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16 17	CENTER FOR ADVANCED PUBLIC AWARENESS,	Case No. 23CV419667	
18	Plaintiff,	[PROPOSED]	
19	V.	CONSENT JUDGMENT	
20	BYMM CORPORATION DBA KLEANCOLOR, et al.	(Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 et seq. and Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6)	
21	Defendant.		
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### 1. **INTRODUCTION**

This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between plaintiff Center for Advanced Public Awareness ("CAPA") and defendant Bymm Corporation dba Kleancolor ("Kleancolor"), with CAPA and Kleancolor each individually referred to as a "Party" and collectively, as the "Parties," to resolve the allegations in the September 19, 2022 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** 

9 CAPA is a California-based non-profit organization alleging it proceeds in the public interest pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d) to ensure that chemicals known to the 10 State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm are disclosed in or 12 eliminated from consumer products sold in California. CAPA alleges Kleancolor is a person in the 13 course of doing business for purposes of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.11(b).

#### 1.2 **Consumer Product Description**

15 CAPA alleges that Kleancolor manufactures, imports, sells, and distributes for sale in California glass bottles with exterior decoration containing the heavy metal, Lead, including, but not 16 limited to, KLEANCOLOR Nail Lacquer, 204 Neon Lime, #DGTT25FM, without providing the health 18 hazard warning that CAPA alleges is required by California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 et seq. 19 ("Proposition 65"). Glass bottles with exterior decoration are referred to hereinafter as the 20 "Products." Lead is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm.

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# **Notice of Violation**

23 On September 19, 2022, CAPA served Kleancolor, the California Attorney General, and the requisite public enforcement agencies with a 60-Day Notice of Violation ("Notice"), alleging 24 25 Kleancolor violated Proposition 65 by failing to warn its customers and consumers in California that 26 its Products can expose users to Lead. No public enforcer has commenced and is diligently 27 prosecuting an action to enforce the allegations in the Notice.

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### **Commencement of Litigation**

On July 24, 2023, CAPA filed a complaint against Kleancolor in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Santa Clara ("Court"), bearing case number 23CV419667, for the alleged violations subject of the Notice (the "Action").

### 1.5 **No Admission**

Kleancolor denies the factual and legal allegations contained in the Notice and Complaint 6 7 and maintains that all products it sold or distributed for sale in California, including the Products, 8 have been, and are, in compliance with all laws. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall constitute 9 or be construed as, nor shall compliance with this Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as, an admission by Kleancolor of any fact, finding, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law. 10 This section shall not, however, diminish or otherwise affect Kleancolor's obligations, responsibilities, and duties under this Consent Judgment. 12

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### Jurisdiction

For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction to approve and enforce the provisions of this Consent Judgment, pursuant to Proposition 65 and Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6.

1.7 **Effective Date** 

For purposes of this Agreement, "Effective Date" shall mean the date on which the Court approves this Consent Judgment and enters Judgment pursuant to its terms.

- 2. **INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: REFORMULATION**
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#### 2.1 **Remediation and Compliance**

22 Commencing upon the Effective Date and continuing thereafter, all Products Kleancolor 23 manufactures, imports, sells, ships, or distributes for sale in or into California, directly or through 24 one or more third party retailers or e-commerce marketplaces, shall either (a) meet the 25 Reformulation Standard as defined by Section 2.2, or (b) comply with the Warning Label 26 Requirements as defined by Section 2.3.

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## 2.2 Reformulation Standard

For purposes of this Agreement, "Reformulated Products" are defined as those Products:

2.2.1 containing no more than 0.009% or 90 parts per million Lead in any decoration, description, artwork and/or design on the exterior surface when analyzed pursuant to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") testing methodologies 3050B and 6020A or equivalent methodologies utilized by federal or state agencies for the purpose of determining Lead content in a solid substance; and

2.2.2 yielding a test result of no more than 1.0 microgram of Lead on any exterior
 surface covered with a decoration, description, artwork and/or design when sampled pursuant to the
 NIOSH 9100 testing protocol and analyzed pursuant to EPA 3050B and 6020A.

If the decoration is tested after it is affixed to the Product, the percentage of the Lead by weight must relate only to the decorating materials and must not include any quantity of Lead attributable to non-decorating material, e.g., glass substrate.

# 2.3 Interim Clear and Reasonable Warnings

Kleancolor shall provide clear and reasonable warnings for all Products that are not Reformulated Products 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. The Warning for Lead in excess of the Reformulation Standard for set forth in Section 2.2 shall consist of the following statement:

▲WARNING: This product can expose you to Lead, which is known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

# 2.3.1 Product Warnings

Kleancolor shall affix a warning to the Product label or otherwise directly on Products, that are not Reformulated Products, provided for sale to consumers located in California and to customers

with retail outlets in California, e-commerce platforms or nationwide distribution. For the purpose of this agreement, "Product label" means a display of written, printed or graphic material printed on or affixed to each of the Products or its immediate container or wrapper. A warning provided pursuant to section 2.3 must print the word "WARNING:" in all capital letters and in bold font. The warning 4 symbol to the left of the word "WARNING:" must be a black exclamation point in a yellow 6 equilateral triangle with a black outline, except if the labeling does not use the color yellow, the symbol may be in black and white. The entire warning shall appear in at least 6-point type and no smaller than the largest type size used for other consumer information on the Products. Where a consumer product label used to provide a warning includes consumer information in language(s) other than English, the warning must also be provided in the other language(s) in addition to English. 10

## 2.3.2 Internet Warnings

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If, after the Effective Date, Kleancolor 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 and e-commerce websites, Kleancolor shall provide warnings for each Product both on the Product label in accordance with Section 2.3.1, and by prominently displaying, or requiring the warning to be prominently displayed on affiliated websites, third party websites or by retail customers, to the consumer during the purchase of the Products without requiring customers to seek out the warning. The warning or a clearly marked hyperlink to the warning using the word "WARNING" given in conjunction with the sale of the Products via the internet shall appear either: (a) on the same web page on which the Products are displayed; (b) on the same web page as the virtual cart displaying the Products; (c) on the same page as the price for the Products; or (d) on one or more web pages displayed to a purchaser during the checkout process. The warning shall appear in any of the above instances adjacent to or immediately following the display, description, or price of the Products for which it is given in the same type size or larger than other consumer information provided for the Products. For third-party websites, as a condition of sale, Kleancolor shall notify the sellers the Products must be accompanied by a warning, prior to and as a condition of sale, in or into California, and shall supply the warning requirements, pursuant to this Section 2.

### 2.4 Customer Notification

Within five (5) business days of Effective Date, Kleancolor shall send a letter, electronic or otherwise ("**Notification Letter**") to: (a) each customer in California to which it supplied Products that are not Reformulated Products between September 19, 2021 and January 1, 2022; and (b) any other customer that is a retailer or distributor that has any inventory of Products that are not Reformulated Products, which Kleancolor supplied between September 19, 2019 and January 1, 2022, for sale to consumers in California. The Notification Letter shall advise the recipient that the Products contain Lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. The Notification letter shall inform the recipient that all Products must either (a) be returned to Kleancolor for a full refund or (b) have a label compliant Warning Label Requirement as defined by Section 2.3 If the customer is a retailer or distributor of the Products, the Notification Letter shall include a sheet of white background, adhesive stickers with the forgoing warning statement.

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# MONETARY SETTLEMENT TERMS

# 3.1 Civil Penalty

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(b), Kleancolor agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$10,000 within five (5) business days of the Effective Date. Kleancolor'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 CAPA. Kleancolor shall issue its payment in two checks made payable to: (a) "OEHHA" in the amount of \$7,500; and (b) "Center for Advanced Public Awareness" in the amount of \$2,500. CAPA's counsel shall deliver to OEHHA and CAPA their respective portion of the penalty payment.

# 3.2 Reimbursement of Attorneys' Fees and Costs

CAPA and its counsel offered to resolve the allegations in the Notice 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 CAPA'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 Agreement to the Office of the
 California Attorney General pursuant to Section 9. Within five (5) days of the Effective Date,
 Kleancolor agrees to reimburse CAPA and its counsel \$28,500 of the fees and costs incurred in
 investigating this matter to, filing the Action, and negotiating a settlement in the public interest in the
 form of a check payable to "Seven Hills LLP."

# 3.3 Payments

Within five (5) business days of the Effective Date, Kleancolor shall remit all payments due and payable under this Consent Judgment ("Payment") to CAPA's counsel at the following address:

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

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# **CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED**

# 4.1 CAPA's Release of Proposition 65 Claims

15 This Consent Judgment is a full, final and binding resolution between CAPA, acting on its own behalf and in the public interest, and Kleancolor, of any violation of Proposition 65 that was or 16 17 could have been asserted by CAPA on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, 18 attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, against Kleancolor, its directors, officers, employees, 19 attorneys, and each entity to whom Kleancolor directly or indirectly distributes or sells Products, 20 including, but not limited to, downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, 21 cooperative members, and licensees (collectively, "Releasees"), from all claims for violations of 22 Proposition 65 based on their failure to warn about alleged exposures to the heavy metal, Lead, 23 contained in the Products that were manufactured, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale by 24 Kleancolor in California before the Effective Date, as alleged in the Notice.

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# 4.2 CAPA's Individual Release of Claims

In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, CAPA as an
individual and not n its representative capacity, on behalf of itself, its past and current agents,
representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, hereby waives all of CAPA's rights to

institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and releases all claims that CAPA may have, including, without limitation, all actions, and causes of action, in law or in equity, 3 suits, liabilities, demands, obligations, damages, costs, fines, penalties, losses, or expenses including, but not exclusively, investigation fees, expert fees, and attorneys' fees arising under Proposition 65 4 with respect to Lead in the Products manufactured, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale by Kleancolor, before the Effective Date (collectively, "Claims"), against Kleancolor and Releasees. 6

The Parties understand and agree these Sections 4.1 and 4.2 releases shall neither extend 8 upstream to any 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 Kleancolor nor extend to Releasees who have been instructed by Kleancolor pursuant to Section 2.3.2 or Section 2.4 to provide a warning on Products that are not Reformulated Products and have failed to do so.

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#### 4.3 **Kleancolor's Release of CAPA**

Kleancolor, on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against CAPA 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 CAPA 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.

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#### 4.3 Waiver of Rights Under Section 1542

The Parties expressly understand and acknowledge that it is possible that unknown losses or 22 claims exist or that present losses may have been underestimated in amount or severity. The Parties 23 explicitly took that possibility into account in entering into this Consent Judgment, and a portion of the consideration and the mutual covenants contained in this Consent Judgment, having been 24 bargained for between the Parties with the knowledge of the possibility of such losses or claims, was 25 26 given in exchange for a full accord satisfaction, and discharge of all such losses or claims. 27 Consequently, the Parties expressly waive all rights under California Civil Code section 1542, which 28 provides that:

"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. **COURT APPROVAL**

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Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(f)(4), CAPA 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. **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.

### 8. **GOVERNING LAW**

22 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 Kleancolor may provide 25 CAPA with written notice of any asserted change in the law, and shall have no further injunctive 26 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 Kleancolor from its 28 obligation to comply with any pertinent state or federal law or regulation.

### 9. **NOTICE**

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Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notice required by this Consent Judgment shall be in writing and sent by electronic mail where applicable and either 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:

6	For Kleancolor:	For CAPA:
7	Brandon Kim, CEO	Laralei Paras, Partner
8	Bymm Corporation dba Kleancolor 1380 W. Mission Blvd. Ontario, CA 91762	Seven Hills LLP 4 Embarcadero Center, Suite 1400 San Francisco, CA 94111
9	Ontario, CA 31702	Email: laralei@sevenhillsllp.com
10	With a copy to:	
10	Eric J. Goodman, Esq.	
11	Goodman Mooney LLP 18012 Cowan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	
12	Irvine, CA 92614	
13	Any Party may, from time to time, specify in writi	ng to the other Party a change of address to

o which all notices and other communications shall be sent. 14

### **COMPLIANCE WITH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS** 10.

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

#### 18 11. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

19 This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the 20 Parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof, and any and all prior discussions, 21 negotiations, commitments, or understandings related thereto, if any, are hereby merged herein and 22 therein. There are no warranties, representations, or other agreements between the Parties except as 23 expressly set forth herein. No representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those 24 specifically referred to in this Consent Judgment have been made by any Party hereto. No other 25 agreements not specifically contained or referenced herein, oral or otherwise, shall be deemed to 26 exist or to bind any of the Parties hereto. 27 111

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### 12. **COUNTERPARTS 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.

#### 13. **AUTHORIZATION**

Date: September 1, 2023

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The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment on behalf of their

7 respective Parties and have read, understood, and agreed to all of the terms and conditions of this

8 Consent Judgment.

9 **AGREED TO:** 

### **AGREED TO:**

Date: 9/ 1 202 Bv:

Brandon Kim, CEO Bymm Corporation dba Kleancolor

By: Linda DeRose-Droubay, Executive Director Center for Advanced Public Awareness

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