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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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ANTHONY FERREIRO,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 GREENBRIER INTERNATIONAL,  
 INC. and DOLLAR TREE STORES,  
 INC.,  
 Defendants.

CASE NO.: RG15797630  
~~[PROPOSED]~~ CONSENT JUDGMENT  
 Judge: Jo-Lynne Q. Lee  
 Dept.: 18  
 Hearing Date: May 10, 2016  
 Hearing Time: 9:00 AM  
 Reservation #: R-1723094

1           1.     Introduction

2           1.1    On May 21, 2015, Anthony Ferreiro ("Ferreiro") served Greenbrier International,  
3     Inc. ("Greenbrier"), Dollar Tree, Inc., and Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. ("Dollar Tree"), and various  
4     public enforcement agencies with a document entitled "Notice of Violation of California Health  
5     & Safety Code § 25249.6, *et seq.*" (the "Notice"). The Notice provided Greenbrier and such  
6     others, including public enforcers, with notice that alleged that Greenbrier was in violation of  
7     California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 ("Proposition 65"), for failing to warn consumers and  
8     customers that PVC Sewing Kits, UPC No. 6 3927782250 5/SKU.No. 182250 (the "Product")  
9     exposed users in California to the chemicals Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP). No public  
10    enforcer has diligently prosecuted the allegations set forth in the Notice.

11          1.2    On December 22, 2015, Ferreiro filed a Complaint for Civil Penalties and  
12    Injunctive Relief ("Complaint") in Alameda County Superior Court, Case No. RG15797630,  
13    against Greenbrier and Dollar Tree alleging violations of Proposition 65.

14          1.3    Greenbrier and Dollar Tree are corporations that employ more than ten persons  
15    under California Health and Safety Code §25249.6

16          1.4    Ferreiro's Complaint alleges, among other things, that Greenbrier and/or Dollar  
17    Tree manufactured, distributed, and/or offered for sale the Product in California and/or to  
18    California citizens, that the Product contains DEHP, and that the resulting exposure violated  
19    provisions of Proposition 65, by knowingly and intentionally exposing persons to a chemical  
20    known to the State of California to cause both cancer and reproductive toxicity, developmental,  
21    male, without first providing a clear and reasonable warning to such individuals.

22          1.5    For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the parties stipulate that this Court  
23    has jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the Complaint and personal  
24    jurisdiction over Greenbrier and Dollar Tree as to the acts alleged in the Complaint, that venue is  
25    proper in the County of Alameda, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Consent  
26    Judgment as a resolution of the allegations contained in the Complaint.

27          1.6    The parties enter into this Consent Judgment pursuant to a full, final and binding  
28    settlement of disputed claims between the parties as alleged in the Complaint for the purpose of

1 avoiding prolonged litigation. By execution of this Consent Judgment, Greenbrier and Dollar  
2 Tree do not admit any violation of Proposition 65 and specifically denies that they, and each of  
3 them, committed any such violation. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an  
4 admission by Greenbrier or Dollar Tree of any fact, issue of law or violation of law, nor shall  
5 compliance with the Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by Greenbrier  
6 or Dollar Tree of any fact, issue of law, or violation of law. Nothing in this Consent Judgment  
7 shall prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy or defense that Greenbrier or Dollar Tree may  
8 have in any other future legal proceeding. However, this paragraph shall not diminish or  
9 otherwise affect the obligations, responsibilities and duties of Greenbrier and Dollar Tree under  
10 this Consent Judgment.

11 1.7 For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term "Effective Date" shall mean the  
12 date that the Consent Judgment is entered by the Court.

13 2. Injunctive Relief

14 2.1 Commencing on the Effective Date, and continuing thereafter, Dollar Tree and  
15 Greenbrier shall only ship, sell, or offer for sale in California, Reformulated Product pursuant to  
16 Section 2.2. For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, a "Reformulated Product" is Product  
17 that meets the standard set forth in Section 2.2 below.

18 2.2 "Reformulated Product" shall mean Product that contains less than or equal to  
19 1,000 parts per million ("ppm") of DEHP when analyzed pursuant to U.S. Environmental  
20 Protection Agency testing methodologies 3580A and 8270C or other methodology utilized by  
21 federal or state government agencies for the purpose of determining DEHP content in a solid  
22 substance.

23 3. Entry of Consent Judgment

24 3.1 The parties hereby request that the Court promptly enter this Consent Judgment.  
25 Upon entry of this Consent Judgment, Ferreiro, Dollar Tree and Greenbrier waive their respective  
26 rights to a hearing or trial on the allegations of the Ferreiro Complaint and 60-Day Notice.

27 3.2 In the event that the Attorney General objects or otherwise comments on one or  
28 more provisions of this Consent Judgment, Ferreiro, Dollar Tree and Greenbrier agree to take

1 reasonable steps to satisfy such concerns or objections.

2 **4. Matters Covered By This Consent Judgment**

3 4.1 This Consent Judgment is a full, final and binding resolution between Plaintiff  
4 Ferreiro, acting on his own behalf, and on behalf of the public and in the public interest, and  
5 Defendants Greenbrier and Dollar Tree and their respective parents, subsidiaries, affiliated  
6 entities under common ownership, directors, officers, agents employees, attorneys, and each  
7 entity to whom Greenbrier and/or Dollar Tree directly or indirectly distributes or sells the  
8 Product, including, but not limited, to downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers,  
9 franchisees, cooperative members, and licensees (collectively, "Releasees"), and shall have  
10 preclusive effect such that no other person or entity, whether purporting to act in his, her, or its  
11 interests or the public interest shall be permitted to pursue and/or take any action with respect to:  
12 (i) any violation of Proposition 65 that was alleged in the Complaint, or that could have been  
13 brought pursuant to the Notice; or (ii) any other statutory or common law claim, to the fullest  
14 extent that any of the foregoing described in (i) or (ii) were or could have been asserted by any  
15 person or entity against any Releasee based on its purported exposure of persons to the Product,  
16 or its purported failure to provide a clear and reasonable warning of exposure to such individuals,  
17 or (iii) as to alleged exposures to the Product, any other claim based on whole or in part on the  
18 facts alleged in the Complaint and the Notice, whether based on actions committed by Greenbrier  
19 and/or Dollar Tree or their downstream retailers of the Product. As to alleged exposures to the  
20 Product, compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment resolves any issue, now and in the  
21 future, and is deemed sufficient to satisfy all obligations concerning, compliance by Greenbrier  
22 and Dollar Tree, and each of them, with the requirements of Proposition 65 with respect to the  
23 Product, and any alleged resulting exposure.

24 4.2 As to alleged exposures to the Product, Ferreiro waives all rights to institute any  
25 form of legal action, and releases all claims against Releasees whether under Proposition 65 or  
26 otherwise, arising out of or resulting from, or related directly or indirectly to, in whole or in part,  
27 the Product, including but not limited to any exposure to, or failure to warn with respect to, the  
28 Product (referred to collectively in this Section as the "Claims"). In furtherance of the foregoing,

1 as to alleged exposures to the Product, Ferreiro waives any and all rights and benefits which he  
2 now has, or in the future may have, conferred upon him with respect to the Claims by virtue of  
3 the provisions of § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

4 A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE  
5 CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT EXIST IN HIS FAVOR AT  
6 THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM  
7 MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS SETTLEMENT WITH THE  
8 DEBTOR.

9 Ferreiro understands and acknowledges that the significance and consequence of this waiver of  
10 California Civil Code § 1542 is that even if Ferreiro suffers future damages arising out of or  
11 resulting from, or related directly or indirectly to, in whole or in part, the Product, including but  
12 not limited to any exposure to, or failure to warn with respect to exposure to, the Product, Ferreiro  
13 will not be able to make any claim for those damages against any Releasee

14 **5. Enforcement of Judgment**

15 5.1 The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be enforced exclusively by the parties  
16 hereto. The parties may, by noticed motion or order to show cause before the Superior Court of  
17 Alameda County, giving the notice required by law, enforce the terms and conditions contained  
18 herein. In any proceeding brought by either party to enforce this Consent Judgment, such party  
19 may seek whatever fines, costs, penalties or remedies as may be provided by law for any violation  
20 of Proposition 65 or this Consent Judgment.

21 **6. Modification of Judgment**

22 6.1 This Consent Judgment may be modified only by written agreement of the parties  
23 upon entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court thereon, or upon motion of any party as  
24 provided by law and upon an entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court.

25 6.2 Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, should any court enter final  
26 judgment in a case brought by Ferreiro or the People involving the Product that sets forth  
27 standards defining when Proposition 65 warnings will or will not be required ("Alternative  
28 Standards"), or if the California Attorney General's office otherwise provides written

1 endorsement (i.e., a writing that is circulated by the Attorney General that is not intended for the  
2 purpose of soliciting further input or comments) of Alternative Standards applicable to the  
3 products that are of the same general type and function as the Product and constructed from the  
4 same materials, Greenbrier and Dollar Tree shall be entitled to seek a modification of this  
5 Consent Judgment on sixty (60) days' notice to Ferreiro so as to be able to utilize and rely on such  
6 Alternative Standards in lieu of those set forth in Section 7 of this Consent Judgment. Ferreiro  
7 shall not unreasonably contest any proposed application to effectuate such a modification and  
8 reserves the right to dispute whether the Product for which such a modification is sought is of the  
9 same general type and function as those to which the Alternative Standards apply.

10 **7. Settlement Payment**

11 7.1 In settlement of all the claims referred to in this Consent Judgment, and without  
12 any admission of liability therefor, Greenbrier shall make the following monetary payments:

13 7.1.1 Greenbrier shall cause to be paid a total of \$5,000.00 in civil penalties in  
14 accordance with this Section. The civil penalty payment will be allocated in accordance with  
15 California Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.12(c)(1) and (d), with 75% of the funds remitted to the  
16 California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") and the remaining  
17 25% of the civil penalty remitted to Ferreiro.

18 7.1.2 Within seven (7) business days of the Effective Date, Greenbrier shall  
19 cause to be issued two separate checks for the initial civil penalty payment to (a) "OEHHA" in the  
20 amount of \$3,750.00; and (b) "Brodsky & Smith, LLC in Trust for Ferreiro" in the amount of  
21 \$1,250.00. Payment owed to Ferreiro pursuant to this Section shall be delivered to the following  
22 payment address:

23 Evan J. Smith, Esquire  
24 Brodsky & Smith, LLC  
25 Two Bala Plaza, Suite 510  
26 Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

26 Payment owed to OEHHA (EIN: 68-0284486) pursuant to this Section shall be delivered directly  
27 to OEHHA (Memo Line "Prop 65 Penalties") at one of the following address(es):

28 For United States Postal Service Delivery:

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

7 For Non-United States Postal Service Delivery:

8 Mike Gyurics  
9 Fiscal Operations Branch Chief  
10 Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment  
11 1001 I Street  
12 Sacramento, CA 95814

13 A copy of the check payable to OEHHA shall be mailed to Brodsky & Smith, LLC at the address  
14 set forth above as proof of payment to OEHHA.

15 7.1.3 In addition to the payment above, Greenbrier shall cause to be paid  
16 \$40,000.00 to Brodsky & Smith, LLC ("Brodsky Smith") as complete reimbursement for Plaintiff  
17 Ferreiro's attorneys' fees and costs, including any investigation and laboratory costs or expert  
18 fees, incurred in the course of bringing the Ferreiro action, and in enforcing Proposition 65,  
19 including without limitation, preparation of the 60-Day Notice letter and discussions with the  
20 office of the Attorney General. Payment shall be made within seven (7) business days of the  
21 Effective Date and sent to the address for Brodsky & Smith set forth in section 7.1.2, above.  
22 Greenbrier shall be liable for payment of interest, at a rate of 10% simple interest, for all amounts  
23 due and owing that are not received within two business days of the date they are due.

24 **8. Notices**

25 8.1 Any and all notices between the parties provided for or permitted under this  
26 Agreement, or by law, shall be in writing and personally delivered or sent by: (i) first-class  
27 (registered or certified mail) return receipt requested; or (ii) overnight or two-day courier on any  
28 party by the other party to the following addresses:

For Greenbrier and Dollar Tree:

Keith P. Zanni  
Assistant General Counsel, Compliance  
DOLLAR TREE  
500 Volvo Parkway  
Chesapeake, VA 23320

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*With copy to:*

Ann G. Grimaldi  
GRIMALDI LAW OFFICES  
50 California Street | Suite 1500  
San Francisco, CA 94111  
T: 415.463.5186

For Ferreiro:

Evan J. Smith  
BRODSKY & SMITH, LLC  
9595 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 900  
Beverly Hills, CA 90212  
T: 877.354.2590

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.

**9. Authority to Stipulate**

9.1 Each signatory to this Consent Judgment certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party he or she represents to enter into this Consent Judgment and to execute it on behalf of the party represented and legally to bind that party.

**10. Counterparts**

10.1 This Stipulation may be signed in counterparts and shall be binding upon the parties hereto as if all said parties executed the original hereof.

**11. Retention of Jurisdiction**

11.1 This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to implement the Consent Judgment.

**12. Service on the Attorney General**

12.1 Ferreiro shall serve a copy of this Consent Judgment, signed by both parties, on the California Attorney General on behalf of the parties as required by law so that the Attorney general may review this Consent Judgment prior to its submittal to the Court for Approval. No sooner than forty-five (45) days after the Attorney General has received the aforementioned copy of this Consent Judgment, and in the absence of any written objection by the Attorney General to the terms of this Consent Judgment, the parties may then submit it to the Court for Approval.

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**13. Entire Agreement**

13.1 This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof, and any and all discussions, negotiations, commitment and understandings related thereto. No representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those contained herein have been made by any party hereto. No other agreements not specifically referred to herein, oral or otherwise, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties.

**14. Governing Law and Construction**

14.1 The validity, construction and performance of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of California, without reference to any conflicts of law provisions of California law.

**15. Court Approval**

15.1 If this Consent Judgment is not approved by the Court, it shall be of no force or effect, and cannot be used in any proceeding for any purpose.

**IT IS SO STIPULATED:**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony Ferreiro

Dated: 1/13/16  
By:   
Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. and  
Greenbrier International, Inc.

**IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Judge of Superior Court

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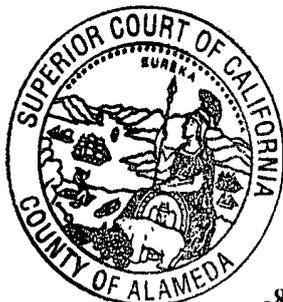
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Greenbrier International, Inc.

**IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:**

Dated: 5/10/2016

*Jo-Lynne Q. Lee*  
Judge of Superior Court



**JO-LYNNE Q. LEE**