# SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

### 1. INTRODUCTION

# 1.1. Keep America Safe and Beautiful and Scientific Hair Research, LLC:

This Settlement Agreement is entered into by and between Keep America Safe and Beautiful ("KASB"), represented by its attorneys KJT Law Group, LLP on the one hand, and Scientific Hair Research, LLC ("SHR"), on the other hand, with KASB and SHR collectively referred to as the "Parties."

#### 1.2. General Allegations

KASB alleges that SHR manufactured, distributed, and offered for sale in the State of California, certain products containing lead and that such sales have not included warnings pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health & Safety Code sections 25249.6 *et seq*. ("Proposition 65"). California has identified and listed lead under Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

### 1.3. Product Description

The product covered by this Settlement Agreement is defined as Bosley MD – Mendxtend – Healthy Hair Growth Jelly – 1 Month Supply – UPC# 8 15266 01475 9, that SHR 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 March 31, 2025, KASB served SHR 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 SHR and such public

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enforcers with notice that SHR was allegedly in violation of California Health & Safety Code section 25249.6 for failing to warn consumers and customers that the Covered Product exposed 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 SHR's compliance with Proposition 65. Specifically, SHR denies the allegations contained in KASB's 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 SHR 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 SHR of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law, such being specifically denied by SHR. However, nothing in this section shall diminish or otherwise affect the obligations, responsibilities, and duties of SHR 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:</u>

Beginning on the Effective Date, SHR agrees to discontinue manufacturing, distributing or selling the Covered Product in California. Any claim as to Covered Products that are no

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longer under the control or possession of SHR prior to the Effective Date are released in this Settlement Agreement.

#### 3. CONSIDERATION

In settlement of all the claims referred to in this Settlement Agreement, the Parties reached an accord on the compensation due, under the private attorney general doctrine and principles of contract law. Under these legal principles, SHR shall pay \$20,000 as settlement and for fees and costs, incurred as a result of investigating and bringing this matter to SHR's attention.

# 4. <u>PENALTIES PURSUANT TO HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION</u> 25249.7(b)

In settlement of all the claims referred to in this Settlement Agreement, \$2,000 shall be considered a "civil penalty." The civil penalty payment will be allocated in accordance with California Health & Safety Code section 25249.12(c)(1) & (d), with 75% of the funds (\$1,500) remitted to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") and the remaining 25% of the penalty (\$500) shall be remitted to KASB. SHR shall deliver the penalty payment to KASB's counsel. KASB's counsel shall be responsible for delivering OEHHA's and KASB's portions of any penalty payment made under this Agreement.

#### 5. REIMBURSEMENT OF FEES AND COSTS

In settlement of all the claims referred to in this Settlement Agreement, \$18,000 shall be considered reimbursement of KASB's attorneys' fees, expert and investigation fees, and related costs associated with this matter and the Notice. The Parties reached an accord on the compensation due to KASB and its counsel under the private attorney general doctrine and principles of principles of contract law.

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

SHR shall mail one full payment for all fees and penalties within fifteen (15) business days after the Effective Date, at which time such payment shall be mailed to the following address or submitted via wire transfer with wiring instructions to be provided by KASB's counsel with its signed copy of this Settlement Agreement.

KJT LAW GROUP LLP 230 N. Maryland Avenue, Suite 306 Glendale, CA 91206.

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

# 7.1. Release of SHR, 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 6 above, KASB, on behalf of itself, 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 SHR, its equity owners, parent companies, corporate affiliates, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors and assigns, including BosleyMD and Bosley, Inc. (collectively "Releasees") and each of its distributors, wholesalers, licensors, licensees, auctioneers, and retailers for any alleged violations of Proposition 65, or any other alleged violations of statutory or common law, arising from alleged exposure to lead in relation to the Covered Product, up through the Effective Date.

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 Product will develop or be discovered. This Settlement

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Agreement is expressly intended to cover and include all such claims up through the Effective Date. KASB, in its 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 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.

# 8. <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.

# 9. <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 with a courtesy copy to be delivered by email:

For SHR:	Lynn R. Fiorentino, Esq.
	ArentFox Schiff LLP
	44 Montgomery Street, 38th Floor
	San Francisco, CA 94104
	Email: lynn.fiorentino@afslaw.com
For KASB:	Tro Krikorian, Esq.
	KJT Law Group, LLP
	230 N. Maryland Ave., Suite 306
	Glendale, CA 91206
	Email: tro@kjtlawgroup.com

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.

# 10. <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.

### 11. 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.

## 12. MODIFICATION

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

#### 13. 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.

### 14. <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 July 20, 2025

Keep America Safe and Beautiful

By: Lance Nguyen

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_ July 17 , 2025.

Scientific Hair Research, LLC Doug Smiley By: Its: