

PROPOSITION 65 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Parties

This Settlement Agreement (“**Agreement**”) is entered into by and between Keep America Safe and Beautiful (“**KASB**”) and Monti & Associates, Inc. (“**Monti**”), with KASB and Monti each individually referred to as a “**Party**” and, collectively, the “**Parties.**” KASB is a California-based non-profit organization proceeding in the public interest pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d) to ensure that chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm are disclosed in or eliminated from consumer products sold in California. Monti is a person in the course of doing business for purposes of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.11(b).

1.2 Consumer Product Description

KASB alleges that Monti manufactures, imports, sells, and distributes for sale in California mirrors with vinyl components containing di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (“**DEHP**”) including, but not limited to, *Monti & Associates, Inc. of MA-Line MASM7 Stainless Steel Mirrors-Telescoping, SKU: MASM7*, without providing the health hazard warning that KASB alleges is required by California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 *et seq.* (“**Proposition 65**”). These mirrors with vinyl components are referred to hereinafter as the “**Products.**” DEHP is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

1.3 Notice of Violation

On January 21, 2025, KASB served Monti, the California Attorney General, and the requisite public enforcement agencies with a 60-Day Notice of Violation (“**Notice**”), alleging Monti violated Proposition 65 by failing to warn its customers and consumers in California that its Products can expose users to DEHP. No public enforcer has commenced and is diligently prosecuting an action to enforce the allegations in the Notice.

1.4 No Admission

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

1.5 Effective Date

For purposes of this Agreement, "**Effective Date**" shall mean the date this Agreement is fully executed by all Parties.

2. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: REFORMULATION OR WARNINGS

2.1 Commitment to Reformulate or Warn

Commencing 30 days following the Effective Date (hereafter referred to as the "Compliance Date") and continuing thereafter, all Products Monti manufactures, imports, sells, ships, or distributes for sale, in or into California, directly or through one or more third party retailers or e-commerce marketplaces, shall meet the Reformulation Standard for Reformulated Products, as defined by Section 2.2, or be accompanied by a clear and reasonable warning pursuant to Section 2.3.

2.2 Reformulation Standard Defined

For purposes of this Agreement, "Reformulated Products" are defined as Products which, if they contain di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate ("DEHP") contain such chemical in a maximum concentration of less than 0.1 percent (1,000 parts per million) when analyzed by a laboratory certified or accredited by the State of California, the United States Food and Drug Administration/Environmental Protection Agency, the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program, or a member accreditation body of the International Laboratory

Accreditation Cooperation ("ILAC"). For purposes of compliance with this reformulation standard, testing samples shall be prepared and extracted using Consumer Product Safety Commission ("CPSC") methodology CPSC-CH-C1001.09.3 and analyzed using U.S. Environmental Protection Agency methodology 8270D, or other methodologies utilized by federal or state government agencies to determine phthalate content in a solid substance ("Reformulation Standard").

2.3 Clear and Reasonable Warnings

Commencing on or before the Compliance Date, Monti shall provide clear and reasonable warnings for all Products, that are not Reformulated Products, provided for sale to customers in or into California in accordance with this Section and pursuant to California's Proposition 65 and its implementing regulations, as of the date of execution of this Agreement, or as amended in the future.

(a) Warnings

Option 1:

⚠️ WARNING [or] CA WARNING [or] CALIFORNIA WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), which is 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.

Option 2:

⚠️ WARNING [or] CA WARNING [or] CALIFORNIA WARNING: Risk of cancer and reproductive harm from exposure to di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP). See www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

Option 3:

⚠️ WARNING [or] CA WARNING [or] CALIFORNIA WARNING: Can expose you to di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), a carcinogen and reproductive toxicant. See www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

Option 4: The following warning statement may be used on Products manufactured and labeled prior to January 1, 2028:

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

Monti shall be deemed to be in compliance with this Settlement Agreement by either adhering to §§ 2.1 - 2.3 of this Settlement Agreement or by complying with warning requirements and/or safe harbor levels adopted by the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") after the Effective Date as applicable to the Products. 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.

(b) Foreign Language Requirement.

Where a consumer product sign, label or shelf tag 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.

(c) On-Product Warnings.

Monti shall affix a warning to the Product label or otherwise directly on Products provided for sale to consumers located in California and to customers with retail outlets in California, or e-commerce platforms with sales to consumers in California. 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(a) must print the one of the following warning phrases in all capital letters and in bold font: **WARNING [or] CA WARNING [or] CALIFORNIA WARNING**. The warning symbol to the left of the warning phrase must be a black exclamation point in a yellow 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 be set off from other surrounding information, enclosed in a box and appear in at least 6-point type.

(d) Internet Warnings.

For all Products sold in or into California through third-party websites over which Monti has the ability to control the application of warnings, Monti shall additionally prominently

display the warning to customers on the internet website prior to purchase or during the checkout process such that the consumer does not have to seek out the information being provided. The warning or a clearly marked hyperlink to the warning using the warning phrase **WARNING [or] CA WARNING [or] CALIFORNIA WARNING** and given in conjunction with the sale of the Products via the internet, shall appear either: (a) on the same web page 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.

Where Monti sells, ships, or distributes Products to third-party retailers or e-commerce marketplaces with sales into California, Monti will advise them of the internet warning requirements under this Agreement as a condition of sale of the Products.

3. MONETARY SETTLEMENT TERMS

3.1 Civil Penalty

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(b), Monti agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$3,500 within ten (10) business days of the Effective Date. Monti'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 OEHHA, and the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) retained by KASB. Monti shall issue its payment in two checks made payable to: (a) "OEHHA" in the amount of \$2,625; and (b) "Seven Hills LLP in Trust for Keep America Safe and Beautiful" in the amount of \$875. KASB's counsel shall deliver to OEHHA and KASB their respective portion of the penalty payment.

3.2 Reimbursement of Attorneys' Fees and Costs

KASB 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 KASB'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. Within ten (10) business days of the Effective Date, Monti agrees to issue a check in the amount of \$16,500 payable to “Seven Hills LLP” for all fees and costs incurred investigating, bringing this matter to Monti’s attention, negotiating a settlement in the public interest, and reporting its terms to Office of the California Attorney General pursuant to Section 9.

3.3 Payments

All payments payable and due under this Agreement shall be delivered to KASB’s counsel at following address:

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

4. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

4.1 KASB’s Release of Monti

This Agreement is a full, final and binding resolution between KASB, as an individual and *not* on behalf of the public, and Monti, of any violation of Proposition 65 that was or could have been asserted by KASB on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, against Monti, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities under common ownership including: directors, officers, employees, attorneys, and each entity to whom Monti directly or indirectly distributes or sells Products, including, but not limited to, downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members, and licensees (collectively, “**Releasees**”), based on their failure to warn under Proposition 65 about alleged exposures to DEHP contained in the Products that were manufactured, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale by Monti in California before the Compliance Date, as alleged in the Notice.

In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, KASB as an individual and *not* on behalf of the public, on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, hereby waives all of KASB's rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and releases all claims that KASB 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 including, but not exclusively, investigation fees, expert fees, and attorneys' fees arising under Proposition 65 with respect to DEHP in the Products manufactured, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale by Monti, before the Compliance Date (collectively, "**Claims**"), against Monti and Releasees.

The Parties further understand and agree that this Section 4.1 release shall neither extend (a) upstream to any entities that manufactured the Products or any component parts thereof, or any distributors or suppliers who sold the Products or any component parts thereof to Monti, nor (b) to Releasees who have been instructed by Monti pursuant to Section 2.3(d) to provide a warning on Products that are not Reformulated Products and have failed to do so. Nothing in this Section affects KASB's right to commence or prosecute an action under Proposition 65 against a Releasee that does not involve Monti's Products.

4.2 Monti's Release of KASB

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

4.3 Mutual Waiver of California Civil Code Section 1542

It is possible that other claims not known to the Parties, arising out of the Notice or relating to the Products, will develop or be discovered. KASB, on behalf of itself only, and

Monti, on behalf of itself only, acknowledge that this Settlement Agreement is expressly intended to cover and include all such claims up through and including the Compliance Date, including all rights of action therefore. KASB and Monti acknowledge that the claims released in Sections 4.1 and 4.2 above 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.

5. SEVERABILITY

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

6. GOVERNING LAW

The terms of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and apply within California. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to relieve Monti from its obligation to comply with any pertinent state or federal law or regulation.

7. NOTICE

Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notice required by this Agreement shall be in writing and sent 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:

For Monti:

Sophia B. Castillo, Esq.
Keller & Heckman LLP
3 Embarcadero Center, Suite 1420
San Francisco, CA 94111

For KASB:

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

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

8. COUNTERPARTS, FACSIMILE AND PDF SIGNATURES

This Agreement 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.

9. COMPLIANCE WITH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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

10. 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, or understandings related thereto, if any, are hereby merged herein and therein. There are no warranties, representations, or other agreements between the Parties except as expressly set forth herein. No representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those specifically referred to in this Agreement have been made by any Party hereto. No other agreements not specifically contained or referenced herein, oral or otherwise, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the Parties hereto.

11. MODIFICATION


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

12. AUTHORIZATION

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

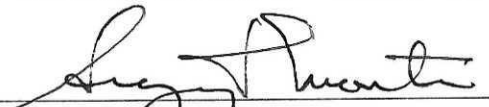
AGREED TO:

Date: 4/9/2025

By: 
Lance Nguyen, CEO
Keep America Safe and Beautiful

AGREED TO:

Date: 4-8-2025

By: 
Gregory Monti, President
Monti & Associates, Inc.