# PROPOSITION 65 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (Susan Davia AG Notices 2024-01067, 2024-00337)

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 The Parties

This settlement agreement ("Agreement" or "Settlement Agreement") is entered into by and between noticing party Susan Davia ("Davia") and noticed party Tatara Group LLC (hereafter "Tatara"), with Davia and Tatara each referred to as a "Party" and collectively referred to as the "Parties."

#### 1.2 Davia

Davia is an individual residing in the State of California who seeks to promote awareness of exposure to toxic chemicals and improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer products.

# 1.3 Tatara Group LLC

**1.4** For purposes of this settlement agreement only, Tatara is a person in the course of doing business for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.6 *et seq.* ("Proposition 65").

# 1.5 General Allegations

Davia alleges that Tatara is responsible for the design, manufacture, distribution and/or sale, in the State of California, of Moscow Mule copper cups with brass handles that expose users to lead without first providing "clear and reasonable warning" under Proposition 65. Pursuant to Proposition 65, lead is listed as a carcinogen and developmental toxin. Lead shall be referred to hereinafter as the "Listed Chemical."

#### 1.6 Notices of Violation

On January 24, 2024, Davia served The TJX Companies, Inc., HomeGoods and various public enforcement agencies with a document entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" that

provided public enforcers and the noticed entities with notice of alleged violations of Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 for failing to warn consumers of the presence of lead in the brass handles of Moscow Mule mugs sold in California (AG Notice 2024-00337).

On March 14, 2024, Davia served The TJX Companies, Inc., HomeGoods, Tatara Group and Nu Steel with a document entitled "Supplemental 60-Day Notice of Violation" that also provided public enforcers and the noticed entities with notice of alleged violations of Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 for failing to warn consumers of the presence of lead in the brass handles of Tatara Group Moscow Mule mugs sold in California (AG Notice 2024-01067).

The January 24, 2024, Notice of Violation and March 14, 2024, Supplemental Notice of Violation shall hereafter collectively be referred to as "Notice." Tatara represents that, as of the date it executes this Agreement, it is not aware of any public enforcer that is diligently prosecuting a Proposition 65 enforcement action related to lead in the Moscow Mule mugs with brass handles, as identified in the Notice.

## 1.7 No Admission

This Agreement resolves claims that are denied and disputed by Tatara. The Parties enter into this Agreement pursuant to a full and final settlement of any and all claims between the Parties for the purpose of avoiding prolonged litigation. Tatara denies the material factual and legal allegations contained in the Notice, maintains that it did not knowingly or intentionally expose California consumers to the Listed Chemical through the reasonably foreseeable use of the Covered Products and otherwise contends that, all Covered Products it has manufactured, distributed and/or sold in California have been and are in compliance with Proposition 65. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as an admission by Tatara of any fact, finding, issue of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with this Agreement constitute or be construed as an admission by Tatara of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law, such being specifically denied by Tatara. However, notwithstanding the foregoing, this

section shall not diminish or otherwise affect Tatara's obligations, responsibilities, and duties under this Agreement.

# 1.8 Consent to Jurisdiction

For purposes of this Agreement only, the Parties stipulate that the Marin County Superior Court has jurisdiction over Tatara as to this Agreement, that venue for any action to enforce this Agreement is proper in County of Marin, that this Agreement shall be construed as made pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 664.6 and the Marin County Superior Court shall be considered to have jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this Agreement until performance in full of the terms of the settlement.

#### 2. DEFINITIONS

- **2.1** "Covered Product" shall mean all Moscow Mule mugs with brass handles containing lead manufactured or distributed by Tatara or Nu Steel, including, but not limited to, Home Goods Moscow Mule mug with brass handle 847682000825, TG-MM-52.
- **2.2** "Lead Free" Covered Products shall mean that each brass component of any Covered Product contains less than 100 parts per million ("ppm") Lead when analyzed pursuant to EPA testing methodologies 3050B and 6010B, or equivalent methodologies utilized by Federal or State agencies for the purpose of determining Lead content in a solid substance.
  - **2.3** "Effective Date" shall mean October 4, 2024.

## 3. INJUNCTIVE-TYPE RELIEF

The Parties agree and intend for compliance with the terms of this Settlement Agreement to constitute compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to exposures to lead from the Products, as set forth in the Notice.

## 3.1 Products No Longer in Tatara's Control

No later than the Effective Date, Tatara shall send a letter, electronic or otherwise ("Notification Letter") to any distributor to which it sold or delivered any Covered Product after

January 1, 2022. The Notification Letter shall advise the recipient that Covered Products "have been found to contain lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive harm," and request that the recipient ensure that any Covered Products remaining in inventory for sale in or to California are immediately labelled with a label that complies with Section 3.3 of this Agreement. The Notification Letter shall request a response from the recipient within 15 days, confirming that the letter was received. Tatara shall maintain records of all correspondence or other communications generated pursuant to this Section for two years after the Effective Date and shall promptly produce copies of such records upon Davia's written request.

## 3.2 Product Reformulation and Warnings

For sales of any Covered Product after the Effective Date to any individual or entity that maintains an e-commerce sales platform or that has a retail store in California, Tatara will comply with reformulation requirements under Section 3.2.1 and the product warning requirements under Sections 3.3 and 3.4.

- 3.2.1 No later than the Effective Date, Tatara shall provide the Lead Free concentration standards of Section 2.2 to its then-current vendors or manufacturers of any Covered Product and instruct such entities not to incorporate any raw or component brass materials that do not meet the Lead Free concentration standards of Section 2.2 into any Covered Product or to supply any Covered Product to Tatara that is not Lead Free. Tatara shall maintain copies of all vendor correspondence relating to the Lead Free concentration standards for two years and shall produce such copies to Davia within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of written request from Davia.
- **3.2.2** After the Effective Date, Tatara shall provide the Lead Free concentration standards of Section 2.2 to any new vendors or manufacturers of any Covered Product and instruct such entities not to incorporate any raw or component brass materials that do not meet

the Lead Free concentration standards of Section 2.2 into any Covered Product. Prior to purchase and acquisition of any Covered Product from any new vendor, Tatara shall obtain a written confirmation and accompanying laboratory test result from the new vendor demonstrating compliance with the Lead Free concentration standard in all materials comprising the Covered Product. For every Covered Product Tatara manufactures, causes to be manufactured, orders, causes to be ordered or otherwise obtains from a new vendor after the Effective Date, Tatara shall maintain copies of all testing of such products demonstrating compliance with this section for two (2) years from the Effective Date, shall maintain copies of all vendor correspondence relating to the Lead Free concentration standards for two (2) years from the Effective Date and shall produce such copies to Davia within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of written request from Davia. For every Covered Product Tatara contends meets the Lead Free concentration standards and intends to offer for sale without a warning pursuant to Section 3.3 below, Tatara shall maintain copies of all vendor correspondence relating to the Lead Free concentration standards for two (2) years from the Effective Date and shall produce such copies to Davia within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of written request from Davia.

# 3.3 Covered Product Warnings

**3.3.1** For any Covered Product sold by Tatara after the Effective Date in or into California, or to any individual or entity that maintains an ecommerce website or a physical retail store in California, that does not meet the Section 2.2 Lead Free lead concentration levels, each such product shall include a Prop 65 Safe Harbor warning.

Each such warning utilized by Tatara for any Covered Product shall be prominently placed either on the product, its labeling or its packaging with such conspicuousness as compared with other words, statements, designs, or devices as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions *before* purchase or use.

Each warning shall either be printed directly on the Covered Product consumer label or consumer packaging or be comprised of an independent hang tag affixed to the Covered Product. Each warning shall include the yellow triangle with an internal exclamation point and state:

▲ WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals, including lead, that 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.

or

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

# 3.3.2 Internet Ecommerce Covered Product Warnings

A warning must be given in conjunction with the sale, or offer of sale, by Tatara, of any Covered Product not confirmed by Tatara to be Lead Free, via any ecommerce website owned, operated, managed or controlled by, or for the benefit of, Tatara. A warning will satisfy this requirement if it appears either: (a) on the same web page on which a Covered Product is displayed; (b) on the same web page as the order form for a Covered Product; (c) on the same page as the price for any Covered Product; or (d) on one or more web pages displayed to a purchaser during the checkout process. One of the following warning statements shall be used and shall appear in any of the above instances adjacent to or immediately following the display, description, or price of the Covered Product for which it is given, or through a hyperlink using the word "PROP. 65 WARNING", in the same type size or larger than the Covered Product description text:

▲WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals, including lead, that 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.

Alternatively, the following "short form" warning may be used on the ecommerce website, but only if the same warning language also appears on the product label or consumer packaging of the Covered Product itself.

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

- **3.3.3** If Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment regulations require or permit specific safe harbor warning text and/or methods of transmission different than those set forth above, Tatara shall be entitled to use, at its discretion, such other specific safe harbor warning text and/or methods of transmission without being deemed in breach of this Settlement Agreement.
- **3.3.4** Where an ecommerce warning used to provide a warning under this section includes consumer information in a language other than English, the warning in this section must also be provided in that language in addition to English.

#### 4. MONETARY PAYMENTS

## 4.1 Civil Penalty

As a condition of settlement of all the claims referred to in this agreement, Tatara shall pay a total of \$3,200 in civil penalties in accordance with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.12(c)(1) & (d), with 75% of the funds remitted to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") and the remaining 25% of the penalty remitted to Davia.

## 4.2 Augmentation of Penalty Payments

For purposes of the penalty assessment under this Agreement, Davia is relying entirely upon Tatara for accurate, good faith reporting to Davia of the nature and amounts of relevant sales activity. If within nine (9) months of the Effective Date, Davia discovers and presents evidence to counsel for Tatara that the Covered Products have been distributed in California in sales volumes materially different (more than 25%) than those identified by Tatara prior to

execution of this Agreement, and Tatara does not provide Davia with competent and credible evidence to dispute this claim, then Tatara shall be liable for an additional penalty amount of \$10,000.00. Davia agrees to provide counsel for Tatara with a written demand for all such additional penalties and attorney fees under this Section. After service of such demand, Tatara shall have thirty (30) days to either present evidence to counter this claim or to agree to the amount of fees and penalties owing by Tatara and submit such payment to Davia in accordance with the method of payment of penalties and fees identified in Section 4.1 and 4.4. Should this thirty (30) day period pass without any such resolution between the parties and payment of such additional penalties and fees, Davia shall be entitled to file a formal legal claim for the additional civil penalties pursuant to this Section and the prevailing party to such action shall be entitled to all reasonable attorney fees and costs relating to such claim.

# 4.3 Reimbursement of Davia's Fees and Costs

The Parties acknowledge that Davia and her counsel offered to resolve this dispute without reaching terms on the amount of fees and costs to be reimbursed to them, thereby leaving this fee issue to be resolved after the material terms of the agreement had been settled. The Parties then attempted to (and did) reach an accord on the compensation due to Davia and her counsel under general contract principles and the private attorney general doctrine codified at California Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, for all work performed in this matter. Under these legal principles, Tatara shall pay Davia's counsel the amount of \$26,000 for fees and costs incurred investigating, litigating and enforcing this matter.

## **4.4 Payment Procedures**

Tatara shall satisfy their obligation to pay civil penalties pursuant to Section 4.1 by delivery of a civil penalty check payable to "OEHHA" (EIN: 68-0284486, Memo line "Prop 65 Penalties, 2024-01067, 2024-00337"), in the amount of \$2,400 and a civil penalty check payable to "Susan Davia" (Tax ID to be supplied, Memo line "Prop 65 Penalties, 2024-01067, 2024-00337")

in the amount of \$800.

Tatara shall satisfy their obligation to pay attorney fees and costs pursuant to Section 4.3

by delivery of a check payable to "Sheffer Law Firm" (EIN 55-08-58910, Memo line "2024-01067,

2024-00337") in the amount of \$26,000.

All civil penalty and attorney fee/cost payments shall be delivered to plaintiff's counsel

at the following address within 10 business days after execution of this Agreement:

Sheffer Law Firm

Attn: Proposition 65 Controller

232 E. Blithedale Ave., Suite 210

Mill Valley, CA 94941

Tatara shall be liable for payment of interest, at a rate of 10% simple interest, for all

amounts due and owing from it under this Section that are not received by Sheffer Law Firm

within five business days of the due date for such payment.

While the obligations of this agreement are binding upon execution, the Release of Tatara

shall not become effective until after all monetary payments have been made by Tatara and all

funds have cleared.

Tatara shall also pay any augmented civil penalties pursuant to Section 4.2, on or before

the date agreed upon by the Parties or ordered by the Court pursuant to Section 4.2, with civil

penalty checks payable to "OEHHA" (Memo line "Prop 65 Penalties, 2024-01067, 2024-00337")

and "Susan Davia" (Memo line "Prop 65 Penalties, 2024-01067, 2024-00337") in the amount

agreed to by the Parties or ordered by the Court pursuant to Section 4.2 and as divided pursuant

to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.12(c)(1) & (d).

Tatara shall also pay attorney fees and costs pursuant to Section 4.2, on or before the date

agreed upon by the Parties or ordered by the Court pursuant to Section 4.2, with a check payable

to "Sheffer Law Firm" (Memo line "2024-01067, 2024-00337") in the amount agreed upon by the

Parties or ordered by the Court pursuant to Section 4.2.

All Section 4.2 payments shall be delivered to plaintiff's counsel at the following address:

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Attn: Proposition 65 Controller

232 E. Blithedale Ave., Suite 210

Mill Valley, CA 94941

Tatara shall also be liable for payment of interest, at a rate of 10% simple interest, for all

amounts due and owing from it under Section 4.2 that are not received by Sheffer Law Firm

within ten (10) business days of the due date for such payment.

4.5 Issuance of 1099 Forms

After this Agreement has been executed and the settlement funds have been transmitted to

Davia's counsel, Tatara shall issue three separate 1099 forms, as follows:

(a) issued to the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, P.O. Box

4010, Sacramento, CA 95814 (EIN: 68-0284486) in the amount paid pursuant to

Sections 4.1 and 4.2;

(b) issued to Davia in the amount paid pursuant to Sections 4.1 and 4.2, whose

address and tax identification number shall be furnished upon request; and

(c) issued to the Sheffer Law Firm (EIN: 55-08-58910) in the amount paid

pursuant to Section 4.2 and 4.3.

5. RELEASES

5.1 DAVIA'S RELEASE OF TATARA

5.1.1 This settlement agreement is a full, final and binding resolution between

Davia, and Tatara of any violation of Proposition 65 that was or could have been asserted by

Davia, individually and on behalf of herself and her past and current representatives, agents,

attorneys, successors and/or assigns ("Releasors") against Tatara and each of their directors,

officers, employees, attorneys, agents, parents, and subsidiaries ("Releasees") and each of Tatara

Group's downstream customers of Covered Products ("Downstream Releasees"), based on their

failure to warn about alleged exposures to the Listed Chemical contained in the Covered

Products that were manufactured, distributed, sold or offered for sale by Tatara before the

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Effective Date. Compliance with the terms of this Agreement constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 by Tatara with regard to the alleged or actual failure to warn about exposure to the Listed Chemical from Covered Products manufactured, sold or distributed for sale after the Effective Date.

- 5.1.2 In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, and for so long as Tatara remains in compliance with the terms of this Agreement, Davia on behalf of herself, her past and current representatives, agents, attorneys, successors and/or assigns hereby waives all Davia's rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action against Tatara and Releasees, and releases Tatara and Releasees from all claims that Davia may have, 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 and including, but not limited to, investigation fees, expert fees, and attorneys' fees, with such waiver and release being exclusively limited to rights or claims arising under Proposition 65 with respect to any Listed Chemical in Covered Products manufactured, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale by Tatara before the Effective Date (collectively "claims").
- 5.1.3 Davia also, in her individual capacity and on behalf of her past and current representatives, agents, attorneys, successors and/or assigns, provides a general release herein which shall be effective as a full and final accord and satisfaction, as a bar to all actions, causes of action, obligations, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, losses, claims, liabilities and demands of Davia, of any nature, character or kind, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, arising out of the subject matter of the Notice as to Covered Products manufactured, distributed or sold by Tatara or Releasees before the Effective Date. Davia acknowledges that she is familiar with section 1542 of the California 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.

Davia, in her individual capacity and on behalf of her past and current representatives, agents, attorneys, successors and/or assigns expressly waives and relinquishes any and all rights and benefits that she may have under, or which may be conferred on her by the provisions of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code 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. In furtherance of such intention, excepting Section 4.2, the release hereby given shall be and remain in effect as a full and complete release notwithstanding the discovery or existence of any such additional or different claims or facts arising out of the released matters.

5.1.4 This section 5.1 release shall not extend upstream to any entities, other than Tatara, that manufactured the Covered Products or any component parts thereof, or any distributors or suppliers who sold the covered products or any component parts thereof to Tatara.

## 5.2 Tatara's Release of Davia

The Release by Davia is mutual. Tatara on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against Davia and her attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made (or those that could have been taken or made) by Davia and her attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of investigating claims, otherwise seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against it in this matter, or with respect to the Products. Tatara acknowledges that it is familiar with Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

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Tatara 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 Section 1542 of the California Civil Code as well as under any other state or federal statute or common law principle of similar effect, to the fullest extent that he may lawfully waive such rights or benefits pertaining to the released matters. In furtherance of such intention, the release hereby given shall be and remain in effect as a full and complete release notwithstanding the discovery or existence of any such additional or different claims or facts arising out of the released matters.

## 6. ENFORCEMENT

Prior to bringing any motion, order to show cause, or other proceeding to enforce Proposition 65 or any terms of this Agreement relating to the alleged sale in California of any Covered Product without a warning and which is alleged to not be Lead Free, in actual or alleged violation of this Agreement, Davia shall provide a Notice of Violation ("NOV") to Tatara. The NOV shall include, for each Covered Product alleged to be violation of this Agreement: the date of alleged violations(s), place of sale, date and proof of purchase (if relevant), and any test data obtained by Davia regarding each such Covered Product. Davia shall take no further action regarding any alleged violation nor seek any monetary recovery for herself, her agents or her counsel if, within 30 days of receiving such NOV, Tatara demonstrates (1) that the Covered Product was manufactured distributed, sold or offered for sale by Tatara before January 1, 2022, or (2) that Tatara directed the retailer or distributor of the Covered Product to take corrective action by placing an appropriate warning on the Covered Product(s) compliant with Section 3.3

of this Agreement following service of the NOV; or (3) that the Covered Products are Lead Free.

#### 7. SEVERABILITY

If any of the provisions of this Agreement are found by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the enforceable provisions remaining, after express agreement of the Parties, shall not be adversely affected, unless the Court finds that any unenforceable provision is not severable from the remainder of the Agreement.

## 8. GOVERNING LAW

The terms of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.

# 9. NOTICES

When any Party is entitled to receive any notice under this Agreement, the notice shall be sent by certified mail or electronic mail to the following:

For Tatara Group:

Legal Department Tatara Group LLC 381 Blair Rd. Avenel, NJ 07001

With a copy to their counsel:

Ursula Beren-Wolff 13576 Mandarin Circle Naples, FL 34109 ulla\_wolff@yahoo.com

For Davia to:

Proposition 65 Coordinator Sheffer Law Firm 232 E. Blithedale Ave., Suite 210 Mill Valley, CA 94941 gregs@sheffer-law.net

Any Party may modify the person and address to whom the notice is to be sent by sending each other Party notice by certified mail and/or other verifiable form of written

communication.

# 10. COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(F)

Davia agrees to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced, in California Health & Safety Code §25249.7(f).

## 11. MODIFICATION

This Agreement may be modified only by written agreement of the Parties.

#### 12. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement 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, and understandings related hereto. No representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those contained herein have been made by any Party hereto. No other agreements not specifically referred to herein, oral or otherwise, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the Parties. No supplementation, modification, waiver, or termination of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by the Party to be bound. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any of the other provisions whether or not similar, nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

## 13. ATTORNEY FEES

- 13.1 Should either Party prevail on any motion, application for order to show cause or other proceeding to enforce a violation of this Agreement, that Party shall be entitled to its reasonable attorney fees and costs incurred as a result of such motion, order or application, consistent with C.C.P. §§ 1021 and 1021.5.
- **13.2** Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, each Party shall bear its own costs and attorney fees in connection with the Notice.
- **13.3** Nothing in this Section shall preclude a Party from seeking an award of sanctions pursuant to law.

#### 14. NEUTRAL CONSTRUCTION

Both Parties and their counsel have participated in the preparation of this Agreement and this Agreement is the result of the joint efforts of the Parties. This Agreement was subject to revision and modification by the Parties and has been accepted and approved as to its final form by all Parties and their counsel. Accordingly, any uncertainty or ambiguity existing in this Agreement shall not be interpreted against any Party as a result of the manner of the preparation of this Agreement. Each Party to this Agreement agrees that any statute or rule of construction providing that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting Party should not be employed in the interpretation of this Agreement and, in this regard, the Parties hereby waive California Civil Code Section 1654.

# 15. COUNTERPARTS, FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

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

## 16. AUTHORIZATION

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

## IT IS SO AGREED

Dated: November \_\_\_\_, 2024

Name:
Tatara Group LLC

Dated: November \_\_\_\_\_26, 2024

Susan Davia

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Dated: November <u>27</u> , 2024	Dated: November, 2024
Name: RAHUL KATY	Susan Davia