

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Parties

This Settlement Agreement is entered into by and between Environmental Health Advocates, Inc. (“EHA”), on the one hand, and ISDIN Corp. (“ISDIN”), on the other hand, with EHA and ISDIN each individually referred to as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.” EHA is a corporation in the State of California 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 ISDIN 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 ISDIN manufactures, sells, and/or distributes for sale in California, shampoo products that contain diethanolamine (“DEA”) and that it does so without first providing the health hazard warning required by Proposition 65. DEA is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to cause cancer. ISDIN denies these allegations and asserts that its products are safe and in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

1.3 Product Description

The products covered by this Settlement Agreement are defined as, and expressly limited to ISDIN Lambdapil Hair Density Shampoo (“Covered Products”), that are manufactured, sold and/or distributed for sale in California by ISDIN.

1.4 Notice of Violation

On or around December 13, 2024, EHA served ISDIN, 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 ISDIN had violated Proposition 65 by failing to sufficiently warn consumers in California of the health hazards associated with exposures to DEA contained in Covered Products.

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 Notice.

1.5 No Admission

ISDIN denies the material, factual, and legal allegations in the Notice 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 ISDIN 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 ISDIN of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law or violation of law, such being specifically denied by ISDIN. This Section shall not, however, diminish or otherwise affect ISDIN'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.

2. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

2.1 Reformulation Standard

Except as provided in sections 2.2 and 2.3 below, commencing one year after the Effective Date, Defendant shall not sell in the State of California any Covered Product that has a DEA content above the Reporting Limit of 10 mg/kg when analyzed pursuant to liquid chromatography/tandem mass spectrometry (LC/MS/MS), inductively coupled mass-spectroscopy (ICP-MS) or other method of analysis utilized by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) for qualitative and quantitative screening of cosmetics and cosmetic raw materials.

Alternatively, such products may be reformulated by the manufacturer or removed as noncompliant. Should EHA reach a court-approved settlement with another cosmetics manufacturer alleging a violation of Proposition 65 with respect to DEA levels, Defendant may comply with the reformulation standard in that settlement and will be deemed in compliance with Proposition 65. Covered Products' compliance with the standard set forth in this section constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 as to DEA.

2.2 General Warning Requirements

Commencing on the Effective Date, and except as provided in Section 2.3, ISDIN agrees that any Covered Product that contains DEA for which ISDIN does not have evidence of compliance with the Reformulation Standard set forth in section 2.1 above, and which are to be distributed or directly sold by ISDIN in the State of California, shall contain a “clear and reasonable” Proposition 65 warning, within the meaning of Section 25249.6 of the Act. ISDIN 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 seen, 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, and which listed chemical(s) is/are implicated, 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 product-specific warning via one or more of the following methods: (1) A posted sign, shelf tag, or shelf sign for the consumer product at each point of display of the product; (2) Any electronic device or process that automatically provides the warning to the purchaser (not applicable to internet purchases, which are subject to the provisions of § 25602(b)); (3) A warning directly affixed to the product’s label or tag; or (4) A short-form warning on the label that complies with the content requirements set forth in §§ 25603(b) and 25603(a). Specifically, pursuant to § 25603(a) – (d), one of the following statements must be utilized:

- 1)  **“WARNING:” [or] “CA WARNING:” [or] “CALIFORNIA WARNING:”** This product can expose you to chemicals including Diethanolamine (“DEA”), which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

OR

SHORT FORM

- 2)  **“WARNING:” [or] “CA WARNING:” [or] “CALIFORNIA WARNING:”**: Cancer risk from exposure to Diethanolamine (“DEA”). See- www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

OR

SHORT FORM

- 3)  “WARNING:” [or] “CA WARNING:” [or] “CALIFORNIA WARNING:” Can expose you to Diethanolamine (“DEA”), a carcinogen. See www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

OR

**SHORT FORM ON
A PRODUCT
MANUFACTURED/
LABELED PRIOR
TO 1/1/28,
REGARDLESS OF
DATE OF SALE**

- 4)  **WARNING:** Cancer- www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

The triangle above shall be yellow on the warning statement. Where the sign, label, or shelf tag for the product is not printed using the color yellow, the symbol may be printed in black and white. The symbol shall be placed to the left of the warning text, in a size no smaller than the height of the word, “WARNING.” A short-form warning must be provided on a product in a type size that complies with Cal. Code Regs Tit. 27, § 25601(c). In no case shall a warning statement displayed on the Covered Products’ packaging appear in a type size smaller than 6-point type. Where a sign, labeling, or label as defined in Section 256001.1 is used to provide a warning that includes consumer information about a product in a language other than English, the warning must also be provided in that language in addition to English.

The same warning shall be posted on any websites under the exclusive control of ISDIN where Covered Products are sold into California. For internet purchases made prior to 1/1/28, a retail seller is not responsible under Section 25600.2(e)(4) for conspicuously posting or displaying the new warning online until 60 calendar days after the retailer receives a warning or a written notice under Section 25600.2(b) and (c) which updates a short-form warning compliant with Section 25603(c) with content compliant with Section 25603(b). In addition, ISDIN shall instruct any third-party website to which it directly sells its Covered Products to include the same online warning, as set forth above, as a condition of selling the Covered Products in California.

There shall be no obligation for ISDIN to provide a warning for Covered Products that entered the stream of commerce prior to the Effective Date or Sell-Through Period described in Section 2.3,

and the Section 4 release applies to all such Covered Products.

Should EHA reach a court-approved settlement with another cosmetics manufacturer alleging a violation of Proposition 65 with respect to DEA, ISDIN may comply with the warning provisions in that settlement and will be deemed in compliance with Proposition 65.

(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 chemical at issue, which are different than those set forth above, ISDIN 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 DEA in this product are no longer required, a lack of warning by ISDIN will not thereafter be a breach of this Agreement.

2.3 Sell-Through Period for Covered Products

Notwithstanding anything else in this Settlement Agreement, Covered Products that are manufactured, packaged, or put into commerce within one year of the Effective Date shall be subject to the release of liability pursuant to this Agreement, in accordance with the releases provided in Section 4.1, without regard to when such Covered Products were, or are in the future, distributed or sold to customers. As a result, the obligations of ISDIN, or any Releasees (if applicable), stated in this Section 2 do not apply to Covered Products manufactured, packaged, or put into commerce up to one year after the Effective Date.

3. MONETARY SETTLEMENT TERMS

3.1 Civil Penalty Payment

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(b)(2), and in settlement of all claims alleged in the Notice or referred to in this Settlement Agreement, ISDIN agrees to pay two thousand five-hundred dollars (\$2,500) 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. Shall issue two separate checks for the initial

civil penalty payment to (a) "OEHHA" and (b) Environmental Health Advocates, Inc. as follows:

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, ISDIN agrees to pay twenty-two thousand five-hundred dollars (\$22,500) to EHA and its counsel for all fees and costs incurred in investigating, bringing this matter the attention of ISDIN, and negotiating a settlement. The Attorney's Fees and Costs shall be payable to Entorno Law, LLP as one payment of \$22,500, due fourteen (14) 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

ISDIN 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 ISDIN cannot issue any settlement payments pursuant to Section 3.1 and 3.2 above until after ISDIN receives the requisite W-9 forms from EHA's counsel.

4. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

4.1 EHA's Release of ISDIN

This Settlement Agreement is a full, final, and binding resolution of all claims between EHA, on its own behalf and ISDIN 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 ISDIN 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 ISDIN directly or indirectly distributes or sells the Covered Products, including, but not limited to, its downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers (including but not limited to Dermstore LLC and THG Beauty USA LLC), franchisees, cooperative members and licensees ("Releasees"), based on the failure to warn about exposures to DEA required under Proposition 65 in the Covered Products manufactured, sold or distributed for sale in California by ISDIN before the end of the sell through period identified in Section 2.3 above, as alleged in the Notice, or for any other reason. The parties understand and intend that compliance with the terms of this Agreement constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to exposures to Covered Products as set forth in the Notice.

In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, EHA on its own

behalf, 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 ISDIN 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 DEA required under Proposition 65 in the Covered Products manufactured, distributed, sold or offered for sale by ISDIN, before the end of the sell through period identified in Section 2.3 above.

4.2 ISDIN's Release of EHA

ISDIN, on its own behalf and on behalf of Releasees as well as 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 Notice and relating to the Covered Products will develop or be discovered. EHA on behalf of itself only, on one hand, and ISDIN on behalf of itself only, on the other hand, 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. 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 ISDIN each acknowledge and understand the significance and consequences of this specific waiver of California Civil Code § 1542.

5. PUBLIC BENEFIT

It is ISDIN's understanding that the commitments it has agreed to herein, and actions to be taken by ISDIN 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. As such, it is the intent of ISDIN that to the extent any other private party serves a notice and/or initiates an action alleging a violation of Proposition 65 with respect to ISDIN's alleged failure to provide a warning concerning actual or alleged exposure to DEA prior to use of 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 ISDIN is in material compliance with this Settlement Agreement.

6. SEVERABILITY

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. GOVERNING LAW

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. ENFORCEMENT

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. NOTICE

Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notice 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 ISDIN:

Michael Boardman
Baker & McKenzie LLP
10250 Constellation Boulevard, Suite 1850
Los Angeles, California 90067
Michael.Boardman@bakermckenzie.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. COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

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. **AUTHORIZATION**

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: 7/17/25

Date: 6/5/25

By: 

Allan Cate - President

By: Enrique Ernnesto Alonso Gómez
ISDIN CORP.

