

# 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 Makita U.S.A., Inc. (“Makita”), with KASB and Makita 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. Makita 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 Makita manufactures, imports, sells, and/or distributes for sale in California blow-out bulbs with vinyl components containing diisononyl phthalate (“DINP”) including, but not limited to, *Blow-Out Bulb Product Code: MAK765009-6*, without providing the health hazard warning that KASB alleges is required by California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 *et seq.* (“Proposition 65”). Blow-out bulbs with vinyl components are referred to hereinafter as the “Products.” DINP is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

### 1.3 Notice of Violation

On May 13, 2025, KASB served Makita, the California Attorney General, and the requisite public enforcement agencies with a 60-Day Notice of Violation (“Notice”), alleging Makita violated Proposition 65 by failing to warn its customers and consumers in California that its Products can expose users to DINP. No public enforcer has commenced and is diligently prosecuting an action to enforce the allegations in the Notice.

### 1.4 No Admission

Makita 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 Makita of any fact, finding, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law. This section shall not, however, diminish or otherwise affect Makita'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**

### **2.1 Reformulation Commitment**

Commencing on the Effective Date and continuing thereafter, all Products Makita manufactures, imports, sells, ships, or distributes for sale in or into California, directly or through one or more known and authorized third party retailers or known and authorized e-commerce marketplaces, shall meet the Reformulation Standard for Reformulated Products, as defined by Section 2.2. Products already in the stream of commerce up to forty-five (45) days after the Effective Date are exempt from this requirement.

### **2.2 Reformulation Standard**

For purposes of this Agreement, "Reformulated Products" are defined as Products which, if they contain diisononyl phthalate ("DINP") contain 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-C1001.09.4 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.

## **MONETARY SETTLEMENT TERMS**

### **2.3 Civil Penalty**

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(b), Makita agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$1,500 within fifteen (15) days of the Effective Date. Makita'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 the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"), and the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) retained by KASB. Makita shall issue its payment in two checks made payable to: (a) "OEHHA" in the amount of \$1,125; and (b) "Seven Hills LLP in Trust for Keep America Safe and Beautiful" in the amount of \$375. KASB's counsel shall deliver to OEHHA and KASB their respective portion of the penalty payment.

### **2.4 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 fifteen (15) days of the Effective Date, Makita agrees to issue a check in the amount of \$17,500 payable to "Seven Hills LLP" for all fees and costs incurred investigating, bringing this matter to Makita's attention, negotiating a settlement in the public interest, and reporting its terms to Office of the California Attorney General pursuant to Section 8.

## 2.5 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  
1 Embarcadero Center, Suite 1200  
San Francisco, CA 94111

## 3. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

### 3.1 KASB's Release of Makita

This Agreement is a full, final and binding resolution between KASB, as an individual and *not* on behalf of the public, and Makita, 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 Makita, its directors, officers, employees, attorneys, and each entity to whom Makita directly or indirectly distributes or sells Products, including, but not limited to, downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members, and licensees, including but not limited to eAutoTool (eautotools.com) (collectively, "**Releasees**"), based on their failure to warn under Proposition 65 about alleged exposures to DINP contained in the Products that were manufactured, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale by Makita in California before the Effective 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, including civil penalties losses, or expenses including, but not exclusively, investigation fees, expert fees, and attorneys' fees arising under Proposition 65 with respect to DINP in the Products manufactured,

distributed, sold and/or offered for sale by Makita, before the Effective Date (collectively, “**Claims**”), against Makita and Releasees.

The Parties further understand and agree that this Section 3.1 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 Makita, nor (b) to Releasees who have been instructed by Makita to withdraw any and all Products that are not Reformulated Products from the market 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 Makita’s Products.

**4.2 Makita’s Release of KASB**

Makita, 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. 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.

**5. 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 Makita from its obligation to comply with any pertinent state or federal law or regulation.

**6. 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 Makita:

Ryan Landis  
Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani  
5 Park Plaza, Suite 1100  
Irvine, CA 92614

For KASB:

Laralei Paras, Partner  
Seven Hills LLP  
1 Embarcadero Center, Suite 1200  
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.

**7. 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.

**8. 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).

**9. 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.

**10. MODIFICATION**

This Agreement may be modified only by a written agreement of the Parties. In the event the Parties elect to modify this agreement KASB and its counsel agree to report the modified agreement to the California Attorney General’s office within five days of its execution, consistent with Section 9, above.

**11. 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.

**12. PUBLIC BENEFIT**

It is the Parties’ understanding that the commitments Makita has agreed to herein, and actions to be taken by Makita under this Agreement, would 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 the Parties that to the extent any other private party initiates an action alleging a violation of Proposition 65 with respect to Makita’s and/or Released Parties’ failure to provide a warning concerning exposure to DINP prior to use of the Products at issue they have manufactured, distributed, sold, or offered for sale in California, such private party action would not confer a significant benefit on the general public as to those Products at issue addressed in this Agreement, provided that Makita and/or Released Parties are in material compliance with this Agreement.

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Date: 6/4/2026

Date: 6.01.2026

By:   
Lance Nguyen, CEO  
Keep America Safe and Beautiful

By:   
Takeshi Kawamoto, Corporate  
Secretary  
Makita U.S.A., Inc.