

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

SARA HAMMOND

AND

HANDY SANDY LLC

Sara Hammond (“Hammond”) and Handy Sandy LLC (herein referred to as “HS”) (Hammond and HS are collectively referred to as the “Parties”), enter into this agreement (“Settlement Agreement”) for the purpose of avoiding prolonged and costly litigation to settle Hammond’s allegations that HS violated Proposition 65. The effective date of this Settlement Agreement shall be the date upon which it is fully executed by all Parties hereto (the “Effective Date”).

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Hammond alleges she is an individual who seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals and improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer and industrial products.
- 1.2. HS previously either sold, offered for sale, or imported “REUSABLE BAGS,” including but not limited to the Handy Sandy Reusable Shopping Cart Case Bag SKU_127404266909402999 UPC_0850013349609 (referred to throughout as the “Covered Product”).
- 1.3. On January 1, 1988 the Governor of California added Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (“DEHP”), also known as Diethyl Hexyl Phthalate and Bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, to the list of chemicals known to the State to cause cancer, and on October 24, 2003, the

Governor added DEHP to the list of chemicals known to the State to cause developmental male reproductive toxicity. These additions took place more than twenty (20) months before Hammond served her “Sixty-Day Notice Of Violation Sent in Compliance With California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d)” which is further described below.

- 1.4. DEHP is referred to hereafter as the “Listed Chemical”. California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, *et seq.* is referred to hereafter as “Proposition 65”.
- 1.5. On or about June 24, 2022 Hammond alleges she served HS, Marshalls, TJX and related entities and certain relevant public enforcement agencies with a Sixty-Day Notice of Violation that was sent pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d) alleging the Covered Product contained the Listed Chemical (the “Notice”).
- 1.6. The Notice alleged that HS violated Proposition 65 by failing to warn consumers in California that use of the Covered Products exposed persons to the Listed Chemical.
- 1.7. HS denies all of Hammond’s allegations, and maintains that all products it sold, offered for sale, imported, distributed, and/or manufactured for sale in California are safe and comply with all applicable state and federal laws, including but not limited to Proposition 65.

- 1.8. The Parties enter into this Settlement Agreement to settle disputed claims between them concerning the Parties' and the Covered Products' compliance with Proposition 65 (the "Dispute").
- 1.9. By execution of this Settlement Agreement, the Parties do not admit any facts or conclusions of law against interest, including, but not limited to, any facts or conclusions of law regarding any violation of Proposition 65, or any other statutory, regulatory, common law, or equitable doctrine. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed as an admission against interest by the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement, nor compliance with its terms, shall constitute or be construed, considered, offered, or admitted as evidence of an admission against interest or evidence of fault, wrongdoing, or liability by HS, its officers, directors, managers, members, employees, or parents, subsidiaries or affiliated corporations, licensees, licensors, suppliers, manufacturers, importers, distributors or retailers of its products, in any administrative or judicial proceeding or litigation in any court, agency, or forum. Except for the allegations settled and compromised, nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy, argument, or defense that Hammond or HS may have in any other legal proceeding as to allegations unrelated to the Dispute or claims released herein.

2. Release

- 2.1. This Settlement Agreement is a full, final, and binding resolution between Hammond, acting in her individual capacity, on the one hand, and (a) HS, and its

owners, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, sister and related companies, licensees, licensors, suppliers, manufacturers, importers, employees, shareholders, managers, members, officers, directors, insurers, attorneys, predecessors, successors, and assigns (collectively “Releasees”) and (b) all entities to whom Releasees directly or indirectly provide, distribute, or sell the Covered Product, including but not limited to Marshalls, T.J. Maxx, Marshalls of MA, Inc., The TJX Companies, Inc., and each of their related entities, distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, and cooperative members (“Downstream Releasees”), on the other hand, of any violation(s) or claimed 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 and Downstream Releasees regarding exposing persons to any Proposition 65 listed chemical or the failure to warn about exposure to any Proposition 65 listed chemical, including but not limited to DEHP, arising in connection with the Covered Product sold, offered for sale, manufactured, imported or otherwise distributed by HS up through and including the Effective Date, even if sold by Releasees or Downstream Releasees after the Effective Date (“Released Claims”).

- 2.2. Hammond, on behalf of herself and her past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, hereby waives and releases with respect to the Covered Product all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action, including, without limitation, all actions, and causes of action, in law or in equity, suits, liabilities, demands, obligations, damages, costs,

finances, penalties, losses, or expenses (including, but not limited to, investigation fees, expert fees, and attorneys' fees) (collectively "Claims"), against Releasees and the Downstream Releasees as to the Released Claims.

- 2.3. Hammond acknowledges that she is familiar with Section 1542 of Civil Code, which provides 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.

Hammond, on behalf of herself and her past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees expressly waives and relinquishes any and all rights and benefits which she may have under, or which may be conferred on her by the provisions of California 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 she may lawfully waive such rights or benefits pertaining to the released matters up through and including the Effective Date. The release in this section shall have no force or effect until the full amount of payments set forth below are paid in full.

- 2.4. HS's release of Hammond

HS on its own behalf, and on behalf of its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors and assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against

Hammond and her attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of investigating claims, seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against it in this matter, or with respect to the Covered Product up through and including the Effective Date.

3. **HS's Duties**

- 3.1. Commencing ninety (90) days from the Effective Date ("Compliance Date"), HS shall not sell the Covered Product for distribution in California unless the product is a "Reformulated Covered Product" as defined in Paragraph 3.2 or unless HS provides a Compliant Warning as defined in Paragraph 3.3 for any non-reformulated Covered Product that it sells in California. Compliance with this Settlement Agreement by HS shall constitute compliance under Proposition 65 with regard to Covered products sold, offered for sale, imported, manufactured or otherwise distributed after the Effective Date.
- 3.2. For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, "Reformulated Covered Products" are Covered Products containing no more than 1,000 parts per million (0.1%) DEHP in any accessible component ("accessible component" is defined as any component that could be touched by a person during reasonably foreseeable use). In order to determine compliance with this reformulation standard, HS may rely on third party testing from an accredited laboratory.
- 3.3. The Parties agree that any of the following warnings shall constitute a "Compliant Warning" for the Listed Chemical in the Covered Product:
- (a) the text, "**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” accompanied by and placed to the right of a symbol consisting of a black exclamation point in a yellow equilateral triangle with a bold black outline sized to be no smaller than the word “WARNING” as provided by regulations adopted on or about August 30, 2016;
or

(b) the text, “WARNING: Cancer and Reproductive Harm – www.P65Warnings.ca.gov” accompanied by and placed to the right of a symbol consisting of a black exclamation point in a yellow equilateral triangle with a bold black outline sized to be no smaller than the word “WARNING” as provided by regulations adopted on or about August 30, 2016.

The triangular warning symbol specified in Section 3.3 shall be in yellow with a black exclamation mark; *provided however*, the symbol may be printed in black and white if the Covered Product label is not printed against a yellow background.

- 3.4. The Parties agree that the specifications for Compliant Warnings in this Settlement Agreement comply with Proposition 65 and its regulations as of the date of this Settlement Agreement, and with regulations adopted on or about August 30, 2016 and which become effective August 30, 2018.
- 3.5. If modifications or amendments to Proposition 65 or its “safe harbor” regulations after the Effective Date are adopted as to what constitutes a “clear and reasonable warning,” HS may modify the content and delivery methods of its warnings to

conform to the modified or amended provisions of Proposition 65 or its regulations.

4. **Payments**

4.1. HS agrees to pay a total of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) in eighteen (18) installments per the following schedule, with all payments to be POSTMARKED by the dates indicated below:

- Within 5 days from the Effective Date:
- \$375 payable to OEHHA; \$125 payable to Sara Hammond; \$500 payable to Joseph D. Aglio Law Corporation; On or before August 15, 2023 - \$400 payable to Joseph D. Aglio Law Corporation;
- Each month for 16 months, commencing on September 15, 2023 and through and including November 15, 2024:

\$850 payable to Joseph D. Aglio Law Corporation (\$850 x 16 months = \$13,600; total of all payments - \$375 + \$125 + \$500 + \$400 + \$13,600 = \$15,000).

Should any payment not arrive by 7 days after the POSTMARKED date, Hammond's counsel will contact counsel for HS via email and provide notice that payment has not been made as agreed and if payment is not received within 7 days thereafter, HS will be in default under this Agreement, and all sums remaining will be immediately due. Hammond's counsel will again provide notice via email to counsel for HS that all amounts are immediately due. Failure

to pay the full amount within 10 days after notice to HS'S counsel will result in a breach of this Agreement.

All payments shall be made by check and sent to Hammond's counsel Joseph D. Aglio, Law Corporation, who shall distribute the payments directly to Hammond, OEHHA and/or Joseph D. Aglio, Law Corporation and addressed as follows and as further specified below:

Joseph D. Aglio, Law Corporation
1601 N. Sepulveda Boulevard, # 649
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Hammond agrees that HS shall have no responsibility for any failure by Joseph D. Aglio, Law Corporation to distribute any payments made by HS as set forth herein.

4.1.1. Civil Penalty: HS shall issue two separate checks for a total amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) as penalties pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.12 as follows: (a) one check made payable to the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) in the amount of three hundred and seventy five dollars (\$375.00), representing 75% of the total penalty; and (b) one check to Sara Hammond in the amount of one hundred and twenty five dollars (\$125.00), representing 25% of the total penalty. Additionally, two separate 1099's shall be issued for the above payments. The first 1099 shall be issued to OEHHA, PO Box 4010, Sacramento, CA 95184 (EIN: 68-0284486) in the amount of \$375.00. The second 1099 shall be issued

in the amount of \$125.00 to Sara Hammond be addressed to Sara Hammond C/O Joseph D. Agliozzo, Law Corporation and shall be delivered to Joseph D. Agliozzo, Law Corporation, 1601 N. Sepulveda, #649, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. Hammond's counsel shall provide HS with a W-9 for Hammond and OEHHA on or before the Effective Date.

4.1.2. **Attorneys' Fees and Costs:** A total of fourteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$14,500.00) shall be paid to Joseph D. Agliozzo, Law Corporation as Hammond's attorney, for reasonable investigation fees and costs, attorneys' fees, and other costs incurred as a result of investigating and bringing this matter to HS's attention. Hammond's counsel shall provide HS with a W-9 for Joseph D. Agliozzo, Law Corporation on or before the Effective Date.

5. **Public Benefit.** It is HS's understanding that the commitments it has agreed to herein, and actions to be taken by HS under this Settlement Agreement 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 HS that to the extent any other private party serves a notice and/or initiates an action alleging a violation of Proposition 65 with respect to HS alleged failure to provide a warning concerning actual or alleged exposure to DEHP from use of the Covered Products it has 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 Covered Products addressed in this Settlement Agreement, provided that HS is in material compliance with this Settlement Agreement.

6. Authority to Enter Into Settlement Agreement

6.1. Hammond represents that she has full authority to enter into and legally bind Hammond to this Settlement Agreement.

6.2. The person signing this Settlement Agreement on behalf of HS represents and warrants that he/she has been granted full authority to enter into and legally bind HS to this Settlement Agreement.

7. Report of the Settlement Agreement to the Office of the Attorney General of California

Hammond shall report this Settlement Agreement to the Attorney General's Office within five (5) days of the Effective Date of this Settlement Agreement.

8. Execution in Counterparts and Facsimile

This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts, which taken together shall be deemed to constitute the same document. A facsimile or portable document format (PDF) signature shall be as valid as the original as an electronic record executed and adopted by a Party with the intent to sign the electronic record pursuant to California Civil Code §§ 1633.1-1633.17.

9. Entire Agreement

This Settlement Agreement contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and all related prior discussions,

negotiations, commitments, and understandings. No other promises or agreements, oral or otherwise, exist to bind any of the Parties or are being relied on by any of the Parties in connection with the execution of this Settlement Agreement.

10. Modification of Settlement Agreement

Any modification to this Settlement Agreement shall be in writing and signed by the Parties.

11. Application of Settlement Agreement

This Settlement Agreement shall apply to, be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, Hammond and the Releasees and Downstream Releasees identified in Section 2 above.

12. Enforcement of Settlement Agreement

If one Party alleges the other Party is in breach of this Settlement Agreement, that Party shall notify the other party. The Parties agree to meet and confer in good faith for a period of up to thirty days from the initial notice to attempt to resolve the allegation. If informal efforts fail, any party may file suit before the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in this Settlement Agreement, 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 proceeding. This Settlement Agreement may be enforced exclusively by the Parties hereto.

13. Notification Requirements

Any notice required or permitted hereunder shall be effective only if given in writing and delivered in person, or via certified or registered mail return receipt requested, or via traceable overnight delivery service, to the following designees:

For Hammond:

Joseph D. Agliozzo
Law Office of Joseph D. Agliozzo
1601 N. Sepulveda Boulevard, #649
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

For HS:

Sandy Liang
HS, LLC
96 Linwood Plz 356
Fort Lee, NJ 07024

With a copy to Counsel for HS:

Jacob P. Wilson, Esq.
Conkle, Kremer, & Engel, PLC
3130 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 500
Santa Monica, CA 90403

Any party may change its designee(s) for purposes of notification by providing written notice of such change pursuant to this section. Courtesy notices via email to counsel may be provided.

14. Severability

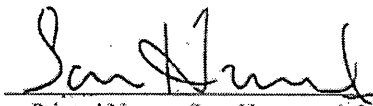
If, subsequent to the execution of this Settlement Agreement, any of the provisions of this Settlement Agreement are held by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the enforceable provisions remaining shall not be adversely affected.

15. Governing Law

The terms of this Settlement Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and shall apply only to Covered Products sold to a California consumer. In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed, preempted or is otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to the Listed Chemical and/or the Covered Product, then HS shall provide written notice to Hammond 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, the Covered Product is so affected.

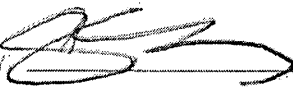
SARA HAMMOND

Date: August 3, 2023

By: 
Printed Name: Sara Hammond

HANDY SANDY LLC

Date: 8/4/2023

By: 
Printed Name: SANDY LIANG
Title: PRESIDENT