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10 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

12 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
13 ADVOCATES, INC.,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 LA TAPATIA TORTILLERIA, INC., a  
California corporation, and DOES 1 through  
17 100, inclusive,

18 Defendants.

Case No. 22CV020976

**[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT**

(Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 *et seq.* and  
Code Civ. Proc. § 664.6)

1     **1. INTRODUCTION**

2             **1.1 Parties**

3             This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between Environmental Health Advocates, Inc.,  
4     (“EHA” or “Plaintiff”) and La Tapatia Tortilleria, Inc. (“Defendant” or “La Tapatia”) with EHA and  
5     La Tapatia each individually referred to as a “Party” and collectively referred to as the “Parties.”

6             **1.2 Plaintiff**

7             EHA is a corporation organized in the state of California, acting in the interest of the general  
8     public. It seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals and to improve human health by  
9     reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer products.

10            **1.3 Defendant**

11            La Tapatia employs ten or more individuals and for purposes of this Consent Judgment only, is  
12    a “person in the course of doing business” for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic  
13    Enforcement Act of 1986, Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 et seq. (“Proposition 65”).

14            **1.4 General Allegations**

15            EHA alleges that La Tapatia manufactures, imports, sells, and distributes for sale Golden Sun  
16    Spinach Low Carb Wraps that contain lead. EHA further alleges that La Tapatia does so without  
17    providing a sufficient health hazard warning as required by Proposition 65 and related Regulations. La  
18    Tapatia denies these allegations and asserts that its products are safe and in compliance with all  
19    applicable laws, rules and regulations.

20            **1.5 Notice of Violation**

21            On or around July 27, 2022, EHA served Defendant La Tapatia, the California Attorney  
22    General, and all other required public enforcement agencies with a 60-Day Notice of Violation of  
23    Proposition 65 (“Notice”). The Notice alleged that La Tapatia had violated Proposition 65 by failing to  
24    sufficiently warn consumers in California of the health hazards associated with exposures to lead  
25    contained in tortilla wrap products, including but not limited to Golden Sun Spinach Low Carb Wraps  
26    manufactured or processed by La Tapatia that allegedly contain lead and are imported, sold, shipped,  
27    delivered, or distributed for sale to consumers in California by Releasees (as defined in section 4.1).

28            No public enforcer has commenced or is otherwise prosecuting an action to enforce the

1 violations alleged in the Notice.

2 **1.6 Product Description**

3 The products covered by this Consent Judgment are tortilla wrap products, including but not  
4 limited to Golden Sun Spinach Low Carb Wraps manufactured or processed by La Tapatia that  
5 allegedly contain lead and are imported, sold, shipped, delivered, or distributed for sale to consumers  
6 in California by Releasees (as defined in section 4.1) (“Covered Products”).

7 **1.7 State of the Pleadings**

8 On or around November 2, 2022, EHA filed a Complaint against La Tapatia for the alleged  
9 violations of Proposition 65 that are the subject of the Notice (“Complaint”).

10 **1.8 No Admission**

11 La Tapatia denies the material factual and legal allegations of the Notice and Complaint and  
12 maintains that all of the products it has manufactured, imported, sold, and/or distributed for sale in  
13 California, including Covered Products, have been, and are, in compliance with all applicable laws,  
14 rules and regulations. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission of any fact,  
15 finding, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with this Consent  
16 Judgment be construed as an admission of any fact, finding, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation  
17 of law. This Section shall not, however, diminish or otherwise affect La Tapatia's obligations,  
18 responsibilities, and duties under this Consent Judgment.

19 **1.9 Jurisdiction**

20 For purposes of this Consent Judgment and the Complaint only, the Parties stipulate that this  
21 Court has jurisdiction over La Tapatia as to the allegations in the Complaint, that venue is proper in the  
22 County of Alameda, and that the Court has jurisdiction to enter and enforce the provisions of this  
23 Consent Judgment pursuant to Proposition 65 and Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6.

24 **1.10 Effective Date**

25 For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term “Effective Date” means the date on which this  
26 Consent Judgment is approved by the Court, as discussed in Section 5.

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1           **1.11 Compliance Date**

2           For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term “Compliance Date” means 30 days from the  
3 date on which this Consent Judgment is approved and entered as a judgment of the Court, as discussed  
4 in Section 5.

5           **2. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

6           **2.1 Reformulation of the Covered Products**

7           Beginning on or before the Compliance Date, La Tapatia shall be permanently enjoined from  
8 manufacturing, distributing, or directly selling in the State of California, any Covered Product that  
9 exposes a person to a “Daily Lead Exposure Level” of more than 0.5 micrograms of lead based on a  
10 single serving per day unless such Covered Products comply with the warning requirements of Section  
11 2.2. The “Daily Lead Exposure Level” shall be calculated by multiplying the recommended serving  
12 size in Covered Product by the concentration of lead in Covered Products. As used in this Section 2,  
13 “distributed for sale in CA” means to directly ship Covered Products into California or to sell Covered  
14 Products to a distributor La Tapatia knows will sell Covered Products in California pursuant to Cal.  
15 Code Regs. Tit. 27 § 25607.1.

16           **2.2 Clear and Reasonable Warnings**

17           For Covered Products that contain lead in a concentration exceeding the Reformulation  
18 Standard set forth in section 2.1 above, and which are distributed or directly sold by La Tapatia in the  
19 State of California on or after the Compliance Date, La Tapatia shall provide one of the following  
20 warning statements.

21           **Option 1:**

22                   **WARNING:** Consuming this product can expose you to chemicals  
23 including Lead, which are known to the State of California to cause  
24 cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more  
information, go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/food](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/food).

25           **Option 2:**

26                   **WARNING:** Cancer and Reproductive Harm –  
[www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/food](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/food).

27           This warning statement shall be enclosed in a box and prominently displayed on the Covered  
28 Products, on the packing of the Covered Products, or on a placard, shelf tag, or sign provided that the

1 statement is displayed with such conspicuousness, as compared with other words, statements, or  
2 designs as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual prior to sale. If the  
3 warning statement is displayed on the Covered Products' packaging, it must be in a type size no smaller  
4 than the largest type size used for other consumer information on the product. In no case shall a warning  
5 statement displayed on the Covered Products' packaging appear in a type size smaller than 6-point  
6 type. If the Covered Products' packaging contains consumer information in a foreign language, a  
7 warning statement in that language is required.

8 As set forth in Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27, § 25602(b), to the extent Covered Products are sold  
9 online, a warning that complies with the content requirements of Cal. Code Regs Tit. 27, § 25603(a)  
10 must be provided by including either the warning or a clearly marked hyperlink using the word  
11 "WARNING" on the product display page, or by otherwise prominently displaying the warning to the  
12 purchaser prior to completing the purchase. If an on-product warning is provided pursuant to Cal. Code  
13 Regs. Tit. 27, § 25603(a), the warning provided on the website may use the same content as the on-  
14 product warning. For purposes of this section, a warning is not prominently displayed if the purchaser  
15 must search for it in the general content of the website. These requirements extend to any websites under  
16 the exclusive control of La Tapatia where Covered Products are sold into California. In addition, La  
17 Tapatia shall instruct any third-party website to which it directly sells its Covered Products to include  
18 the same online warning, as set forth above, as a condition of selling the Covered Products in California.

### 19 **2.3 Sell-Through Period**

20 Notwithstanding anything else in this Consent Judgment, Covered Products that are  
21 manufactured, packaged, or put into commerce on or after the date this Agreement is executed shall be  
22 subject to the release of liability pursuant to this Consent Judgment, without regard to when such  
23 Covered Products were, or are in the future, distributed or sold to customers. As a result, the obligations  
24 of La Tapatia, or any Releasees (if applicable), stated in this Section 2 do not apply to Covered Products  
25 manufactured, packaged, or put into commerce between the date this Agreement is executed and the  
26 Effective Date.

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1 **3. MONETARY SETTLEMENT TERMS**

2 **3.1 Settlement Amount**

3 La Tapatia shall pay sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) in settlement and total satisfaction of  
4 all the claims referred to in the Notice(s), the Complaint, and this Consent Judgment. This includes  
5 civil penalties in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) pursuant to Health and Safety Code  
6 section 25249.7(b) and attorneys' fees and costs in the amount of fifty-five thousand dollars  
7 (\$55,000.00) pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5.

8 **3.2 Civil Penalty**

9 The portion of the settlement attributable to civil penalties shall be allocated according to Health  
10 and Safety Code section 25249.12(c)(1) and (d), with seventy-five percent (75%) of the penalty paid  
11 to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"), and the remaining  
12 twenty-five percent (25%) of the penalty paid to EHA individually. The five thousand dollars  
13 (\$5,000.00) in civil penalties shall be paid as follows:

- 14 • One payment of \$3,750.00 to OEHHA, due fourteen (14) days after the Effective Date.
- 15 • One payment of \$1,250.00 to EHA, due fourteen (14) days after the Effective date.

16 All payments owed to EHA shall be delivered to the following address:

17  
18 Isaac Fayman  
19 Environmental Health Advocates  
20 225 Broadway, Suite 2100  
21 San Diego, CA 92101

22 All payments owed to OEHHA (EIN: 68-0284486) shall be delivered directly to OEHHA  
(Memo Line "Prop 65 Penalties") at the following addresses:

23 For United States Postal Service Delivery:

24 Mike Gyurics  
25 Fiscal Operations Branch Chief  
26 Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment  
27 P.O. Box 4010  
28 Sacramento, CA 95812-4010

For Federal Express 2-Day Delivery:

Mike Gyurics  
Fiscal Operations Branch Chief

Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

La Tapatia agrees to provide EHA's counsel with a copy of the check payable to OEHHA, simultaneous with its penalty payment to EHA.

Plaintiff and its counsel will provide completed IRS 1099, W-9, or other tax forms as required. Relevant information is set out below:

- "Environmental Health Advocates, Inc." (EIN: 84-2322975) at the address provided above.
- "Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment" 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

All payments referenced in this section shall be paid within fourteen (14) days of the date the Court approves EHA's motion to approve this Consent Judgment.

**3.3 Attorney's Fees and Costs**

The portion of the settlement attributable to attorneys' fees and costs shall be paid to EHA's counsel, who are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs incurred by it in this action, including but not limited to investigating potential violations, bringing this matter to La Tapatia's attention, as well as litigating and negotiating a settlement in the public interest.

La Tapatia shall provide its payment for civil penalty and for attorneys' fees and costs to EHA's counsel by physical check or by electronic means, including wire transfers, at La Tapatia's discretion, in the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000.00). The fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000.00) in Attorneys' Fees and Costs shall be payable to Entorno Law, LLP as eleven monthly installments of \$5,000.00. The initial installment shall be due thirty (30) days after the Effective Date. The remaining monthly installments shall be sent to Entorno Law, LLP on or before the tenth calendar day of each month.

The attorney fee payments shall be made payable to Entorno Law, LLP. The address for this entity is:

Noam Glick  
Entorno Law, LLP  
225 Broadway, Suite 1900  
San Diego, CA 92101

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1 **4. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASE**

2 **4.1 EHA’s Public Release of Proposition 65 Claims**

3 Plaintiff, acting on its own behalf and in the public interest, releases La Tapatia, and its parents,  
4 subsidiaries, affiliated entities under common ownership or control, its directors, officers, principals,  
5 agents, employees, attorneys, insurers, accountants, predecessors, successors, and assigns (“Defendant  
6 Entities”), each entity to whom Defendant directly or indirectly distributes, ships, or sells the Covered  
7 Products, including but not limited to downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers  
8 (including but not limited to Sol De Oro), and marketplaces franchisees, franchisors, cooperative  
9 members, suppliers, licensees, licensors, upstream ingredient suppliers and distributors, and all of the  
10 foregoing entities’ owners, directors, officers, agents, principals, employees, attorneys, insurers,  
11 accountants, representatives, predecessors, successors, and assigns (collectively referred to as the  
12 “Releasees”) from all claims for violations of Proposition 65 up through the Effective Date based on  
13 exposure to lead from Covered Products as set forth in the Notice(s). Compliance with the terms of this  
14 Consent Judgment constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to exposures to lead from  
15 Covered Products as set forth in the Notice(s). This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding  
16 resolution of all claims under Proposition 65 that were or could have been asserted against La Tapatia  
17 and/or Releasees for failure to comply with Proposition 65 for alleged exposure to lead from Covered  
18 Products. This release does not extend to any third-party retailers selling the product on a website who,  
19 after receiving instruction from La Tapatia to include a warning as set forth above in section 2.2, do  
20 not include such a warning.

21 **4.2 EHA’s Individual Release of Claims**

22 EHA, in its individual capacity, also provides a release to La Tapatia and/or Releasees, which  
23 shall be a full and final accord and satisfaction of, as well as a bar to, all actions, causes of action,  
24 obligations, costs, expenses, attorneys’ fees, damages, losses, claims, liabilities, and demands of every  
25 nature, character, and kind, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, arising out of  
26 alleged or actual exposures to lead in Covered Products manufactured, imported, sold, or distributed  
27 by La Tapatia before the Effective Date.

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1           **4.3     La Tapatia’s Release of EHA**

2           La Tapatia on its own behalf, and on behalf of Releasees as well as its past and current agents,  
3 representatives, attorneys, successors, and assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against EHA  
4 and its attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made by EHA  
5 and its attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of investigating claims, otherwise  
6 seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against them, in this matter or with respect to the Covered Products.

7           **4.4     No Other Known Claims or Violations**

8           EHA and EHA’s counsel affirm that they are not presently aware of any actual or alleged  
9 violations of Proposition 65 by La Tapatia or for which La Tapatia bears legal responsibility other  
10 than those that are fully resolved by this Consent Judgment.

11          **5.     COURT APPROVAL**

12           This Consent Judgment is not effective until it is approved by the Court and shall be null and  
13 void if it is not approved by the Court within one year after it has been fully executed by the Parties, or  
14 by such additional time as the Parties may agree to in writing.

15          **6.     SEVERABILITY**

16           Subsequent to the Court’s approval and entry of this Consent Judgment, if any provision is held  
17 by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be adversely affected.

18          **7.     GOVERNING LAW**

19           The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the state of California as  
20 applied within the state of California. In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed, or is otherwise  
21 rendered inapplicable for reasons, including but not limited to changes in the law; or in the event the  
22 California Office of Health Hazard Assessment adopts a regulation or safe use determination, or issues  
23 an interpretive guideline that exempts Covered Products from meeting the requirements of Proposition  
24 65; or if lead cases are permanently enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction; or if Proposition 65  
25 is determined to be preempted by federal law or a burden on First Amendment rights with respect to  
26 lead in Covered Products or Covered Products substantially similar to Covered Products, then La  
27 Tapatia may seek relief from the injunctive obligations imposed by this Consent Judgment to the extent  
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1 any Covered Products are so affected by modifying the agreement via the mechanisms set forth in  
2 Section 12.

3 **8. ENFORCEMENT**

4 In any action to enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment, the prevailing party shall be entitled  
5 to its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

6 **9. NOTICE**

7 Unless otherwise specified herein, all correspondence and notice required by this Consent  
8 Judgment shall be in writing and sent by: (i) personal delivery; (ii) first-class, registered, or certified  
9 mail, return receipt requested; or (iii) a recognized overnight courier; and (iv) with a copy by email; to  
10 the following addresses:

11 If to La Tapatia:

12 Brian M. Ledger  
13 Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani  
14 101 W. Broadway, Suite 2000  
San Diego, CA 92101  
bledger@grsm.com

If to EHA:

Noam Glick  
Entorno Law, LLP  
225 Broadway, Suite 2100  
San Diego, CA 92101  
noam@entornolaw.com

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

17 **10. COUNTERPARTS; DIGITAL SIGNATURES**

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

21 **11. POST EXECUTION ACTIVITIES**

22 EHA agrees to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced in Health and Safety  
23 Code section 25249.7(f). The Parties further acknowledge that, pursuant to Health and Safety Code  
24 section 25249.7(f), a noticed motion is required to obtain judicial approval of the settlement, which  
25 motion EHA shall draft and file. In furtherance of obtaining such approval, the Parties agree to mutually  
26 employ their reasonable best efforts, including those of their counsel, to support the entry of this  
27 agreement as judgment, and to obtain judicial approval of their settlement in a timely manner. For  
28 purposes of this Section, "best efforts" shall include, at a minimum, supporting the motion for approval,

1 responding to any objection that any third-party may make, and appearing at the hearing before the  
2 Court if so requested.

3 **12. MODIFICATION**

4 This Consent Judgment may be modified by: (i) a written agreement of the Parties and entry of  
5 a modified consent judgment thereon by the Court; or (ii) a successful motion or application of any  
6 Party, and the entry of a modified consent judgment thereon by the Court.

7 **13. AUTHORIZATION**

8 The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment and acknowledge that they  
9 have read, understand, and agree to all of the terms and conditions contained herein.

10 **14. GOOD FAITH ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE DISPUTES**

11 If a dispute arises with respect to either Party's compliance with the terms of this Consent  
12 Judgment entered by the Court, the Parties shall meet and confer in person, or by telephone, and/or in  
13 writing and endeavor to resolve the dispute in an amicable manner. No action or motion may be filed  
14 in the absence of such a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute beforehand.

15 **15. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

16 This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the Parties  
17 with respect to the entire subject matter herein, and any and all prior discussions, negotiations,  
18 commitments, and understandings related hereto. No representations, oral or otherwise, express or  
19 implied, other than those contained herein have been made by any Party. No other agreements, oral or  
20 otherwise, unless specifically referred to herein, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any Party.

21 **AGREED TO:**

**AGREED TO:**

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23 Date: October 1, 2024

Date: 10/11/2024

24 By: 

24 By: 

25 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
26 ADVOCATES, INC.

25 LA TAPATIA TORTILLERIA, INC.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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