SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

1. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

1.1 Parties

This Settlement Agreement is entered into by and between Environmental Health Advocates, Inc. ("EHA"), on the one hand, and Life Enhancing Products, Inc. ("Life Enhancing"), on the other hand, with EHA and Life Enhancing each individually referred to as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties." EHA is a corporation in the State of California allegedly serving in the interest of the general public by seeking to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals and to improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances used in consumer products. EHA alleges that Life Enhancing is a person in the course of doing business for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health and Safety Code § 25249.6 *et seq.* ("Proposition 65").

1.2 General Allegations

EHA alleges that Life Enhancing manufactures, sells, and/or distributes for sale in California, dietary supplements, functional foods and juices, and health and wellness products, including but not limited to "Guardian Greens" ("Covered Products") that contain lead and that it does so without first providing the health hazard warning required by Proposition 65. Life Enhancing denies these allegations. Lead and lead compounds are listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to cause cancer and developmental toxicity ("Listed Chemical").

1.3 Product Description

The products covered by this Settlement Agreement are defined as, and expressly limited to the Covered Products, that are manufactured, sold and/or distributed for sale in California by Life Enhancing.

1.4 Notice of Violation

On or around October 20, 2023, EHA served New Spirit Naturals, Inc., the California Attorney General, and certain other public enforcement agencies with a 60-Day Notice of Violation of Proposition 65 ("Notice"). The Notice alleged that these entities had violated

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Proposition 65 by failing to sufficiently warn consumers in California of the health hazards associated with exposures to the Listed Chemical contained in Covered Products.

On or around May 13, 2024, EHA served an amended NOV identifying Life Enhancing as the correct manufacurer (the "Amended Notice"). Collectively the Notice and the Amended Notice are referred to hereafter as the "Notices".

To the best of the parties' knowledge, no public enforcer has commenced or is otherwise prosecuting an action to enforce the violations alleged in the Notices.

1.5 No Admission

Life Enhancing denies the material, factual, and legal allegations in the Notices and maintains that all of the products it sold and/or distributed for sale in California, including Covered Products, have been, and are, in compliance with all laws. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed as an admission by Life Enhancing of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law or violation of law, nor shall compliance with this Settlement Agreement constitute or be construed as an admission by Life Enhancing of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law or violation of law, such being specifically denied by Life Enhancing. This Section shall not, however, diminish or otherwise affect Life Enhancing 's obligations, responsibilities, and duties 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 executed by the Parties.

1.7 Compliance Date

For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, the term "Compliance Date" means 45 days from the Effective Date.

2. <u>INJUNCTIVE RELIEF</u>

2.1 Reformulation Standard

Beginning on or before the Compliance Date, Life Enhancing shall be permanently enjoined from distributing for sale in CA any Covered Product that exposes a person to a "Daily Lead Exposure Level" of more than 0.5 micrograms of Lead based on a single serving per day unless such Covered Products comply with the warning requirements of Section 2.2. The "Daily Lead Exposure Level" shall be calculated by multiplying the recommended serving size in Covered Product by the concentration of the Listed Chemical in Covered Products. As used in this Section 2, "distributed/ing for sale in CA" means to directly ship Covered Products into California or to sell Covered Products to a distributor Life Enhancing knows will sell Covered Products in California.

2.2 General Warning Requirements

Except as otherwise stated herein, commencing on the Compliance Date, Life Enhancing agrees any Covered Product distributed for sale in CA that exceeds the Daily Lead Exposure Level pursuant to paragraph 2.1 shall contain a Proposition 65 warning. Life Enhancing agrees that each warning shall be prominently placed 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 be provided in a manner such that the consumer or user understands to which *specific* Covered Products the warning applies, so as to minimize the risk of consumer confusion.

For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, a clear and reasonable warning for the Covered Products shall consist of a warning affixed to the packaging, label, tag, directly to each Covered Products sold in California by Life Enhancing, or on a placard, shelf tag, sign or electronic device or automatic process that contains one of the following statements:

> WARNING: Consuming this product can expose you to chemicals including Lead and lead compounds, which are 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>. ("Long-Form Warning")

OR

2) WARNING: Cancer and Reproductive Harm – www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/food. ("Short-Form Warning")

This warning statement shall be enclosed in a box and prominently displayed on the Covered Products, on the packing of the Covered Products, or on a placard, shelf tag, or sign provided that the statement is displayed 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 prior to sale. If the warning statement is displayed on the Covered Products' packaging, it must be in a type size no smaller than the largest type size used for other consumer information on the product. In no case shall a Short-Form Warning statement displayed on the Covered Products' packaging appear in a type size smaller than 6-point type. If the Covered Products' packaging contains consumer information in a foreign language, a warning statement in that language is required. The same warning shall be posted on any websites under the exclusive control of Life Enhancing where Covered Products are sold into California. Such warning shall constitute compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to the Listed Chemical in the Covered Products for any Covered Products in existing inventory that had not been reformulated and were distributed for sale in CA by Life Enhancing or any of the Releasees after the Compliance Date. There shall be no obligation for Life Enhancing to provide a warning for Covered Products distributed for sale in CA that exceed the Daily Lead Exposure Level that entered the stream of commerce prior to the Compliance Date, and the Section 4 release applies to all such Covered Products.

(i) Changes in Warning Regulations or Statutes

In the event that the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment promulgates one or more regulations requiring or permitting Proposition 65 warning text and/or methods of transmission applicable to the Covered Products and the Listed Chemical, which are different than those set forth above, Life Enhancing shall be entitled to use, at its discretion, such other warning text and/or method of transmission without being deemed in breach of this Agreement. If regulations or legislation are enacted providing that Proposition 65 warnings as to the Listed Chemical in this product are no longer required, a lack of warning by Life Enhancing will not thereafter be a breach of this Agreement. Life Enhancing shall instruct any third-party website which Life Enhancing knows distributes for sale in CA its Covered Products to include the same warning as a condition of selling the Covered Products.

2.3 Grace Period for Existing Inventory of Covered Products

The injunctive requirements of Section 2 shall not apply to Covered Products that are already in the stream of commerce as of the Compliance Date, which Covered Products are expressly subject to the releases provided in Section 4.1. For the avoidance of doubt, Covered Products in the stream of commerce specifically include, but are not limited to, Covered Products in the process of manufacture.

3. <u>MONETARY SETTLEMENT TERMS</u>

3.1 Civil Penalty Payment

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(b)(2), and in settlement of all claims alleged in the Notices or referred to in this Settlement Agreement, Life Enhancing agrees to pay two thousand (\$2,000.00) in civil penalties. The penalty payment will be allocated in accordance with California Health and Safety Code §§ 25249.12(c)(1) & (d), with 75% of the penalty amount paid to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") and the remaining 25% of the penalty amount retained by EHA. Life Enhancing shall issue two separate checks for the initial civil penalty payment to (a) "OEHHA" and (b) Environmental Health Advocates, Inc. as follows:

- One payment of \$1,500.00 to OEHHA, due thirty (30) days after the Effective Date.
- One payment of \$500.00 to EHA, due thirty (30) days after the Effective Date.

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

For United States Postal Service Delivery:

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

For Non-United States Postal Service Delivery:

Mike Gyurics Fiscal Operations Branch Chief Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814

All penalty payments owed to EHA shall be sent to:

Isaac Fayman Environmental Health Advocates 225 Broadway, Suite 1900 San Diego, CA 92101

3.2 Attorney Fees and Costs

The Parties reached an accord on the compensation due to EHA and its counsel under the private attorney general doctrine and principles of contract law. Under these legal principles, Life Enhancing agrees to pay eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00) to EHA and its counsel for all fees and costs incurred in investigating, bringing this matter to the attention of Life Enhancing, and negotiating a settlement. The eighteen thousand \$18,000.00 shall be due thirty (30) days after the Effective Date.

All payments required under this Section shall be delivered to:

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

3.3 Tax Documentation

Life Enhancing agrees to provide a completed IRS 1099 for its payments to, and EHA agrees to provide IRS W-9 forms for, each of the payees under this Settlement Agreement. The Parties acknowledge that Life Enhancing cannot issue any settlement payments pursuant to Section 3.1 and 3.2 above until after Life Enhancing receives the requisite W-9 forms from EHA's counsel.

4. <u>CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED</u>

4.1 EHA's Release of Life Enhancing

This Settlement Agreement is a full, final, and binding resolution of all claims between EHA, on its own behalf and not on behalf of the public, and Life Enhancing for all claims that can or could have been asserted by EHA, on its own behalf, on behalf of its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors and assignees, against Life Enhancing and each of its respective parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities under common ownership, directors, officers, members, employees, attorneys, and any entity, including, but not limited to each entity to whom Life Enhancing directly or indirectly distributes or sells the Covered Products, including, but not limited to, its downstream distributors, online marketplaces, wholesalers, customers, retailers (including but not limited to New Spirit Naturals, Inc.), franchisees, cooperative members and licensees ("Releasees"), based on the failure to warn about exposures to the Listed Chemical required under Proposition 65 in the Covered Products manufactured, sold or distributed for sale in California by Life Enhancing before the Compliance Date, as alleged in the Notices, or for any other reason.

In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, EHA on its own behalf and not on behalf of the public, on behalf of its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors and assignees hereby waives any and all rights it may have to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and releases all claims against Life Enhancing and Releasees including, without limitation, all actions and causes of action, suits, liabilities, demands, obligations, damages, costs, fines, penalties, losses or expenses including, but not exclusively, investigation fees, expert fees and attorney fees arising under Proposition 65 with respect to the alleged or actual failure to warn about exposures to the Listed Chemical required under Proposition 65 in the Covered Products manufactured, distributed, sold or offered for sale by Life Enhancing, before the Compliance Date.

4.2 Life Enhancing 's Release of EHA

Life Enhancing, 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 EHA and its attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made by EHA and its 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 Covered Products.

4.3 California Civil Code Section 1542

It is possible that other claims not known to the Parties arising out of the facts alleged in the Notices and relating to the Covered Products will develop or be discovered. EHA on behalf of itself only, on one hand, and Life Enhancing on behalf of itself only, on the other hand. The Parties acknowledge that this Settlement Agreement is expressly intended to cover and include all such claims up through the Effective Date. The Parties acknowledge that the claims released in Sections 4.1 and 4.2 may include unknown claims, and nevertheless waive California Civil Code section 1542 as to any such unknown claims. California Civil Code section 1542 reads 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.

EHA and Life Enhancing each acknowledge and understand the significance and consequences of this specific waiver of California Civil Code § 1542.

5. **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

It is Life Enhancing's understanding that the commitments it has agreed to herein, and actions to be taken by Life Enhancing 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. Accordingly, it is the intent of Life Enhancing that to the extent any other private party serves a Notice of Violation and/or initiates an action alleging a violation of Proposition 65 with respect to Life Enhancing's alleged failure to provide a warning concerning actual or alleged exposure to the Listed Chemical relating to 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 Life Enhancing is in material compliance with this Settlement Agreement.

6. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>

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

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.

8. <u>ENFORCEMENT</u>

In any action to enforce the terms of this Settlement Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

9. <u>NOTICE</u>

Unless specified herein, all correspondence and Notices required to be provided pursuant to this Settlement Agreement shall be in writing and sent by: (a) personal delivery; (b) first-class, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested; or (c) a recognized overnight courier on any Party by the other at the following addresses:

For Life Enhancing:

Sherry E. Jackman Sedina L. Banks Greenberg Glusker LLP 2049 Century Park East, Suite 2600 Los Angeles, CA 90067 <u>sjackman@greenbergglusker.com</u> sbanks@greenbergglusker.com

For EHA:

Noam Glick Entorno Law, LLP 225 Broadway, Suite 1900 San Diego, CA 92101 Any Party may, from time to time, specify in writing to the other a change of address to which all notices and other communications shall be sent.

10. <u>COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE SIGNATURES</u>

This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile or 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.

11. COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(f)

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

12. MODIFICATION

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

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.

AGREED TO:

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Date: 08/16/2024

Date: 08/15/2024

By:

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATES, INC.

By:______ LIFE ENHANCING PRODUCTS, INC.