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8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
9 COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

10 KEEP AMERICA SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 HAMMER NUTRITION, INC  
14 ENDURANCE MARKETING GROUP, INC.

15 AND

16 DOES 1-25

17 Defendants,  
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Case No. 37-2022-00047296-CU-NP-CTL

**STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF  
CONSENT JUDGMENT AS TO  
DEFENDANT HAMMER NUTRITION  
INC.**

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20 **1. INTRODUCTION**

21 1.1 **The Parties.** This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between Plaintiff  
22 Keep America Safe and Beautiful (“KASAB”) acting on behalf of the public interest (hereinafter  
23 “KASAB”), and Defendant Hammer Nutrition Inc. (“Hammer”), with KASAB and Hammer  
24 collectively referred to as the “Parties” and each of them as a “Party.” KASAB is a California  
25 Nonprofit Corporation seeking to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals and  
26 improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer  
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1 products. Hammer is a person in the course of doing business for purposes of Proposition 65,  
2 Cal. Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.6 *et seq.*

3           1.2     **Allegations and Representations.** KASAB alleges that Hammer has offered for  
4 sale in the State of California and has sold in California, the “Organic Vegan Protein” that  
5 contains LEAD, and that such sales have not been accompanied by Proposition 65 warnings.  
6 LEAD is listed under Proposition 65 as chemicals known to the State of California to cause  
7 cancer and reproductive harm.

8           1.3     **Notices of Violation/Complaint.** On or about December 15, 2021, KASAB  
9 served Hammer, Endurance Marketing Group, Inc., and various public enforcement agencies with  
10 a document entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d)  
11 (the "Notice"), alleging that Hammer, and Endurance Marketing Group, Inc were in violation of  
12 Proposition 65 for failing to warn consumers and customers that the “Organic Vegan Protein”  
13 exposed users in California to LEAD. No public enforcer diligently prosecuted the claims  
14 threatened in the Notice within sixty days plus service time relative to the provision of the Notice  
15 to them by KASAB.

16           1.4     For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court  
17 has jurisdiction over Hammer as to the allegations contained in the complaint filed in this matter,  
141 that venue is proper in the County of San Diego, and that this Court has jurisdiction to approve,  
4 enter, and oversee the enforcement of this Consent Judgment as a full and final binding resolution  
19 of all claims which were or could have been raised in the Complaint based on the facts alleged  
20 therein and/or in the Notices.

21           1.5     Hammer denies the material allegations contained in KASAB’s Notice and  
22 Complaint and maintains that it has not violated Proposition 65. Nothing in this Consent  
23 Judgment shall be construed as an admission by Hammer of any fact, finding, issue of law, or  
24 violation of law; nor shall compliance with this Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as  
25 an admission by Hammer of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law, such  
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1 being specifically denied by Hammer. However, this section shall not diminish or otherwise  
2 effect the obligations, responsibilities, and duties of Hammer under this Consent Judgment.

3 **2. DEFINITIONS**

4 2.1 **Complaint.** The term “Complaint” shall have the meaning given in Section 1.3.

5 2.2 **Covered Product.** The term “Covered Product” means the “Organic Vegan  
6 Protein” including vegan powdered food items/powdered food items and supplements designed,  
7 manufactured, sold, distributed or otherwise made available to, by or for Hammer and its  
8 downstream distributors and retailers.

9 2.3 **Effective Date.** The term “Effective Date” shall mean the date this Consent  
10 Judgment is entered as a Judgment of the Court.

11 2.4 **Listed Chemicals:** The term “Listed Chemicals” shall mean LEAD.

12 2.5 **Notice.** The term “Notice” shall have the meaning given in Section 1.3.

13 2.6 **Releasees.** The terms “Defendant Releasees” and “Downstream Defendant  
14 Releasees” shall have the meanings given in Section 5.1.


15 2.7 **Execution Date.** The term “Execution Date” shall mean the date this Consent  
16 Judgment is signed by the parties

17 **3. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: WARNINGS**

141 3.1 Commencing on the Effective Date, Hammer shall not sell, offer for sale, or ship  
4 for sale in California any Covered Product, unless the Covered Product is accompanied by  
19 warning substantially similar to the following warning statement:  
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21 **WARNING:** Lead - Cancer and Reproductive Harm - [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

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23 **Or**  
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1  **WARNING:** The use of this product can expose you to LEAD, which is a  
2 chemical 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](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

3 3.2 The warning provided pursuant to Section 3.1 shall be affixed to or printed on the  
4 Covered Product's packaging or labeling. The warning shall be prominently affixed to or printed  
5 on the packaging or labeling, and displayed with such conspicuousness, as compared with other  
6 words, statements, or designs as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary  
7 individual under customary conditions of purchase or use. A warning may be contained in the  
8 same section of the packaging or labeling that states other safety warnings, if any, concerning the  
9 use of the product and shall be at least the same size as those other safety warnings, but no less  
10 than 6 point font. The warning shall be accompanied by a symbol consisting of a black  
11 exclamation point in a yellow equilateral triangle with a bold black outline. Where the label for  
12 the product is not printed using the color yellow, the symbol may be printed in black and white.  
13 The symbol shall be placed to the left of the text of the warning, in a size no smaller than the  
14 height of the word "WARNING". To the extent the warning statement used is clear and  
15 reasonable in accordance with Title 27, California Code of Regulations § 25600 *et seq.* (and as  
16 those regulations may hereafter be amended), it will be deemed substantially similar to the  
17 warning statement provided above. Covered Products that were manufactured, packed, or labeled  
141 prior to the Execution Date shall be permitted to be sold as previously manufactured, packed or  
4 labeled.

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20 **4. MONETARY TERMS**

21 4.1 **Penalty.** Hammer shall pay a civil penalty of \$500.00 pursuant to Health and  
22 Safety Code section 25249.7(b), to be apportioned in accordance with California Health & Safety  
23 Code § 25192, with 75% of these funds remitted to the State of California's Office of  
24 Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the remaining 25% of the penalty remitted to  
25 KASAB, as provided by California Health & Safety Code § 25249.12(d). Such payment shall be  
26 made within 5 days of the Effective Date.  
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1           4.2     **Attorney’s Fees.** Hammer agrees to pay reasonable attorney fees, inclusive of all  
2 expenses and costs incurred as a result of investigating, bringing this matter to Hammer’s  
3 attention, litigating and negotiating and obtaining judicial approval of a settlement in the public  
4 interest, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, in an amount of \$12,000.00.  
5 Hammer shall wire KASAB’s counsel the total sum of \$12,500.00 representing the civil penalty  
6 and attorney fees in Sections 4.1 and 4.2 within 5 days following Effective Date, and wire  
7 instruction information from KASAB’s counsel.

8           **5.     RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS**

9           5.1     This consent judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between KASAB  
10 acting in the public interest, and Hammer, its owners, investors employees, directors, officers,  
11 managers, attorneys, parents, shareholders, divisions, subdivisions, subsidiaries, partners, sister  
12 companies, and affiliates, and their successors and assigns including, without limitations to, as  
13 Endurance Marketing Group., Inc (“Defendant Releasees”), and all entities from whom they  
14 obtain and to whom they directly or indirectly distribute or sell Covered Products, including but  
15 not limited to manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, customers, licensors, licensees,  
16 retailers, franchisees, and cooperative members, and their successors and assigns (“Downstream  
17 and Upstream Defendant Releasees”). Upon the Effective Date of this Consent Judgment, and  
141 subject to payment by Hammer of the full settlement amount and compliance with the terms of  
4 this Consent Judgment, KASAB, on behalf of itself, it’s agents, successors, heirs, and assigns,  
19 hereby fully and irrevocably releases and discharges Hammer, the Defendant Releasees, and the  
20 Downstream Defendant Releasees from all claims for violations of Proposition 65 that were, or  
21 which could have been, asserted in the Complaint based on exposure to and/or failure to warn  
22 about Listed Chemicals from Covered Products as set forth in the Notice, with respect to any  
23 Covered Products manufactured, distributed, or sold by Hammer, the Defendant Releasees, and/or  
24 the Downstream Defendant Releasees prior to the Effective Date. Compliance with the terms of  
25 this Consent Judgment constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 with regard to the Covered  
26 Products.

1           5.2     In addition to the foregoing, KASAB, on behalf of itself, it's past and current  
2 agents, representatives, attorneys, and successors and/or assignees, and not in its representative  
3 capacity, hereby waives all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of  
4 legal action and releases any Hammer, Defendant Releasees, and Downstream Defendant  
5 Releasees from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, claims, demands, rights, suits,  
6 obligations, debts, contracts, agreements, promises, liabilities, damages, charges, losses, costs,  
7 expenses, and attorneys' fees, of any nature whatsoever, known or unknown, in law or equity,  
8 fixed or contingent, now or in the future, with respect to any alleged violations of Proposition 65  
9 related to or arising from Covered Products manufactured distributed or sold by Hammer or  
10 Defendant Releasees, or Downstream Defendant Releasees. With respect to the foregoing  
11 waivers and releases in this paragraph, KASAB hereby specifically waives any and all rights and  
12 benefits which she now has, or in the future may have, conferred by virtue of the provisions of  
13 Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:  
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16           **A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE**  
17           **CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO**  
141           **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.**  
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19           5.3     Hammer waives any and all claims against KASAB, its attorneys and other  
20 representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made (or those that could have been  
21 taken or made) by KASAB and its attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of  
22 investigating claims or otherwise seeking enforcement of Proposition 65 against it in this matter,  
23 and/or with respect to Covered Products. This agreement is also intended to be the final and  
24 binding resolution between the parties without relation to time. To the extent permitted by  
25 applicable law, the Releasees hereby expressly waive and release their right to plead any statute  
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1 of limitations as a defense to any claim relating to the Covered Products or any matter covered  
2 under the Parties' agreement and Stipulated Consent Judgment.

3 **6. INTEGRATION**

4 6.1 This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement of the Parties and  
5 any and all prior negotiations and understandings related hereto shall be deemed to have been  
6 merged within it. No representations or terms of agreement other than those contained herein  
7 exist or have been made by any Party with respect to the other Party or the subject matter hereof.

8 **7. GOVERNING LAW**

9 7.1 The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of  
10 California and apply within the State of California. In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed or  
11 is otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to Covered Products, then  
12 Hammer shall provide written notice to KASAB of any asserted change in the law, and shall have  
13 no further obligations pursuant to this Consent Judgment with respect to, and to the extent that,  
14 Covered Products are so affected.

15 **8. ENFORCEMENT**

16 8.1 KASAB may, by motion or application for an order to show cause before the  
17 Superior Court of San Diego County, enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Consent  
141 Judgment. Prior to bringing any motion or application to enforce the requirements of this  
4 Consent Judgment, KASAB shall provide Hammer with a proposed Notice of Violation, and a  
19 copy of any documentary evidence which purportedly supports KASAB's Notice of Violation.  
20 The Parties shall then meet and confer in good faith for a period of at least sixty (60) days  
21 regarding the basis for KASAB's anticipated motion or application in an attempt to resolve it  
22 informally. Should such attempts at informal resolution fail, KASAB may file its enforcement  
23 motion or application. This Consent Judgment may only be enforced by the Parties.

24 **9. NOTICES**

25 9.1 Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notices required to be provided  
26 pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be in writing and personally delivered or sent by: (i)  
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1 first-class, (registered or certified mail) return receipt requested; or (ii) overnight courier on any  
2 party by the other party at the following addresses:

3 For HAMMER:

4 Garth Ward, Esq.  
5 Partner  
6 Lewis Brisbois 550 West C Street, Suite 1700 San Diego, CA 92101

7 And

8 For KASAB:

9 Stephanie Sy, Esq.  
10 Law Office of Stephanie Sy  
11 11622 El Camino Real, Suite 100  
12 San Diego, CA 92130

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

15 **10. COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE SIGNATURES**

16 10.1 This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile, each of  
17 which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and  
18 the same document.

19 **11. COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(f)/COURT**  
20 **APPROVAL**

21 11.1 KASAB agrees to comply with the requirements set forth in California Health &  
22 Safety Code §25249.7(f) and to promptly bring a Motion for Approval of this Consent Judgment  
23 and Hammer agrees it shall support approval of such Motion.

24 11.2 This Consent Judgment shall not be effective until it is approved and entered by  
25 the Court and shall be null and void if, for any reason, it is not approved and entered by the Court  
26 within eighteen months after it has been fully executed by the Parties. In such a scenario, the  
27 Parties agree to meet and confer on how to proceed and if such agreement is not reached within  
30-days, any monies that have been paid pursuant to Section 4 shall be refunded and the case  
shall proceed on its normal course.



1           11.3 If the Court approves this Consent Judgment and is reversed or vacated by an  
2 appellate court, the Parties shall meet and confer as to whether to modify the terms of this  
3 Consent Judgment. If the Parties do not jointly agree on a course of action to take, any monies  
4 that have been paid pursuant to Section 4 shall be refunded within 15 days after remittitur to the  
5 trial court, and the case shall proceed on its normal course on the trial court's calendar.

6           **12. MODIFICATION**

7           12.1 This Consent Judgment may be modified only by express written agreement of the  
8 Parties and the approval of the Court or upon the granting of a motion brought to the Court by  
9 either Party.

10           12.2 Any Party seeking to modify this Consent Judgment shall attempt in good faith to  
11 meet and confer with the other Party prior to filing a motion to modify the Consent Judgment.

12           **13. ATTORNEY'S FEES**

13           13.1 A party who unsuccessfully brings or contests an action arising out of this Consent  
14 Judgment shall be required to pay the prevailing party's reasonable attorney's fees and costs  
15 unless the unsuccessful party has acted with substantial justification. For purposes of this  
16 Consent Judgment, the term substantial justification shall carry the same meaning as used in the  
17 Civil Discovery Act of 1986, Code of Civil Procedure Section 2016, et seq.

141           13.2 Except as otherwise provided in this Consent Judgment, each Party shall bear its  
4 own attorneys' fees and costs.

19           13.3 Nothing in this Section shall preclude a Party from seeking an award of sanctions  
20 pursuant to law.

21           **14. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION**

22           14.1 This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to implement or modify the  
23 Consent Judgment.

24           **15. AUTHORIZATION**

25           15.1 The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment on behalf of  
26 their respective Parties and have read, understood and agree to all of the terms and conditions of  
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this document and certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the Party he or she represents to execute the Consent Judgment on behalf of the Party represented and legally bind that Party. Except as explicitly provided herein each Party is to bear its own fees and costs.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

<p>AGREED TO:</p> <p>Date : _____, 2023</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>On Behalf of KASAB Stephanie Sy Law Office of Stephanie Sy</p>	<p>AGREED TO:</p> <p>Date: _____, 2023</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>On Behalf of Hammer Nutrition Garth Ward, Esq. Partner Lewis Brisbois</p>
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**IT IS HEREBY SO STIPULATED:**

<p><b>AGREED TO:</b></p> <p>Date: <u>10/19/2023</u></p> <p>By: <u></u></p> <p>Keep America Safe And Beautiful</p>	<p><b>AGREED TO:</b></p> <p><i>10/17/2023</i></p> <p>Date: <u></u></p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>Hammer Nutrition</p>
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