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12	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
13	COUNTY OF ALAMEDA		
14	ANTHONY FERREIRO,	Case No.: RG18914924	
15	Plaintiff,	[PROPOSED] CONSENT	
16	v.	JUDGMENT'	
17	MEDICAL DEPOT, INC.,	Judge: Julia Spain Dept.: 520	
18	Defendant.	Hearing Date: September 18, 2019 Hearing Time: 2:00 PM	
19		Reservation #: R-2098144	
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 **The Parties.** This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between Anthony Ferreiro acting on behalf of the public interest (hereinafter "Ferreiro") and Medical Depot, Inc. ("Medical Depot" or "Defendant") with Ferreiro and Defendant collectively referred to as the "Parties" and each of them as a "Party." Ferreiro is an individual residing in California that seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals and improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer products. Medical Depot is alleged to be a person in the course of doing business for purposes of Proposition 65, Cal. Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.6 et seq.
- 1.2 **Allegations and Representations.** Ferreiro alleges that Defendant has exposed individuals to diisononyl phthalate (DINP) from its sales of Drive Universal bather pouches without providing a clear and reasonable exposure warning pursuant to Proposition 65. DINP is listed under Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.
- 1.3 **Notice of Violation/Complaint.** On or about March 27, 2018, Ferreiro served Medical Depot, and various public enforcement agencies with documents entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d) (the "Notice"), alleging that Defendant violated Proposition 65 for failing to warn consumers and customers that use of Drive Universal bather pouches expose users in California to DINP. No public enforcer has brought and is diligently prosecuting the claims alleged in the Notice. On July 31, 2018, Ferreiro filed a complaint (the "Complaint") in the matter.
- 1.4 For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over Defendant as to the allegations contained in the Complaint filed in this matter, that venue is proper in the County of Alameda, and that 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 the Complaint based on the facts alleged therein and/or in the Notice.

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

2. **DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 **Covered Products.** The term "Covered Products" means Drive Universal bather pouches that are manufactured, distributed and/or offered for sale in California by Medical Depot.
- 2.2 **Effective Date.** The term "Effective Date" means the date this Consent Judgment is entered as a Judgment of the Court.

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

- 3.1 Clear and Reasonable Warning. As of the date this Consent Judgment is signed by both Parties, and continuing thereafter, a clear and reasonable exposure warning as set forth in this § 3.1 must be provided for all Covered Products that Defendant manufactures, imports, distributes, sells, or offers for sale in California that is not a Reformulated Product. There shall be no obligation for Defendant to provide a warning for Covered Products that enter the stream of commerce prior to the date this Consent Judgment is signed by both Parties. The warning shall consist of either the Warning or Alternative Warning described in §§ 3.1(a) or (b), respectively:
 - (a) **Warning**. The "Warning" shall consist of the statement:
 - ⚠ WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including diisononyl phthalate (DINP), which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.
- (b) **Alternative Warning**: Medical Depot may, but is not required to, use the alternative short-form warning as set forth in this § 3.1(b) ("**Alternative Warning**") as follows:
 - ⚠ WARNING: Cancer www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

- "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 the symbol may be in black and white if the symbol is not printed against a yellow background. 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 Covered Product's packaging or labeling, or on a placard, shelf tag, sign or electronic device or automatic process, provided 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 Covered Product and shall be at least the same size as the largest of those other safety warnings.
- 3.3 **Compliance with Warning Regulations.** The Parties agree that Defendant shall be deemed to be in compliance with this Consent Judgment by either adhering to § 3.1 of this Consent Judgment or by complying with warning requirements adopted by the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") after the Effective Date.

4. MONETARY TERMS

- 4.1 **Civil Penalty.** Medical Depot shall pay \$1,500.00 as a Civil Penalty pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b), to be apportioned in accordance with California Health & Safety Code § 25192, with 75% of these funds remitted to OEHHA and the remaining 25% of the Civil Penalty remitted to Ferreiro, as provided by California Health & Safety Code § 25249.12(d).
- 4.1.1 Within ten (10) business days of the Effective Date, Medical Depot shall issue two separate checks for the Civil Penalty payment to (a) "OEHHA" in the amount of \$1,125.00; and to (b) "Brodsky & Smith, LLC in Trust for Ferreiro" in the amount of \$375.00.

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	Payment owed to Ferreiro pursuant to this Section shall be delivered to the following payment address:			
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3	Evan J. Smith, Esquire			
4	Brodsky & Smith, LLC Two Bala Plaza, Suite 510			
5	Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004			
6	Payment owed to OEHHA (EIN: 68-0284486) pursuant to this Section shall be delivered directly			
7	to OEHHA (Memo Line "Prop 65 Penalties") at one of the following address(es):			
8	For United States Postal Service Delivery:			
9	Mike Gyurics			
0	Fiscal Operations Branch Chief Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment			
1	P.O. Box 4010 Sacramento, CA 95812-4010			
2	For Non-United States Postal Service Delivery:			
3	Mike Gyurics			
4	Fiscal Operations Branch Chief Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment			
5	1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814			
6	A copy of the check payable to OEHHA shall be mailed to Brodsky & Smith, LLC at the address			
7	set forth above as proof of payment to OEHHA.			
8	4.2 Attorneys' Fees. Within ten (10) business days of the Effective Date, Medical			
9	Depot shall pay \$16,000.00 to Brodsky & Smith, LLC ("Brodsky Smith") as complete			
20	reimbursement for Ferreiro's attorneys' fees and costs incurred as a result of investigating, bringing			
21	this matter to Medical Depot's attention, litigating and negotiating and obtaining judicial approval			
22	of a settlement in the public interest, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5.			
23	5. <u>RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS</u>			
24	5.1 This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between Ferreiro			
25	acting on his own behalf, and on behalf of the public interest, and Medical Depot, and its parents,			
26	shareholders, members, directors, officers, managers, employees, representatives, agents,			
27	attorneys, divisions, subdivisions, subsidiaries, partners, sister companies, and affiliates, and their			

predecessors, successors and assigns ("Defendant Releasees"), and all entities from whom they obtain and 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 Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc. ("Downstream Releasees"), of all claims for violations of Proposition 65 based on exposure to DINP from Covered Products as set forth in the Notice, with respect to any Covered Products manufactured, distributed, or sold by Medical Depot prior to the Effective Date. This Consent Judgment shall have preclusive effect such that no other person or entity, whether purporting to act in his, her, or its interests or the public interest shall be permitted to pursue and/or take any action with respect to any violation of Proposition 65 that was alleged in the Complaint, or that could have been brought pursuant to the Notice against Medical Depot and/or the Downstream Releasees of the Covered Products ("Proposition 65 Claims"). Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 with regard to the Covered Products.

5.2 In addition to the foregoing, Ferreiro, on behalf of himself, his past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, and successors and/or assignees, and <u>not</u> in his representative capacity, hereby waives all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and releases Medical Depot, Defendant Releasees, and Downstream 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 Medical Depot, Defendant Releasees or Downstream Releasees. With respect to the foregoing waivers and releases in this paragraph, Ferreiro hereby specifically waives any and all rights and benefits which he now has, or in the future may have, conferred by virtue of the provisions of § 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 SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

5.3 Medical Depot waives any and all claims against Ferreiro, his attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made (or those that could have been taken or made) by Ferreiro and his attorneys and other representatives, 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. <u>INTEGRATION</u>

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 that Proposition 65 is repealed or is otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to Covered Products, then Defendant shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Consent Judgment with respect to, and to the extent that, Covered Products are so affected.

8. NOTICES

8.1 Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notices required to be provided pursuant to this Consent Judgment 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 at the following addresses:

For Defendant:

Stephanie Sheridan Steptoe & Johnson LLP 1 Market Street Suite 1800 San Francisco, CA 94105

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For Ferreiro:

Evan Smith Brodsky & Smith, LLC 9595 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 900 Beverly Hills, CA 90212

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; FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

9.1 This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same document.

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

- 10.1 Ferreiro 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. Defendant 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 and not binding on any Party 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. Also in such case, the Consent Judgment cannot be used in any proceeding for any purpose.
- 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. ENFORCEMENT

11.1 In the event that a dispute arises with respect to any provisions of this Consent Judgment, the Parties shall meet and confer within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice of the alleged violation. In the event that the respective Parties are unable to resolve their dispute

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