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18	KEEP AMERICA SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL,	Case No. CGC-22-599164	
19	Plaintiff,		
20	v.	[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT	
21	VIVE HEALTH LLC; and DOES 1-30,	(Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 et seq. and Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6)	
22	Defendants.		
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CONSENT JUDGMENT

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between plaintiff Keep America Safe and Beautiful ("KASB") and defendant Vive Health LLC ("Vive Health"), with KASB and Vive Health each individually referred to as a "Party" and collectively, as the "Parties," to resolve the allegations in the December 22, 2021 60-Day Notice of Violation in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 et seq. ("Proposition 65").

#### 1.1 The Parties

KASB is a California-based non-profit organization proceeding in the public interest pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d) to ensure that chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm are disclosed or eliminated from consumer products sold in California. Vive Health is a person in the course of doing business for purposes of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.11(b).

## 1.2 Consumer Product Description

KASB alleges that Vive Health manufactures, imports, sells, or distributes for sale in California blood pressure monitors containing di(2ethylhexyl) phthalate ("**DEHP**"), including but not limited to, *Vive Precision Sphygmomanometer, Product Code: DMD1013, UPC: 8 18323 02012 0, ASIN: B01NBMG19W,* without providing the health hazard warning that KASB alleges is required by California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 *et seq.* ("**Proposition 65**"). Blood pressure monitors are referred to hereinafter as the "**Products**." DEHP is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

#### 1.3 Notice of Violation

On December 22, 2021, KASB served Vive Health, the California Attorney General, and the requisite public enforcement agencies with a 60-Day Notice of Violation ("Notice"), alleging Vive Health violated Proposition 65 by failing to warn its customers and consumers in California that the Products can expose users to DEHP. No public enforcer has commenced and is diligently prosecuting an action to enforce the allegations set forth in the Notice.

## 1.4 Complaint

On April 12, 2022, KASB commenced the instant action ("Complaint"), naming Vive Health as a defendant for the alleged violations of Proposition 65 that are the subject of the Notice.

#### 1.5 No Admission

This Consent Judgment resolves claims that are denied and disputed. The Parties enter into this Consent Judgment pursuant to a full and final settlement of any and all claims between the Parties for the purpose of avoiding prolonged litigation. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission by Vive Health of any material allegation in the Notice or the Complaint, or of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law or violation of law of any kind, including without limitation, any admission concerning any alleged or actual violation of Proposition 65 or any other statutory, regulatory, common law, or equitable doctrine, including but not limited to the meaning of the terms "knowingly and intentionally expose" or "clear and reasonable warning" as used in Health and Safety Code section 25249.6. Nothing in this Consent Judgment, nor compliance with its terms, shall constitute or be construed as an admission by Vive Health of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law, or of fault, wrongdoing, or liability by Vive Health, its officers, directors, employees, or parent, subsidiary or affiliated corporations, or be offered or admitted as evidence in any administrative or judicial proceeding or litigation in any court, agency, or forum. This section shall not, however, diminish or otherwise affect Vive Health's obligations, responsibilities, and duties under this Consent Judgment.

#### 1.6 Jurisdiction

For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over Vive Health as to the allegations contained in the Complaint; that venue is proper in San Francisco County; and that the Court has jurisdiction to enter and enforce the provisions of this Consent Judgment, pursuant to Proposition 65 and Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6.

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#### 1.7 Execution Date

The term "Execution Date" means the date all parties have signed this Consent Judgment.

#### 1.8 Effective Date

The term "Effective Date" means the date on which the Court approves this Consent Judgment and enters Judgment pursuant to its terms.

# 2. <u>INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: REFORMULATION OR WARNINGS</u>

#### 2.1 Commitment to Reformulate or Warn

Commencing on the Effective Date and continuing thereafter, all Products Vive Health manufactures, imports, sells, ships, or distributes for sale in or into California, directly or through one or more third party retailers or e-commerce marketplaces, shall meet the Reformulation Standard for Reformulated Products, as defined by Section 2.2, or be accompanied by clear and reasonable warnings pursuant to Section 2.3.

#### 2.2 Reformulation Standard

For purposes of this Consent Judgment, "Reformulated Products" are defined as Products which, if they contain di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate ("DEHP") contain such chemical in a maximum concentration of less than 0.1 percent (1,000 parts per million) when analyzed by a laboratory accredited by the State of California, a federal agency, or a nationally recognized accrediting organization. For purposes of compliance with this reformulation standard, testing samples shall be prepared and extracted using Consumer Product Safety Commission ("CPSC") methodology CPSC CH-C1001.09.3 and analyzed using U.S. Environmental Protection Agency methodology 8270D, or other methodologies utilized by federal or state government agencies to determine phthalate content in a solid substance.

#### 2.3 Clear and Reasonable Warnings

Vive Health shall provide clear and reasonable warnings for all Products provided for sale to customers in California in accordance with this Section pursuant to Title 27 California Code of Regulations § 25600, et seq. Each warning shall be prominently placed 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 before purchase or use and shall be provided in a manner such that it is clearly associated with the specific Product to which the warning applies.

(a) Warning. The Warning shall consist of the following statement:

▲WARNING: This product can expose you to di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), 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.

**(b) Short-Form Warning.** Vive Health may, but is not required to, use the following short- form warning in lieu of the warning set forth in subsection 2.3(a) subject to the additional requirements in Sections 2.3 and 2.4:

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

## (c) Foreign Language Requirement

Where a consumer product sign, label or shelf tag used to provide a warning includes consumer information, as that term is defined in Title 27 California Code of Regulations § 25600.1(c) ("Consumer Information"), in languages other than English, the warning must also be provided in those languages in addition to English.

## 2.4 Product Warnings

Vive Health shall affix a warning to the Product label or otherwise directly on each Product provided for sale to consumers located in California and to customers with retail outlets in California or nationwide distribution. For the purpose of this Consent Judgment, "Product label" means a display of written, printed or graphic material that is printed on or affixed to each of a Product or its immediate container or wrapper. A warning provided pursuant to Section 2.3(a) or (b) must print the word "WARNING:" in all capital letters and in bold font. 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 labeling does not use the color yellow, then the symbol may be in black and white. The entire warning shall appear in a type size of at least 6-point type and no smaller than the largest type size used for other Consumer Information on the Products.

## 2.5 Internet Warnings

If, after the Effective Date, Vive Health sells Products, that are not Reformulated Products, via the internet, through its own website, affiliated websites or a third party website, to consumers located in California or to customers with nationwide distribution or e-commerce websites, Vive Health shall provide warnings for the Products both on the Product label, in accordance with Section 2.4, and by including either the warning or a clearly marked hyperlink using the word "WARNING" on the product display page, or by otherwise prominently displaying the warning to the purchaser prior to completing the purchase. A warning is not prominently displayed if the purchaser must search for it in the general content of the website. Where Vive Health sells, ships, or distributes Products, that are not Reformulated Products, to third-party retailers or e-commerce marketplaces, Vive Health shall advise them of the internet Warning requirements under this Agreement as a condition of sale of the Products.

#### 3. MONETARY SETTLEMENT TERMS

## 3.1 Civil Penalty

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(b), Vive Health agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$3,500 within five (5) days of the Effective Date. Vive Health's civil penalty payment will be allocated according to Health and Safety Code § 25249.12(c)(1) and (d), with seventy-five percent (75%) of the penalty paid to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"), and the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) retained by KASB. Vive Health shall issue its payment in two checks made payable to: (a) "OEHHA" in the amount of \$2,625; and (b) "Seven Hills in Trust for KASB" in the amount of \$875. KASB's counsel shall deliver to OEHHA and KASB their respective portions of the penalty payment.

## 3.2 Reimbursement of Attorneys' Fees and Costs

KASB and its counsel offered to resolve the allegations in the Notice and Complaint without reaching terms on the amount of reimbursement of attorneys' fees and costs. Shortly after the Parties finalized the other material settlement terms, they negotiated and reached an accord on the amount of reimbursement to be paid to KASB's counsel, under general contract principles and the private attorney general doctrine, codified at California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5, for all

work performed through the mutual execution and reporting of this Consent Judgment to the Office of the California Attorney General and entry of Judgment pursuant its terms, but exclusive of fees and costs on appeal, if any. Within five (5) days of the Effective Date, Vive Health shall issue a check in the amount of \$24,900 payable to "Seven Hills LLP" for all fees and other costs incurred investigating, bringing this matter to Vive Health's attention, litigating, negotiating a settlement in the public interest, obtaining the Court's approval of its terms pursuant to Section 5, and reporting to the California Attorney General.

### 3.3 Payments

All payments payable and due under this Consent Judgment shall be delivered to KASB's counsel at the following address:

Seven Hills LLP Attn: Laralei Paras 4 Embarcadero Center, Suite 1400 San Francisco, CA 94111

#### 4. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

### 4.1 KASB's Release of Proposition 65 Claims

This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution of the claims that were or could have been asserted by KASB arising out of the allegations in the Notice and in the Complaint.

KASB, acting on its own behalf, in the public interest, and on behalf of its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors and assignees ("Releasors") releases Vive Health, its past and present owners, shareholders, divisions, related companies, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, sister companies, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, and each entity to whom Vive Health directly or indirectly distributes or sells the Products including, but not limited to, Amazon.com, Inc. and its downstream distributors, Vive Health's downstream distributors, wholesalers, marketplace hosts, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members, and licensees, and the successors and assigns of any of them ("Releasees") based on the failure to provide a clear and reasonable warning under Proposition 65 about alleged exposures to DEHP contained in the Products that were manufactured, processed, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale in California before the Effective Date, as set forth in the Notice and Complaint. The Parties further agree that compliance with Section 2 of this

Consent Judgment shall be deemed compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to alleged exposures to DEHP in the Products.

The Parties understand and agree this Section 4.1 release shall not extend (a) to upstream entities that sold, supplied, or manufactured the Products or any component parts thereof, or any distributors or suppliers who sold the Products or any component parts thereof to Vive Health nor (b) to Releasees who have been instructed by Vive Health, pursuant to Section 2.5, to provide a warning on Products that are not Reformulated Products and have failed to do so.

## 4.2 KASB's Individual Release of Claims

KASB, in its individual capacity only and not in its representative capacity, also hereby provides a release to Vive Health and the Releasees which shall be effective as a full and final accord and satisfaction, as a bar to all actions, causes of actions, obligations, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, losses, claims, liabilities and demands of KASB of any nature, character, or kind arising out of alleged or actual exposures to DEHP in Products manufactured, imported, sold or distributed for sale, in or into the State of California, by Vive Health prior to the Execution Date, as alleged in the Notice and Complaint. The Parties understand and agree that this Section 4.2 release shall not extend upstream to any entities that sold, supplied or manufactured the Products or any component parts thereof to Vive Health. Nothing in this section shall affect KASB's right to commence or prosecute an action under Proposition 65 against a Releasee that does not involve Vive Health's Products.

#### 4.3 Vive Health's Release of KASB

Vive Health, on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against KASB and its attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made (or those that could have been taken or made) by KASB and its attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of investigating claims or otherwise seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against it in this matter with respect to the Products.

# 4.4 Mutual Waiver of 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. Except as provided in Section 4.1, KASB, on behalf of itself and its agents, attorneys, representatives, successors, and assigns, in its respective individual capacity only and not in its representative capacity, and Vive Health, on behalf of itself and its agents, attorneys, representatives, successors, and assigns, 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 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.

## 5. <u>COURT APPROVAL</u>

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(f)(4), KASB shall file a noticed motion for judicial approval of this Consent Judgment. The Parties agree to mutually employ their best efforts, and those of their counsel, to support the entry of a judgment pursuant to the terms of this Consent Judgment, and to judicial approval of their settlement in a timely manner. For purposes of this section, "best efforts" shall include, at a minimum, supporting the motion for approval, responding to any third-party objection, and appearing at the hearing before the Court if so requested.

#### 6. **SEVERABILITY**

If, subsequent to the Court's approval and entry of this Consent Judgment as a judgment, any provision of this Consent Judgment is deemed by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be adversely affected.

# 7. <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>

The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and apply within California. In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed, preempted, or is otherwise

rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to the Products, then Vive Health may provide KASB with written notice of any asserted change in the law, and shall have no further injunctive obligations pursuant to this Consent Judgment, with respect to, and to the extent that, the Products are so affected. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be interpreted to relieve Vive Health from its obligation to comply with any pertinent state or federal law or regulation.

## 8. SERVICE ON THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

KASB shall serve a copy of this Consent Judgment, signed by both parties, on the California Attorney General so that the Attorney General may review this Consent Judgment prior to its submittal to the Court for approval. The hearing on KASB's motion to approve this Consent Judgment shall be no sooner than forty-five (45) days after the Attorney General has received the aforementioned copy of this Consent Judgment.

## 9. NOTICE

Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notice required by this Consent Judgment shall be in writing and sent by: (i) first-class registered or certified mail, return receipt requested; or (ii) a recognized overnight courier to any Party by the other at the following addresses:

For Vive Health: For KASB:

Milord Keshishian, Esq.
Milord & Associates, P.C.
333 S. Hope Street, Suite 4025
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Laralei Paras, Partner
Seven Hills LLP
4 Embarcadero Center, Suite 1400
San Francisco, CA 94111

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

## 10. COUNTERPARTS, FACSIMILE AND PDF SIGNATURES

This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by 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.

## 11. COMPLIANCE WITH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

KASB and its counsel agree to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced in California Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(f).

## 12. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof, and any and all prior discussions, negotiations, commitments, or understandings related thereto, if any, are hereby merged herein and therein. There are no warranties, representations, or other agreements between the Parties except as expressly set forth herein. No representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those specifically referred to in this Consent Judgment have been made by any Party hereto. No other agreements not specifically contained or referenced herein, oral or otherwise, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the Parties hereto.

## 13. MODIFICATION

This Consent Judgment may be modified only by: (i) a written agreement of the Parties and the entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court thereon; or (ii) upon a successful motion of any party and the entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court thereon.

# 14. <u>AUTHORIZATION</u>

The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment on behalf of their respective Parties and have read, understood, and agreed to all of the terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment.

AGREED TO:	AGREED TO:
Date:10/10/2023	Date: 10/7/2023
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