

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Parties

This Settlement Agreement is entered into by and between the CENTER FOR ADVANCED PUBLIC AWARENESS, INC. (“CAPA”) on the one hand and the BEACH HOUSE GROUP, LLC and BEACH HOUSE GROUP LIMITED (collectively, “BHG”) on the other hand, with BHG and CAPA each individually referred to as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.”

1.2 Introduction and General Allegations.

1.2.1 CAPA is a not-for profit corporation duly organized and existing in the State of California, which seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals and to improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances used in consumer products.

1.2.2 CAPA alleges that BHG employs ten or more persons, and CAPA alleges that BHG is a person in the course of doing business for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 *et seq.* (“Proposition 65”).

1.2.3 CAPA alleges that BHG imported, sold, and/or distributed for sale in California Covered Products, as defined below, that contain Di-(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (“DEHP”), a chemical pursuant to Proposition 65 listed by the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity. CAPA further alleges that BHG failed to provide the health hazard warning required by Proposition 65 for exposures to DEHP from the Covered Products.

1.3 Product Description.

The products covered by this Settlement Agreement are the Design Love Fest Travel Bottle and Jar Sets and the Design Love Fest Hip Packs, which were imported, sold and/or distributed for sale in California by BHG (“Covered Products”).

1.4 60 Day Notices of Violation and Exchange of Information.

On January 29, 2019 and February 5, 2019, CAPA served Beach House Group, LLC, Target Corporation, and the requisite public enforcement agencies with two 60-Day Notices of Violation (“Notices”), related to the Covered Products, alleging that Beach House Group, LLC violated Proposition 65. The Notices alleged that Beach House Group, LLC had failed to warn its customers and consumers in California of the health hazards associated with exposures to DEHP from its import, sale and/or distribution of the Covered Products. Beach House Group, LLC is a subsidiary of Beach House Group Limited.

CAPA subsequently provided BHG with test results in CAPA’s possession concerning its allegations. BHG provided CAPA with data related to the Covered Products including sales information. To the best of the Parties’ knowledge, no public enforcer has commenced and is diligently prosecuting the allegations set forth in the Notices.

1.5 No Admission.

The Parties enter into this Settlement Agreement to settle disputed claims between the Parties as set forth below concerning the Parties’ and the Covered Products’ compliance with Proposition 65. Specifically, CAPA alleges that BHG imported, manufactured, sold or distributed for sale in the state of California, Covered Products which contained DEHP without first providing the clear and reasonable exposure warning required by Proposition 65. BHG denies that such a warning is required under Proposition 65 or any otherwise applicable law.

BHG further denies the material, factual, and legal allegations contained in the Notices and maintains that all of the products that it has imported, manufactured and/or sold and distributed in California, including the Covered Products, have been, and are, in compliance with all laws. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed as an admission by BHG of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with this Settlement Agreement constitute or be construed as an admission by BHG of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law, such being specifically denied by BHG. This Section shall not, however, diminish or otherwise affect BHG’s obligations, responsibilities, and duties under this Settlement Agreement.

1.6 **Effective Date.**

For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, the term "Effective Date" shall mean the date this Agreement is fully executed by the Parties.

2. **INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: REFORMULATED PRODUCTS**

2.1 **Reformulation Standard.** Commencing on the Effective Date, and continuing thereafter, to the extent that BHG continues to import, manufacture, or ship the Covered Products to be sold or offered for sale or purchase in California, they shall be deemed to comply with Proposition 65, and be exempt from any Proposition 65 warning requirements with respect to DEHP, if the Products meet the standard of "Reformulated Products." "Reformulated Products" shall mean Covered Products containing less than or equal to 1,000 parts per million (0.1%) DEHP in each accessible component when analyzed pursuant to Environmental Protection Agency testing methodologies 3580A and 8270C, CPSC-CH-C1001-09.3 or equivalent methodologies utilized by federal or state agencies for the purpose of determining DEHP content in a solid substance ("Reformulation Standard"). With respect to existing Covered Products, meaning those that are currently in the channels of distribution, with distributors, and retailers, BHG may continue to sell-through those items. However, as of the Effective Date, no new Covered Products may be distributed or sold in California that are not Reformulated Products or do not contain the warnings set forth in Paragraph 2.3.

2.2 **Warning Option.** Covered Products that do not meet the Reformulation Standard set forth in Section 2.1 above shall be accompanied by a warning as described in Section 2.3 below. This warning shall only be required as to Covered Products to be sold or offered for sale or purchase in California, which are sold or shipped out to consumers, retailers, or distributors after the Effective Date. No Proposition 65 warning for DEHP shall be required as to any Covered Products that are already in the stream of commerce as of the Effective Date.

2.3 **Warning Language.** Commencing on the Effective Date, BHG shall ensure that any unreformulated Covered Products that it ships to California retailers for sale in California includes a clear and reasonable warning in accordance with California Code of Regulation, Title

27, Article 6. The warning shall be affixed to the packaging or labeling using language similar to the warnings below:

⚠ **WARNING:** This product can expose you to chemicals including Di-(2-ethylhexyl), 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

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

In the event that the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment promulgates one or more regulations requiring or permitting warning text and/or methods of transmission different than those set forth above, BHG shall be entitled to use, at its discretion, such other warning text and/or methods of transmission without being deemed in breach of this Agreement.

2.4 **Accessible Component.** The term “Accessible Component” shall mean any component of the Covered Product that could be touched by a person during reasonably foreseeable use.

2.5 **Compliance with Settlement Terms.** The Parties agree that compliance with the terms of this Settlement Agreement by BHG shall be deemed to be compliance with Proposition 65 by all Releasees with respect to any exposures to the Listed Chemical in the Covered Product manufactured, distributed, or sold by BHG after the Effective Date.

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

BHG shall pay a total civil penalty of \$3,000, to be apportioned in accordance with California Health & Safety Code §§25249.12(c) & (d), with 75% of these funds remitted to the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (“OEHHA”) and the remaining 25% of the penalty remitted to CAPA. BHG shall issue two separate checks for the penalty payment: (a) one check made payable to the Kawahito Law Group in Trust for the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (“in Trust for OEHHA”) in the amount of \$2,250, representing 75% of the initial civil penalty and (b) one check to “Kawahito Law Group in Trust for Center for Advanced Public Awareness, Inc.,” in the amount of \$750, representing 25% of the initial civil penalty. Two separate 1099s shall be issued for the

above payments: The first 1099 shall be issued to OEHHA, P.O. Box 4010, Sacramento, CA 95814 (EIN: 68-0284486). The second 1099 shall be issued to Kawahito Law Group APC, who shall furnish a W-9 at least five calendar days before payment is due. Payment shall be due within 10 days of the Effective Date and delivered to the following address:

James Kawahito, Esq.
Kawahito Law Group APC
222 N. Pacific Coast Hwy. Suite 2222
El Segundo, CA 90245

4. REIMBURSEMENT OF FEES AND COSTS

BHG shall pay the total amount of \$26,000 for fees and costs incurred by CAPA as a result of investigating, bringing this matter to the attention of BHG, and negotiating a settlement. Each party shall otherwise bear their own fees and costs. BHG shall make the check payable to "Kawahito Law Group APC." Payment of \$26,000 shall be due within 10 days of the Effective Date. The payment shall be delivered to the following address:

James Kawahito, Esq.
Kawahito Law Group APC
222 N. Pacific Coast Hwy. Suite 2222
El Segundo, CA 90245

To allow for the issuance of a timely payment to be rendered pursuant to the above, CAPA shall provide BHG with a completed IRS Form W-9 for the Kawahito Law Group APC at least five calendar days prior to payment.

5. RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

5.1 Full, Final and Binding Resolution of Proposition 65 Allegations.

CAPA, on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors and/or assignees, releases BHG, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities, directors, officers, employees, agents, principals, insurers, accountants, representatives, attorneys, predecessors, successors, assignees, licensors, each manufacturer or other entity supplying BHG with the Covered Products, and each entity to which BHG directly or indirectly distributes, ships or sells the Covered Products, including, but not limited to Target Corporation, their downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members, and licensees and their owners, directors, officers, employees, agents, principals, insurers, accountants,

representatives, attorneys, predecessors, successors, and assignees (collectively “Releasees”) for and waives any and all claims of any violation of Proposition 65 that was or could have been asserted against BHG and/or Releasees based on their alleged or actual failure to warn about alleged exposures to DEHP contained in the Covered Products that were allegedly manufactured, imported, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale by BHG (either directly or through the Releasees) and/or Releasees before the Effective Date. This Release shall also cover any Products that were in the stream of commerce prior to the Effective Date. This release is provided in CAPA’s individual capacity and is not a release on behalf of the public.

In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, CAPA on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors and/or assignees, also hereby waives all of its rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and releases all claims against BHG and Releasees that it or they may have including, without limitation, all actions, and causes of action, suits, liabilities, demands, obligations, damages, costs, fines, penalties, losses, expenses, investigative fees, expert fees, and attorneys’ fees for any and all claims regarding the Covered Products allegedly manufactured, sold, or distributed for sale before the Effective Date by BHG or Releasees.

CAPA acknowledges that it may hereafter discover claims or facts in addition to or different from those which it now knows or believes to exist with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement and which, if known or suspected at the time of executing this Agreement, may have materially affected this settlement. Nevertheless, CAPA hereby waives any right, claim, or cause of action that might arise as a result of such different or additional facts related to the Covered Products. CAPA, after representation by and consultation with counsel, acknowledges and understands the significance and consequence of such release and such specific waiver of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides:

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.

5.2 BHG's Release of CAPA.

BHG on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against CAPA, its attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made by CAPA and its attorneys and other representatives with regard to its enforcement of Proposition 65 against it in this matter with respect to the Covered Products.

5.3 Enforcement of Settlement Agreement.

Any party may file suit before the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles to enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Settlement Agreement. The prevailing party shall be entitled to its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with such enforcement.

6. SEVERABILITY

If, subsequent to the execution of this Settlement Agreement, any provision of this Settlement Agreement is deemed by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be adversely affected.

7. GOVERNING LAW

The terms of this Settlement Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and apply within the State of California.

8. NOTICE

Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notice required to be provided pursuant to this Settlement Agreement shall be in writing and sent by: (a) personal delivery; (b) first-class, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested; or (c) a recognized overnight courier on any Party by the other at the following addresses:

For BHG:	Beach House Group, LLC Beach House Group Limited Paul James Brice 2210 E Maple Ave. El Segundo, CA 90245
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For CAPA: James K. Kawahito
Kawahito Law Group APC
Attn. CAPA v. Beach House Group, LLC
222 N. Pacific Coast Hwy., Suite 2222
El Segundo, CA 90245

with a copy to: Center for Advanced Public Awareness, Inc.
2342 Shattuck Ave. #347
Berkeley, CA 94704

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

9. COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile or portable document format (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)

CAPA and its attorneys agree to and shall comply with the reporting form requirements referenced in California Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(f).

11. MODIFICATION

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

12. AUTHORIZATION

The undersigned are authorized to execute this Settlement Agreement on behalf of their respective Parties and have read, understand, and agreed to all of the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement.


AGREED TO:

Date: 4/22/19

By: 
Center for Public Awareness, Inc.

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By: 
Beach House Group, LLC and
Beach House Group Limited