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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
UNLIMITED JURISDICTION

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ex
rel. BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY
WAREHOUSE CORPORATION, et al,

Defendants.

) Case No. RG 04-162075

) (Consolidated with RG 04-162037, RG
) 04-169511)

) [PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT
) AS TO H.E.R. ACCESSORIES, LLC

AND RELATED CONSOLIDATED CASES.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Consent Judgment is entered into by the Center For Environmental Health, a California non-profit corporation (“CEH”), and H.E.R. Accessories, LLC (“Defendant”), to settle certain claims asserted by CEH against Defendant as set forth in the operative complaint in the matter entitled *Center for Environmental Health v. Nadri, Inc., et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG 06-269531 (the “*Nadri Action*”).

1.2 On May 12, 2006, CEH filed the original complaint in the *Nadri Action*, which was later consolidated with three other actions including the lead case, *People v. Burlington Coat*

1 *Factory et al.* (Alameda Superior Court Case No. RG 04-162075).

2 1.3 On February 21, 2006, upon noticed motion, the Court entered a Consent Judgment
3 against a group of other defendants in the consolidated actions (the "Master Consent Judgment").

4 1.4 On June 15, 2006, upon noticed motion, the Court amended the Master Consent
5 Judgment by entering an Amended Consent Judgment in the consolidated actions (the "Amended
6 Master Consent Judgment").

7 1.5 On December 9, 2008, CEH provided a "Notice of Violation of Proposition 65" to
8 the California Attorney General, the District Attorneys of every county in California, the City
9 Attorneys of every California city with a population greater than 750,000, and to Defendant
10 regarding the presence of lead in jewelry manufactured, distributed or sold by Defendant.

11 1.6 On February 17, 2009, the Complaint in the *Nadri* Action was amended to name
12 Defendant as a party.

13 1.7 Defendant is a corporation that employs 10 or more persons, and which
14 manufactures, distributes and/or sells Covered Products in the State of California.

15 1.8 For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, CEH and Defendant (the "Parties")
16 stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the
17 Complaint and personal jurisdiction over Defendant as to the acts alleged in the Complaint, that
18 venue is proper in the County of Alameda, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter this
19 Consent Judgment as a full and final resolution of all claims which were or could have been raised
20 in the Complaint based on the facts alleged therein with respect to Covered Products
21 manufactured, distributed, and/or sold by Defendant.

22 1.9 CEH and Defendant enter into this Consent Judgment as a full and final settlement
23 of all claims that were raised in the Complaint, or which could have been raised in the Complaint,
24 arising out of the facts or conduct related to Defendant alleged therein. By execution of this
25 Consent Judgment and agreeing to comply with its terms, the Parties do not admit any facts or
26 conclusions of law including, but not limited to, any facts or conclusions of law suggesting or
27 demonstrating any violations of Proposition 65 or any other statutory, common law or equitable
28 requirements relating to lead in jewelry. Nothing in this Consent Judgment is or shall be

1 construed as an admission by the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law or violation of
2 law, nor shall compliance with the Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission
3 by the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law. Defendant denies
4 the material, factual and legal allegations in CEH's Complaint and expressly denies any wrong
5 doing whatsoever. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall prejudice, waive or impair any right,
6 remedy, argument or defense the Parties may have in this or any other pending or future legal
7 proceedings. This Consent Judgment is the product of negotiation and compromise and is
8 accepted by the Parties solely for purposes of settling, compromising, and resolving issues
9 disputed in this action.

10 **2. DEFINITIONS**

11 2.1 The term "Covered Product" means (a) the following ornaments worn by a person:
12 an anklet, arm cuff, bracelet, charm, brooch, chain, crown, cuff link, decorated hair accessories,
13 earring, necklace, pin, ring and Body Piercing Jewelry; or (b) any bead, chain, link, pendant, or
14 other component of such an ornament.

15 2.2 The term "Effective Date" means the date of entry of this Consent Judgment.

16 **3. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

17 3.1 **Reformulation of Covered Products.** After the Effective Date, Defendant shall
18 not manufacture, ship, sell or offer for sale in California or anywhere else any Covered Product
19 that contains:

20 3.1.1 Any component, or is made of any material, that is more than 0.02 percent
21 lead by weight (200 ppm); and

22 3.1.2 Any Surface Coating that is more than 0.009 percent lead by weight (90
23 ppm). For purposes of this Consent Judgment, "Surface Coating" shall carry the same meaning as
24 "Paint or other similar surface coating" under 16 CFR §1303.2(b)(1) ("Paint and other similar
25 surface-coating materials means a fluid, semi-fluid, or other material, with or without a suspension
26 of finely divided coloring matter, which changes to a solid film when a thin layer is applied to a
27 metal, wood, stone, paper, leather, cloth, plastic, or other surface. This term does not include
28 printing inks or those materials which actually become a part of the substrate, such as the pigment

1 in a plastic article, or those materials which are actually bonded to the substrate, such as by
2 electroplating or ceramic glazing.”).

3 **3.2 Market Withdrawal of Covered Products.** On or before the Effective Date,
4 Defendant shall cease shipping the following Covered Products: (1) Strawberry Shortcake Charm
5 Bracelet, SKU No. 79522-26712, which was identified in the 60-Day Notice of Violation sent by
6 CEH to Defendant; and (2) Hannah Montana Charm Bracelet, SKU No. 8-07716-78550-0 (the
7 “Recall Products”), to stores and/or customers in California, and Defendant shall withdraw the
8 Recall Products from the market in California, and, at a minimum, send instructions to any of its
9 stores and/or customers that offer the Recall Products for sale in California to cease offering such
10 Recall Products for sale in California and to either return all Recall Products to Defendant for
11 destruction, or to directly destroy the Recall Products. Any destruction of the Recall Products
12 shall be in compliance with all applicable laws. Defendant shall keep and make available to CEH
13 for inspection and copying records and correspondence regarding the market withdrawal and
14 destruction of the Recall Products. If there is a dispute over the corrective action, the Parties shall
15 meet and confer before seeking any remedy in court.

16 **4. ENFORCEMENT**

17 4.1 CEH may, by motion or application for an order to show cause before the
18 Superior Court of the County of Alameda, enforce the terms and conditions contained in this
19 Consent Judgment. Should CEH prevail on any motion or application under this section,
20 CEH shall be entitled to its reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs associated with such motion
21 or application.

22 **5. PAYMENTS**

23 5.1 **Payments From Defendant.** Within five (5) days of the entry of this Consent
24 Judgment, Defendant shall pay the total sum of \$36,000 as a settlement payment. Any failure by
25 Defendant to comply with the payment terms herein shall be subject to a stipulated late fee in the
26 amount of \$100 for each day after the delivery date the payment is received. The late fees
27 required under this section shall be recoverable, together with reasonable attorneys’ fees, in an
28 enforcement proceeding brought pursuant to section 4 of this Consent Judgment.

1 **5.2 Allocation of Payments.** The total settlement amount for Defendant shall be paid
2 in three separate checks delivered to the offices of the Lexington Law Group (Attn: Eric Somers),
3 1627 Irving Street, San Francisco, California 94122 and made payable and allocated as follows:

4 5.2.1 Defendant shall pay the sum of \$1,000 as a penalty pursuant to Health &
5 Safety Code §25249.7(b),

6 5.2.2 Defendant shall pay the sum of \$11,500 as payment to CEH in lieu of
7 penalty pursuant to California Health & Safety Code §25249.7(b), and California Code of
8 Regulations, title 11, §3202(b). CEH will use such funds to continue its work educating and
9 protecting people from exposures to toxic chemicals, including heavy metals. In addition, CEH
10 may use a portion of such funds to monitor compliance with the reformulation requirements of this
11 and other similar Consent Judgments, to purchase and test jewelry, and to prepare and compile the
12 information and documentation necessary to support a Notice of Violation. In addition, as part of
13 its Community Environmental Action and Justice Fund, CEH will use four percent of such funds
14 to award grants to grassroots environmental justice groups working to educate and protect people
15 from exposures to toxic chemicals. The method of selection of such groups can be found at the
16 CEH web site at www.ceh.org/justicefund. The payment in lieu of penalty check shall be made
17 payable to the Center For Environmental Health.

18 5.2.3 Defendant shall pay the sum of \$23,500 as reimbursement of reasonable
19 attorneys' fees and costs. The attorneys fees and cost reimbursement check shall be made payable
20 to the Lexington Law Group.

21 **6. MODIFICATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

22 6.1 **Modification.** This Consent Judgment may be modified from time to time by
23 express written agreement of the Parties, with the approval of the Court, or by an order of this
24 Court upon motion and in accordance with law.

25 6.2 **Notice; Meet and Confer.** Any Party seeking to modify this Consent Judgment
26 shall attempt in good faith to meet and confer with all affected Parties prior to filing a motion to
27 modify the Consent Judgment.

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1 **7. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASE**

2 7.1 This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between CEH and
3 Defendant and Defendant’s parents, shareholders, divisions, subdivisions, subsidiaries, partners,
4 sister companies and their successors and assigns (“Defendant Releasees”), and all entities other
5 than those listed on Exhibit A of this Consent Judgment to whom they distribute or sell Covered
6 Products including, but not limited to, distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees,
7 cooperative members, and licensees (“Downstream Defendant Releasees”), of any violation of
8 Proposition 65 or any other statutory or common law claims that have been or could have been
9 asserted in the public interest against Defendant, Defendant Releasees, and Downstream
10 Defendant Releasees, regarding the failure to warn about exposure to lead arising in connection
11 with Covered Products manufactured, distributed, or sold by Defendant prior to the Effective Date.

12 7.2 CEH, for itself and acting on behalf of the public interest pursuant to Health and
13 Safety Code §25249.7(d), releases, waives, and forever discharges any and all claims against
14 Defendant, Defendant Releasees, and Downstream Defendant Releasees arising from any violation
15 of Proposition 65 or any other statutory or common law claims that have been or could have been
16 asserted in the public interest regarding the failure to warn about exposure to lead arising in
17 connection with Covered Products manufactured, distributed or sold by Defendant prior to the
18 Effective Date.

19 7.3 Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment by Defendant and its
20 Defendant Releasees shall constitute compliance with Proposition 65 by that Defendant, its
21 Defendant Releasees and their Downstream Defendant Releasees with respect to any alleged
22 failure to warn about Lead in Covered Products manufactured, distributed or sold by Defendant
23 after the Effective Date.

24 **8. PROVISION OF NOTICE**

25 8.1 When any Party is entitled to receive any notice under this Consent Judgment, the
26 notice shall be sent by certified mail and electronic mail as follows:

27 8.1.1 **Notices to Defendant.** The persons for Defendant to receive Notices
28 pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be:

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H.E.R. Accessories, LLC
15 West 37th Street, 5th Floor
New York, NY 10018

8.1.2 **Notices to Plaintiff.** The person for CEH to receive Notices pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be:

Eric S. Somers
Lexington Law Group
1627 Irving Street
San Francisco, California 94122
esomers@lexlawgroup.com

8.2 Any Party may modify the person and address to whom the notice is to be sent by sending each other Party notice by certified mail and/or other verifiable form of written communication.

9. COURT APPROVAL

9.1 This Consent Judgment shall become effective on the Effective Date, provided however, that CEH shall prepare and file a Motion for Approval of this Consent Judgment and Defendant shall support approval of such Motion.

9.2 If this Consent Judgment is not entered by the Court, it shall be of no force or effect and shall not be introduced into evidence or otherwise used in any proceeding for any purpose.

10. GOVERNING LAW AND CONSTRUCTION

10.1 The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.

11. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

11.1 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 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 Consent Judgment have been made by any Party

1 hereto. No other agreements not specifically contained or referenced herein, oral or otherwise,
2 shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the Parties hereto. Any agreements specifically
3 contained or referenced herein, oral or otherwise, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the
4 Parties hereto only to the extent that they are expressly incorporated herein. No supplementation,
5 modification, waiver, or termination of this Consent Judgment shall be binding unless executed in
6 writing by the Party to be bound thereby. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Consent
7 Judgment shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any of the other provisions hereof
8 whether or not similar, nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

9 **12. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION**

10 12.1 This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to implement or modify the
11 Consent Judgment.

12 **13. AUTHORITY TO STIPULATE TO CONSENT JUDGMENT**

13 13.1 Each signatory to this Consent Judgment certifies that he or she is fully authorized
14 by the Party he or she represents to stipulate to this Consent Judgment and to enter into and
15 execute the Consent Judgment on behalf of the Party represented and legally to bind that Party.

16 **14. NO EFFECT ON OTHER SETTLEMENTS**

17 14.1 Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall preclude CEH from resolving any claim
18 against an entity that is not Defendant on terms that are different than those contained in this
19 Consent Judgment.

20 **15. EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS**

21 15.1 The stipulations to this Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by
22 means of facsimile, which taken together shall be deemed to constitute one document.

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

23 Dated: ..

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25 Honorable Robert B. Freedman

26 Judge of the Superior Court of the State of California

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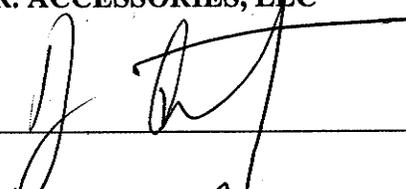
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		CEO/PRESIDENT
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EXHIBIT A
(LIST OF ENTITIES NOT SUBJECT
TO DOWNSTREAM DEFENDANT RELEASE)

1. Albertson's LLC; Albertson's, Inc.; New Albertson's, Inc.
2. AZ3, Inc.
3. Banana Republic, LLC
4. Barnes & Noble, Inc.
5. BCBG Max Azria Group, Inc.
6. Big A Drug Stores, Inc.
7. Conair Corporation
8. Cousin Corporation of America
9. Elite Distributing Company dba Edco
10. Forum Novelties, Inc.
11. Georgiou Studio, Inc.
12. Hayun Fashion Investments Corporation dba Planet Funk
13. ICU Eyewear
14. I Love Bracelets, Inc.
15. Ivorette-Texas, Inc. dba Upstart Crow Trading Company
16. Jacadi USA, Inc.
17. JOIA Accessories, Inc.
18. Legoland California LLC
19. Lisa Kline, Inc.
20. Long Rap, Inc..
21. Marin Beauty Company
22. Max Rave, LLC
23. Peninsula Beauty Supply, Inc.
24. Raley's
25. Rite Aid Corporation
26. Ruby's Costume Company, Inc.
27. Safeway, Inc.

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- 28. Scüinci International, Inc.
- 29. Sea World, Inc.
- 30. Shoe Pavilion Corporation; Shoe Pavilion, Inc.
- 31. Six Flags Theme Parks, Inc.
- 32. Urban Outfitters West LLC; Urban Outfitters, Inc.
- 33. Volume Distributors, Inc.
- 34. Whole Foods Market California, Inc.
- 35. Zoom Eyeworks, Inc.