### SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

### 1. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

### 1.1. Parseghian and VitaHustle, LLC:

This Settlement Agreement is entered into by and between Berj Parseghian ("Parseghian"), represented by his attorneys KJT Law Group, LLP on the one hand, and VitaHustle, LLC ("VitaHustle"), on the other hand, with Parseghian and VitaHustle collectively referred to as the "Parties."

## 1.2. General Allegations

Parseghian alleges that VitaHustle manufactured and distributed and offered for sale products in the State of California, which contain Lead at levels that exceed the Proposition 65 safe harbor levels and that such sales have not been accompanied by Proposition 65 warnings. Lead is listed under Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

# 1.3. **Product Description**

The products covered by this Settlement Agreement is: One Superfood – Vanilla Bean Flavored – Dietary Supplement; UPC #: 8 60007 24471 1, that VitaHustle has sold, offered for sale, manufactured, or distributed in California. All such items shall be referred to herein as the "Covered Product."

### 1.4. Notice of Violation

On or about June 1, 2023, Parseghian served VitaHustle and the requisite public enforcement agencies eligible to initiate Proposition 65 actions on behalf of the People of the State of California with documents entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" ("Notice") that provided VitaHustle and such public enforcers with notice that VitaHustle was allegedly in

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violation of California Health & Safety Code section 25249.6 for failing to warn consumers and customers that the Covered Product may expose users in California to lead. To the best of the Parties' knowledge, no public enforcer has commenced or is diligently prosecuting the allegations set forth in the Notice.

# 1.5. No Admission

The Parties enter into this Settlement Agreement to settle disputed claims between them as set forth herein and in the Notice concerning VitaHustle's compliance with Proposition 65. Specifically, VitaHustle denies the material factual and legal allegations contained in the Notice and maintains that all products that it has placed for sale and distribution in California, including the Covered Product, have been and are in compliance with Proposition 65 or any other statutory, regulatory, common law or equitable doctrine. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed as an admission by VitaHustle of any fact, finding, issue of law, or violation of law; nor shall compliance with this Settlement Agreement constitute or be construed as an admission by VitaHustle of any fact, finding, issue of law, or violation of law, such being specifically denied by VitaHustle. However, nothing in this section shall diminish or otherwise affect the obligations, responsibilities, and duties of VitaHustle under this Settlement Agreement.

### 1.6. Effective Date

For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, the term "Effective Date" shall mean the date this Settlement Agreement is fully executed.

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

Beginning four (4) months after the Effective Date, VitaHustle shall cease offering for sale in the State of California, "Distributing into the State of California," or directly selling in the

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State of California, any Covered Product that expose a person to a "Daily Lead Exposure Level" of more than 0.5 micrograms of lead per day, unless it meets the warning requirements under Section 2.2.

As used in this Settlement Agreement, the term "Distributing into the State of California" shall mean to directly ship a Covered Product into California for sale in California or to sell a Covered Product to a distributor that VitaHustle knows or has reason to know will sell the Covered Product in California. The injunctive relief in Section 2 does not apply to any Covered Product that has left the possession, and is no longer under the control of VitaHustle prior to the Effective Date and all claims as to such Covered Product is released in this Settlement Agreement.

For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, "Daily Lead Exposure Level" shall be measured in micrograms, and shall be calculated using the following formula: micrograms of lead per gram of product, multiplied by grams of product per serving of the product as stated on the label, multiplied by servings of the product per day stated on the label, which equals micrograms of lead exposure per day. If the label contains no recommended daily servings, then the number of recommended daily servings shall be one.

### 2.2 Clear and Reasonable Warnings

If VitaHustle is required to provide a warning pursuant to Section 2.1, one of the following warnings must be utilized ("Warning"):

### **Option 1:**

**WARNING**: Consuming this product can expose you to lead, which is known to the State of California to cause [cancer and] birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to <u>www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/food</u>

# **Option 2:**

WARNING: [Cancer and] Reproductive Harm – <u>www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/food</u>

VitaHustle shall use the phrase "cancer and" in the Warning if the "Daily Lead Exposure Level" is greater than 15 micrograms of Lead.

The Warningshall be securely affixed to or printed upon the label of each Covered Product or at the point of sale and it must be set off from other surrounding information. In addition, for any Covered Product sold over the internet, the Warning shall appear on the product page or checkout page in full text or through a clearly marked hyperlink using the word "WARNING" in all capital and bold letters when a California delivery address is indicated for any purchase of any Covered Product. If a hyperlink is used, the hyperlink must go directly to a page prominently displaying either the Option 1 Warning or the Option 2 Warning without content that detracts from the Warning.

No statements intended to or likely to have the effect of diminishing the impact of the Warning on the average lay person shall accompany the Warning. For the Option 2 Warning, a symbol consisting of a black exclamation point in a yellow equilateral triangle with a bold black outline shall be placed to the left of the text of the Warning, in a size no smaller than the height of the word "WARNING." If consumer information on the package is in a foreign language, the warning must also be provided in the foreign language.

VitaHustle must display the above Warning with such conspicuousness, as compared with other words, statements or designs on the label, or on its website, if applicable, to render the Warning likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions of purchase or use of the product.

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Notwithstanding the above, the content and method of transmission shall be provided in any form as authorized by Proposition 65 law or regulation, applicable to the Covered Product and chemical at issue, effective on or after the Effective Date.

# 3. <u>PENALTIES PURSUANT TO HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION</u>

# <u>25249.7(b)</u>

In settlement of all the claims referred to in this Settlement Agreement, \$2,500.00 shall be considered a "civil penalty." The penalty payment will be allocated in accordance with California Health & Safety Code section 25249.12(c)(1) & (d), with 75% (i.e., \$1,875.00) of the funds remitted to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") and the remaining 25% (i.e., \$625.00) of the penalty remitted to Parseghian. Parseghian's counsel shall be responsible for delivering OEHHA's portion of the penalty payment made under this Settlement Agreement.

### 4. <u>REIMBURSEMENT OF FEES AND COSTS</u>

In settlement of all the claims referred to in this Settlement Agreement, \$25,000.00 shall be considered reimbursement of Parseghian's attorneys' fees, expert and investigation fees, and related costs associated with this matter and the Notice including reporting the terms of this Settlement Agreement to the Office of the California Attorney General. The Parties reached an accord on the compensation due to Parseghian and its counsel under the private attorney general doctrine and principles of contract law.

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# 5. <u>PAYMENT INFORMATION</u>

VitaHustle shall send these payments within thirty (30) business days following the Effective Date. Unless other payment transmittal directions are provided, payment shall be mailed to the following addresses respectively:

All payments shall be delivered to the following payment address:

## **KJT LAW GROUP LLP**

### 230 N. Maryland Avenue, Suite 306

### Glendale, CA 91206

## 6. <u>RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS</u>

# 6.1. Release of VitaHustle, Downstream Customers and Upstream Vendors

In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, and for the payments to be made pursuant to Sections 3 through 5 above, Parseghian, on behalf of himself, his representatives, attorneys, heirs, successors and assigns, hereby waives all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and releases all claims relating to the Covered Product, including, without limitation, all actions, and causes of action, in law or in equity, suits, liabilities, demands, obligations, damages, costs, fines, penalties, losses or expenses (including, but not limited to, investigation fees, expert fees and attorneys' fees) against (ii) VitaHustle, and its respective equity owners, officers and their parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, sister and related entities, and (ii) any and all VitaHustle's upstream manufacturers, vendors, ingredient suppliers, distributors and retailers for any alleged violations of Proposition 65, or any other alleged violation of statutory or common law, arising from alleged exposures to lead in relation to the Covered Product, up through the Effective Date.

Parseghian, in his capacity, expressly waives and relinquishes any and all rights and benefits which it may have under, or which may be conferred on it by the provisions of

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California Civil Code section 1542 as well as under any other state or federal statute or common

law principle of similar effect, to the fullest extent that it may lawfully waive such rights or

benefits pertaining to the released matters. California Civil Code section 1542 provides:

"A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR."

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

The terms of this Settlement Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and apply within the State of California. In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed or is otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to the Covered Product, then VitaHustle shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Settlement Agreement.

# 8. <u>NOTICES</u>

Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notices required to be provided pursuant to this Settlement Agreement shall be in writing and personally delivered or sent by: (i) firstclass, (registered or certified mail) return receipt requested; or (ii) overnight courier on any party by the other party at the following addresses:

For VitaHustle:	Kristin Chadwick CEO VitaHustle, LLC 800 Apollo Street El Segundo, CA 90245
For Parseghian:	Tro Krikorian, Esq. KJT Law Group, LLP 230 N. Maryland Ave., Suite 306 Glendale, CA 91206

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

# 9. <u>COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE/E-SIGNATURES</u>

This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile or esignatures, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same document.

# 10. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof, and all related prior discussions, negotiations, commitments, and understandings. No other agreements, oral or otherwise, exist to bind either of the Parties.

## 11. MODIFICATION

This Settlement Agreement may be modified only by a written agreement signed by the Parties.

# 12. DRAFTING

No inference, assumption or presumption shall be drawn, and no provision of this Agreement shall be construed against any of the Parties, based upon the fact that one of the Parties and/or one of the Parties' attorneys prepared and/or drafted all or any portion of this Agreement. It is conclusively presumed that the Parties participated equally in the preparation and drafting of this Agreement.

# 13. <u>AUTHORIZATION</u>

The undersigned are authorized to execute this Settlement Agreement on behalf of their respective Parties and have read, understood, and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement.

# [SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have agreed, accepted, and executed this Agreement on the date written.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_

DocuSigned by: BERJ PARSEGHAN Berj Parseghian

Executed on 12/22/23

VitaHustle, LLC

By: Kristin Chadwick

Its: CEO