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6 7	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA					
8	FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES					
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10	APS&EE, LLC, a limited liability company, )	CASE NO. BC723987				
11	Plaintiff, )	[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT				
12	v. )	Judge: Hon. Teresa A. Beaudet				
13	USA MINISO DEPOT, INC., a corporation, , ) and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, )	Dept.: 50 Compl. Filed: October 2, 2018				
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## 1. <u>RECITALS</u>

## 1.1 The Parties

**1.1.1** This Consent Judgment ("Consent Judgment") is entered into by and between APS&EE, LLC ("APS&EE") and USA Miniso Depot, Inc. ("Miniso"). APS&EE and Miniso shall hereinafter collectively be referred to as the "Parties."

**1.1.2** APS&EE is an organization based in California with an interest in protecting the environment, improving human health and the health of ecosystems, and supporting environmentally sound practices, which includes promoting awareness of exposure to toxic chemicals and reducing exposure to hazardous substances found in consumer products.

**1.1.3** Miniso is a person in the course of doing business as the term is defined inCalifornia Health & Safety Code section 25249.6 et seq. ("Proposition 65").

## 1.2 Allegations

**1.2.1** APS&EE alleges that Miniso sold Miniso Cell Phone pouches, including yellow 4-514448-209414 (hereinafter collectively the "Products") in the State of California causing users in California to be exposed to hazardous levels of Lead, without providing "clear and reasonable warnings", in violation of Proposition 65. Lead is potentially subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements because it is listed as known to cause cancer and birth defect or other reproductive harm.

**1.2.2** On July 17, 2018, APS&EE sent a Sixty-Day Notice of Violation (the "Notice") to Miniso, along with Miniso Depot Pasadena, Inc., Miniso Depot CA, Inc., Miniso Industries Co., Ltd., Miniso International Co., Ltd., and the various public enforcement agencies regarding the alleged violation of Proposition 65 with respect to the Products. Plaintiff, acting in the public interest, subsequently filed the instant action (the "Complaint") in the Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles, alleging violations of Proposition 65.

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## .3 No Admissions

Miniso denies all allegations in APS&EE's Notice and Complaint and maintains that the
Products have been, and are, in compliance with all laws, and that Miniso has not violated
Proposition 65. This Consent Judgment shall not be construed as an admission of liability by

Miniso but to the contrary as a compromise of claims that are expressly contested and denied. 2 However, nothing in this section shall affect the Parties' obligations, duties, and responsibilities under this Consent Judgment. 3

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### 1.4 **Jurisdiction And Venue**

For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that the above-entitled Court has jurisdiction over Miniso as to the allegations in the Complaint, that venue is proper in Los Angeles County, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter and enforce the provisions of this Consent Judgment pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure ("CCP") § 664.6 and Proposition 65.

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# **Effective Date**

The "Effective Date" shall be the date this Consent Judgment is approved and entered by the Court.

### 13 2. **INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

## 2.1 **Reformulation Standard**

As of the Effective Date, Miniso shall not distribute for sale in California, sell or offer for sale the Products in California unless (a) the Product contains no more than 100 parts per million (0.01%) of Lead ("Reformulated Product"), or (b) the Product is distributed, sold, or offered for sale with a clear and reasonable warning as described below in Section 2.2.

2.2 **Proposition 65 Warnings** 

**2.2.1** Whenever a clear and reasonable warning is required under Section 2.1, Miniso shall comply with 27 Cal. Code Regs. § 25601, et seq. (operative Aug. 30, 2018) or use a warning with the capitalized and emboldened wording substantially similar to the following: WARNING: This product can expose you to Lead 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.

The warning shall be accompanied by a symbol consisting of a black exclamation point 26 in a yellow equilateral triangle with a bold black outline. Where the label for the product is not printed using the color yellow, the symbol may be printed in black and white. The symbol shall be placed to the left of the text of the warning, in a size no smaller than the height of the word "WARNING".

**2.2.2** Each unit shall carry said warning directly on each unit or its label, package, shelf container or bin, with such conspicuousness as compared with other words, statements or designs as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary consumer prior to sale. A Product that is sold by Miniso on the internet shall also provide the warning message by a clearly marked hyperlink on the product display page, or otherwise prominently displayed to the purchaser before the purchaser completes his or her purchase of the Product.

## 3. <u>PAYMENTS</u>

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# 3.1 Civil Penalty Pursuant To Proposition 65

In settlement of all claims referred to in this Consent Judgment, Miniso shall pay a total civil penalty of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) to be apportioned in accordance with *Health and Safety Code* section 25249.12(c)(1) and (d), with 75% (\$2,625.00) for State of California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"), and the remaining 25% (\$875.00) for APS&EE.

Miniso shall issue two (2) checks for the civil penalty: (1) a check or money order made payable to "OEHHA" in the amount of \$2,625.00; and (2) a check or money order made payable to "Law Offices of Lucas T. Novak" in the amount of \$875.00. Miniso shall remit the payments within five (5) business days of the Effective Date, to:

Lucas T. Novak, Esq. LAW OFFICES OF LUCAS T. NOVAK 8335 W Sunset Blvd., Suite 217 Los Angeles, CA 90069

# 3.2 Reimbursement Of APS&EE's Fees And Costs

Miniso shall reimburse APS&EE's reasonable experts' and attorney's fees and costs incurred in prosecuting the instant action, for all work performed through execution of this Consent Judgment. Accordingly, Miniso shall issue a check or money order made payable to "Law Offices of Lucas T. Novak" in the amount of twenty one thousand five hundred dollars (\$21,500.00). Miniso shall remit the payment within five (5) business days of the Effective Date,

1	to:
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3	LAW OFFICES OF LUCAS T. NOVAK 8335 W Sunset Blvd., Suite 217
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# 4. <u>RELEASES</u>

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# 4.1 APS&EE's Release Of Miniso

APS&EE, acting in its individual capacity, and in the public interest, in consideration of the promises and monetary payments contained herein, hereby releases Miniso, its parents, subsidiaries, shareholders, directors, members, officers, employees, attorneys, successors and assignees, as well as its downstream distributors, retailers, and franchisees, including Miniso Depot Pasadena, Inc., Miniso Depot CA, Inc., Miniso Industries Co., Ltd., and Miniso International Co., Ltd. (collectively "Released Parties"), from any alleged Proposition 65 violation claims asserted in APS&EE's Notice or Complaint regarding failure to warn about exposures to Lead from the Products sold and/or offered for sale by Miniso in California before and up to the Effective Date.

# 4.2 Miniso's Release Of APS&EE

Miniso, and on behalf of the Released Parties, by this Consent Judgment, waives all rights to institute any form of legal action against APS&EE, its shareholders, directors, members, officers, employees, attorneys, experts, successors and assignees for actions or statements made or undertaken, whether in the course of investigating claims or seeking enforcement of Proposition 65 against Miniso in this matter.

# 4.3 Waiver Of Unknown Claims

Each of the Parties acknowledges that it is 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 California Civil Code or any similar provision under the statutory or nonstatutory law of any other jurisdiction to the full extent that it may lawfully waive all such rights and benefits. 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 Consent Judgment and the releases contained herein shall be and remain effective in all respects notwithstanding the discovery of such additional or different facts.

### 5. **COURT APPROVAL**

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Upon execution of this Consent Judgment by all Parties, Plaintiff shall file a noticed Motion for Approval and Entry of Consent Judgment in the above-entitled Court. This Consent Judgment is not effective until it is approved and entered by the Court. It is the intention of the Parties that the Court approve this Consent Judgment, and in furtherance of obtaining such approval, the Parties and their respective counsel agree to mutually employ their best efforts to support the entry of this agreement in a timely manner, including cooperating on drafting and filing any papers in support of the required motion for judicial approval.

### 6. **SEVERABILITY**

Should any part or provision of this Consent Judgment for any reason be declared by a Court to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining portions and provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

## 7. **GOVERNING LAW**

The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. 22

## 8. NOTICES

All correspondence and notice required to be provided under this Consent Judgment shall be in writing and delivered personally or sent by first class or certified mail addressed as follows:

TO MINISO:	TO APS&EE:
Pyng Soon, Esq.	Lucas Novak, Esq.
Law Offices of Pyng Soon, Inc.	Law Offices of Lucas T. Novak
17870 Castleton St., Suite 250	8335 W Sunset Blvd., Suite 217
City of Industry, CA 91748-6732	Los Angeles, CA 90069
	Pyng Soon, Esq. Law Offices of Pyng Soon, Inc. 17870 Castleton St., Suite 250

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This Consent Judgment 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 Consent Judgment by e-mail, facsimile, or other electronic means shall constitute legal and binding execution and delivery. Any photocopy of the executed Consent Judgment shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

### 10. AUTHORIZATION

8 The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment on behalf of their 9 respective Parties. Each Party has read, understood, and agrees to all of the terms and conditions 10 of this Consent Judgment. Each Party warrants to the other that it is free to enter into this Consent Judgment and is not subject to any conflicting obligation that will or might prevent or 12 interfere with the execution or performance of this Consent Judgment by said Party.

### 14 **AGREED TO:**

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17	Authorized Representative of APS&EE, LLC
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