** or **Alternative Warning** described in §§ 2.3(a) or (b), respectively:

(a) **Warning.** The “Warning” shall consist of the statement:

⚠ WARNING: 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.

(b) **Alternative Warning:** Beauty Store Management may, but is not required to, use the alternative short-form warning as set forth in this § 2.3(b) (“**Alternative Warning**”) as follows:

⚠ WARNING: Cancer and Reproductive Harm - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

2.4 A **Warning** or **Alternative Warning** provided pursuant to § 2.3 must print the word “**WARNING:**” in all capital letters and in bold font, followed by a colon. The warning symbol to the left of the word “**WARNING:**” must be a black exclamation point in a yellow equilateral triangle with a black outline, except that if the sign or label for the Products does not use the color yellow, the symbol may be in black and white. The symbol must be in a size no smaller than the height of the word “**WARNING:**”. The warning shall be affixed to or printed on the Products’ packaging or labeling, or on a placard, shelf tag, sign or electronic device or automatic process, providing that the warning is displayed with such conspicuousness, as compared with other words, statements, or designs

as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions of purchase or use. A warning may be contained in the same section of the packaging, labeling, or instruction booklet that states other safety warnings, if any, concerning the use of the Product and shall be at least the same size as those other safety warnings.

2.5 Compliance with Warning Regulations. Beauty Store Management shall be deemed to be in compliance with this Settlement Agreement by either adhering to §§ 2.3 and 2.4 of this Settlement Agreement or by complying with warning requirements adopted by the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") after the Effective Date.

3. PENALTIES PURSUANT TO HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(b)

In settlement of all claims referred to in this Settlement Agreement, Beauty Store Management shall pay \$500.00 as a Civil Penalty in accordance with this Section. The Civil Penalty payment shall be allocated in accordance with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.12(c)(1) and (d), with 75% of the funds remitted to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") and the remaining 25% of the penalty remitted to Velarde. The Civil Penalty payment(s) shall be delivered to the addresses identified in § 3.2, below.

3.1 Civil Penalty. Within fifteen (15) business days of the Effective Date, Beauty Store Management shall issue two separate checks for the Civil Penalty payment to (a) "OEHHA" in the amount of \$375.00; and to (b) "Brodsky & Smith, LLC in Trust for Velarde" in the amount of \$125.00. The Civil Penalty payments shall be delivered to the addresses identified in § 3.2, below.

3.2 Payment Procedures.

(a) Issuance of Payments. Payments shall be delivered as follows:

(i) All payments owed to Velarde, pursuant to § 3.1 shall be delivered to the following payment address:

Evan J. Smith, Esquire
Brodsky & Smith, LLC
Two Bala Plaza, Suite 510
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

(ii) All payments owed to OEHHA (EIN: 68-0284486), pursuant to § 3.1 shall be delivered directly to OEHHA (Memo Line "Prop 65 Penalties") at the following addresses:

For United States Postal Service Delivery:

Mike Gyurics
Fiscal Operations Branch Chief
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
P.O. Box 4010
Sacramento, CA 95812-4010

For Non-United States Postal Service Delivery:

Mike Gyurics
Fiscal Operations Branch Chief
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

(b) **Copy of Payments to OEHHA.** Beauty Store Management agrees to provide Velarde's counsel with a copy of the checks payable to OEHHA, simultaneous with its penalty payments to Velarde, to be delivered to the address provided in § 3.2(a)(i), as proof of payment to OEHHA.

(c) **Tax Documentation.** Concurrent with providing an executed copy of this Settlement Agreement, Velarde agrees to provide the address, IRS W-9 forms and tax identification number for "Hector Velarde"; and "Brodsky & Smith, LLC" (EIN: 23-2971061).

4. **REIMBURSEMENT OF FEES AND COSTS**

The Parties acknowledge that Velarde and his counsel offered to reach preliminary agreement on the material terms of this dispute before reaching terms on the amount of fees and costs to be reimbursed to them. The Parties thereafter reached an accord on the compensation due to Velarde and his counsel under general contract principles and the private attorney general doctrine and principles codified at California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5, for all work performed through the mutual execution of this agreement. Under these legal principles, Beauty Store Management shall reimburse

Velarde's counsel for fees and costs incurred as a result of investigating and bringing this matter to Beauty Store Management' attention, and negotiating a settlement in the public interest. Within fifteen (15) business days of the Effective Date, Beauty Store Management shall issue a check payable to "Brodsky & Smith, LLC" in the amount of \$4,500.00 for delivery to the address identified in § 3.2(a)(i), above.

5. **RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS**

5.1 Release of Beauty Store Management and Downstream Customers and Entities.

This Settlement Agreement is a full, final and binding resolution between Velarde acting individually, on his own behalf, and on behalf of the Estate of Karen Charlene Calacin, and Beauty Store Management, of any violation of Proposition 65 that was or could have been asserted by Velarde or on behalf of his past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assigns ("Releasers") for failure to provide warnings for alleged exposures to DEHP contained in the Products, and Releasers hereby release any such claims against Beauty Store Management, LLC, Beauty Collection Malibu, Inc. and their parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities, shareholders, marketplaces, directors, officers, agents, employees, attorneys, successors and assignees, and each entity to whom Beauty Store Management and/or Beauty Collection Malibu, Inc. directly or indirectly distribute or sell the Products, including but not limited to, downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers (collectively, the "Releasees"), from all claims for violations of Proposition 65 through the Effective Date.

In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, and for the payments to be made pursuant to §§ 3 and 4 above, Velarde, individually and on behalf of the Estate of Karen Charlene Calacin, and on behalf of his and the Estate's past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors and/or assignees, hereby covenant not to sue and waive any right to institute, participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and release all claims that they may have, including without limitation, all actions and causes of action in law and in equity, all obligations, expenses (including without limitation all attorneys' fees, expert fees, and investigation fees, and costs), damages, losses, liabilities and demands against any of the Releasees of any nature, character,

or kind, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, limited to and arising out of the alleged or actual exposure to the chemical DEHP in the Products.

5.2 Beauty Store Management's Release of Velarde and Calacin. Beauty Store Management, on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors and/or assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against Velarde and the Estate of Karen Charlene Calacin, their attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made (or those that could have been taken or made) by Velarde, Karen Calacin, and/or the Estate of Karen Charlene Calacin, and or their attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of investigating claims or otherwise seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against it in this matter or with respect to the Products.

5.3 California Civil Code § 1542. It is possible that other claims not known to the Parties arising out of the facts alleged in the Notices and relating to the Products will develop or be discovered. The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement is expressly intended to cover and include all such claims up through the Effective Date, including all rights of action therefor. The Parties acknowledge that the claims released in §§ 5.1 and 5.2, above, may include unknown claims, and nevertheless waive California Civil Code § 1542 as to any such unknown claims. California Civil Code § 1542 reads 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.

Velarde and Beauty Store Management each acknowledge and understand the significance and consequences of this specific waiver of California Civil Code § 1542.

5.4 Deemed Compliance with Proposition 65. Compliance by Beauty Store Management with this Settlement Agreement constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to exposure to DEHP from use of the Products.

5.5. Public Benefit. It is Beauty Store Management's and Velarde's understanding that the commitments they have agreed to herein, and actions to be taken by Beauty Store Management under

this Settlement Agreement, would confer a significant benefit to the general public, as set forth in Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5 and Cal. Admin. Code tit. 11, § 3201. As such, it is the intent of Beauty Store Management and Velarde that to the extent any other private party initiates an action alleging a violation of Proposition 65 with respect to Beauty Store Management's failure to provide a warning concerning exposure to DEHP from use of the Products it has distributed, sold or offered for sale in California, or will distribute, sell, or offer for sale in California, such private party action would not confer a significant benefit on the general public as to those Products addressed in this Settlement Agreement, provided that Beauty Store Management is in material compliance with this Settlement Agreement.

6. SEVERABILITY

If, subsequent to the execution of this Settlement Agreement, any of the provisions of this Settlement Agreement are deemed by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the enforceable provisions remaining shall not be adversely affected but only to the extent the deletion of the provision deemed unenforceable does not materially affect, or otherwise result in the effect of the Settlement Agreement being contrary to the intent of the Parties in entering into this Settlement Agreement.

7. GOVERNING LAW

The terms of this Settlement Agreement shall be governed by the law of the State of California and apply within the State of California. In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed or is otherwise rendered inapplicable or limited by reason of law generally, or as to the Products, Beauty Store Management shall provide written notice to Velarde 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, a Product is so affected.

8. NOTICES

Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notices required to be provided pursuant to this Settlement Agreement shall be in writing and personally delivered or sent by: (i) first-class (registered or certified mail) return receipt requested; or (ii) overnight or two-day courier on any party by the other party to the following addresses:

For Beauty Store Management:

Daniel A. Solitro
Locke Lord LLP
300 South Grand Avenue, Suite 2600
Los Angeles, California 90071

For Velarde :

Evan J. Smith
Brodsky & Smith, LLC
Two Bala Plaza, Suite 510
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

Any party, from time to time, may specify in writing to the other party a change of address to which all notices and other communications shall be sent.

9. COUNTERPARTS: SIGNATURES

This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile or .pdf signature, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same document.

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

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

11. MODIFICATION

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

12. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement 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.

13. AUTHORIZATION

The undersigned are authorized to execute this Settlement Agreement and have read, understood and agree to all of the terms and conditions contained of this Settlement Agreement.

AGREED TO:

Date: _____

By: _____

**Hector Velarde, Individually and
as Administrator of the Estate
of Karen Charlene Calacin**

AGREED TO:

Date: 12/14/18 _____

By:  _____

Beauty Store Management, LLC

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Date: 1/17/19

Date: _____

By: 

By: _____

**Hector Velarde, Individually and
as Administrator of the Estate
of Karen Charlene Calacin**

Beauty Store Management, LLC