

SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Parties. This Settlement and Release Agreement is entered into by and between Precila Balabbo (“Balabbo”) on the one hand and Tuesday Morning Partners, LTD Days of the Week, Inc., and Tuesday Morning, Inc. (“Tuesday Morning”) (collectively, “Defendants”), on the other. Together, Balabbo and Defendants are collectively referred to as the “Parties” and each individually referred to as a “Party.” Balabbo is an individual that resides 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. Balabbo alleges that Defendants are 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”).

1.2 General Allegations. Balabbo alleges that Defendants have exposed individuals to the chemical di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP) from its sales of hanging jewelry smocks in California without first providing users and consumers of the product with a clear and reasonable health hazard exposure warning as required pursuant to Proposition 65. DEHP is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity.

1.3 Product Description. The products covered by this Settlement Agreement are hanging jewelry smocks (the “Products”) that have been imported, distributed, offered for sale and/or sold in California by Defendants.

1.4 Notice of Violation. On November 30, 2018, Balabbo served Defendants and various public enforcement agencies with a document entitled “Notice of Violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6, et seq.” (the “Notice”). No public enforcer has diligently prosecuted the allegations set forth in the Notice.

1.5 No Admission. Defendants deny the material, factual and legal allegations contained in the Notice and maintains that, to the best of their knowledge, 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 Defendants 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 Defendants of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law or violation of law, such being specifically denied by Defendants. However, this § 1.5 shall not diminish or otherwise affect the obligations, responsibilities and duties under this Settlement Agreement. Notwithstanding the allegations in the Notice, Defendants maintain that they have not knowingly manufactured, or caused to be manufactured, 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 Defendants directly manufacture, import, distribute, sell, or offer 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 Defendants manufacture, import, distribute, sell, or offer for sale in California that is not a Reformulated Product. There shall be no obligation for Tuesday Morning 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 following statement:

⚠ WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP), which are 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:** Defendants may, but are not required to, use the alternative short-form warning as set forth in this § 2.3(b) (“**Alternative Warning**”) in lieu of the **Warning** described in § 2.3(a) 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.

If Defendants sell Products via an internet website to customers located in California after the Effective Date that are not Reformulated Products, the warning requirements of this section shall be satisfied if the foregoing warning appears either: (a) on the same web page on which a Product is displayed and/or described; (b) on the same page as the price for the Product; or (c) on one or more web pages displayed to a purchaser prior to purchase during the checkout process. Alternatively, a symbol consisting of a black exclamation point in a yellow or white equilateral triangle may appear

adjacent to or immediately following the display, description, price, or checkout listing of the Product. If the warning statement appears elsewhere on the same web page in a manner that clearly associates it with the product(s) to which the warning applies. Defendants may also alternatively provide the warning using a clearly marked hyperlink that includes the word “**WARNING**” on the same web page and in the same location as the display and/or description of the Product.

2.5 Compliance with Warning Regulations. Defendants 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 the claims referred to in this Settlement Agreement, United National Consumer Supplies (“United”), as indemnitor to Tuesday Morning, shall cause to be paid \$1,000.00 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 Penalty remitted to OEHHA and the remaining 25% of the Penalty remitted to Balabbo. The Civil Penalty payment(s) shall be delivered to the addresses identified in § 3.2, below. For all amounts due and owing that are not received within the payment times set forth below, United shall pay a late civil penalty payment fee equal to \$100/day to be allocated in accordance with California Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.12(c)(1) and (d).

3.1 Civil Penalty. Within (fifteen (15) days of the Effective Date, United shall cause to be issued two separate checks for the Civil Penalty payment to (a) “OEHHA” in the amount of \$750.00; and to (b) “Brodsky & Smith, LLC in Trust for Balabbo” in the amount of \$250.00. The Civil Penalty payment(s) 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 Balabbo, 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.** United agrees to provide Balabbo’s counsel with a copy of the checks payable to OEHHA, simultaneous with its penalty payments to Balabbo, to be delivered to the address provided in § 3.2(a)(i), as proof of payment to OEHHA.

(c) **Tax Documentation.** United agrees to cause to be provided a completed IRS 1099 for its payments to, and Balabbo agrees to provide IRS W-9 forms for, each of the following payees under this Settlement Agreement:

(i) “Precila Balabbo” whose address and tax identification number shall be provided within five (5) days after this Settlement Agreement is fully executed by the Parties;

(ii) “Brodsky & Smith, LLC” (EIN: 23-2971061) at the address provided in Section 3.2(a)(i); and

(iii) “Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment” 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

4. REIMBURSEMENT OF FEES AND COSTS

The Parties acknowledge that Balabbo and her 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 Balabbo and her 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, United shall cause Balabbo's counsel to be reimbursed a total of \$10,500.00 for fees and costs incurred as a result of investigating and bringing this matter to Tuesday Morning's attention, and negotiating a settlement in the public interest. Within Fifteen (15) days of the Effective Date, United (through its counsel Krinzman Huss Lubetsky, Feldman & Hotte), shall issue a check payable to "Brodsky & Smith, LLC" in the amount of \$10,500.00 for delivery to the address identified in § 3.2(a)(i), above..

5. RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

5.1 Release of Tuesday Morning, United National Consumer Suppliers, a Florida Corporation d/b/a "UNCS" and Downstream Customers and Entities. This Settlement Agreement is a full, final and binding resolution between Balabbo, acting in her individual capacity, her past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, and acting in a representative capacity in the public interest pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d), on the one hand, and, on the other hand, and (a) Defendants, United, and each entity to whom Settling Defendant(s) and United has directly or indirectly provided, distributed, or sold the Covered Products (including but not limited to Tuesday Morning, Inc., Tuesday Morning Partners, Ltd. and Tuesday Morning Corporation); (b) all distributors, indemnitors, market partners, marketplaces, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members, and licensees of the entities identified in (a), above; and (c) all past and current owners, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, sister and related companies, employees, shareholders, officers, directors, insurers, agents, attorneys, predecessors, successors, and assigns of the entities and individuals identified in (a) and (b), above (the released entities and individuals identified in (a), (b) and (c), above, are collectively referred to

as “Releasees”) of any violation(s) or alleged 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 regarding exposing persons to DEHP and/or the failure to warn about exposure to DEHP arising in connection with the Products manufactured, shipped, and/or otherwise distributed prior to the Effective Date, even if sold by Releasees after 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, Balabbo, on behalf of herself, her past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors and/or assignees, hereby covenants not to sue and waives any right to institute, participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and releases all claims that she 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 Defendants’ Release of Balabbo. Defendants, on behalf of themselves, their past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors and/or assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against Balabbo, her attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made (or those that could have been taken or made) by Balabbo, and/or her 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 Notice and relating to the Products will develop or be discovered. Balabbo on behalf of herself only, on one hand, and Defendants, on the other hand, 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 THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

Balabbo, her past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees expressly waives and relinquishes any and all rights and benefits which it may have under, or which may be conferred on it by the provisions of 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 it may lawfully waive such rights or benefits pertaining to the released matters.

5.4 Deemed Compliance with Proposition 65. Compliance by Defendants 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 Defendants' understanding that the commitments it has agreed to herein, and actions to be taken by Defendants 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 Defendants that to the extent any other private party initiates an action alleging a violation of Proposition 65 with respect to Defendants' failure to provide a warning concerning exposure to DEHP prior to use of the Products they have manufactured, distributed, sold, or offered for sale in California, or will manufacture, 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 Defendants are 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, Defendants shall provide written notice to Balabbo 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 Tuesday Morning:

George Andrews
Krinzman Huss Lubetsky Feldman & Hotte
jfh@khllaw.com
gna@khllaw.com
110 Southeast 6th Street
Suite 1430
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

For Balabbo:

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

Either 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)

Balabbo 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.

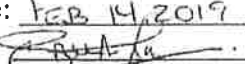
13. AUTHORIZATION

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:	AGREED TO:
Date: <u>2-28-19</u>	Date: _____
By: <u></u>	By: _____
Precila Balabbo	Tuesday Morning, Inc.

AGREED TO:

Date: FEB 14, 2019

By: 

United National Consumer Supplies
as indemnitor to Tuesday Morning, Inc.

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AGREED TO:

Date: 2-12-19

By: 
Precila Balabbo

AGREED TO:

Date: _____

By: _____
Tuesday Morning, Inc.

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By: _____
Precila Balabbo

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Date: 2.28.2019

By: Jennyon Day
Tuesday Morning, Inc.

AGREED TO:

Date: FEB 14, 2019

By: [Signature]
United National Consumer Supplies
as indemnitor to Tuesday Morning, Inc.