

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Peter Englander and Voltec Industries LLC

This Settlement Agreement is entered into by and between Peter Englander (“Englander”) and Voltec Industries LLC (“Voltec”), with Englander and Voltec collectively referred to as the “Parties.” Englander is an individual residing in the State of California who asserts that he seeks to promote awareness of exposure to toxic chemicals and improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer products. Voltec employs ten or more persons and is a person in the course of doing business for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 *et seq.* (“Proposition 65”).

1.2 General Allegations

Englander alleges that Voltec has manufactured, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale in California clamp lamps with vinyl/PVC clamps containing the phthalate chemical di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (“DEHP”) without the requisite Proposition 65 health hazard warnings. DEHP is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm.

1.3 Product Description

The products that are covered by this Settlement Agreement are clamp lamps with vinyl/PVC clamps containing DEHP including, but not limited to, the *Voltec Industries Clamp Lamp, Part No. 08-00347 (#8 03058 00347 0)*, manufactured, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale in California by Voltec, hereinafter referred to as the “Products.”

1.4 Notice of Violation

On or about February 8, 2013, Englander served Voltec and various public enforcement agencies with a document entitled “60-Day Notice of Violation” (“Notice”) that provided the recipients with notice of alleged violations of Proposition 65 by Voltec

for failing to warn its customers and consumers in California that the Products it sold exposed users to DEHP. To the best of the Parties' knowledge, no public enforcer has commenced and is diligently prosecuting the allegations set forth in the Notice.

1.5 No Admission

Voltec denies the material, factual, and legal allegations contained in the Notice and maintains that all of the products that it has sold and distributed in California, including the Products, have been, and are, in compliance with all laws. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed as an admission by Voltec of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with this Settlement Agreement constitute or be construed as an admission by Voltec of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law, such being specifically denied by Voltec. However, this Section shall not diminish or otherwise affect Voltec's obligations, responsibilities, and duties under this Settlement Agreement.

1.6 Effective Date

For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, the term "Effective Date" shall mean September 1, 2013.

2. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: REFORMULATION AND WARNINGS

2.1 Reformulation Commitment

As of the Effective Date, Voltec shall only manufacture, distribute, sell and/or offer for sale in California Products that are "Reformulated Products." For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, "Reformulated Products" shall mean Products containing less than or equal to 1,000 ppm (0.1%) DEHP when analyzed pursuant to EPA testing methodologies 3580A and 8270C.

2.2 Warnings Commitment

The Parties acknowledge and agree that Voltec has already implemented a warning program for all non-Reformulated Products manufactured, imported, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale by Voltec in California, which provides as follows:

California Proposition 65 Warning: This product may contain chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer. Please wash hands after use.

Voltec shall continue to use said warnings on all non-Reformulated Products sold in California through and until August 31, 2013. However, commencing on November 1, 2013, Voltec shall, for all non-Reformulated Products manufactured, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale in the State of California, provide clear and reasonable warnings as set forth in subsections 2.2(a) and (b). Each warning shall be prominently placed with such conspicuousness as compared with other words, statements, designs, or devices as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions before purchase or use. Each warning shall be provided in a manner such that the consumer or user understands to which *specific* Product the warning applies, so as to minimize the risk of consumer confusion.

(a) Retail Store Sales.

(i) Product Labeling. Voltec shall affix a warning to the packaging, labeling, or directly on each Product sold in retail outlets in California by Voltec or any person selling the Products, that states:

WARNING: This product contains chemicals, including DEHP, known to the State of California to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm. Please wash hands after use.

(ii) Point-of-Sale Warnings. Alternatively, Voltec may provide warning signs in the form below to its customers in California with instructions to post the warnings in close proximity to the point of display of the Products. Such instruction sent to Voltec's customers shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.

WARNING: This product contains chemicals, including DEHP, known to the State of California to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm. Please wash hands after use.

Where more than one Product is sold in proximity to other like items or to those that do not require a warning (e.g., Reformulated Products as defined in Section 2.1), the following statement shall be used:¹

WARNING: The following products contain chemicals, including DEHP, known to the State of California to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm. Please wash hands after use.

[list products for which warning is required]

(b) Mail Order Catalog and Internet Sales. In the event that Voltec sells Products via mail order catalog and/or the internet to customers located in California, after the Effective Date, that are not Reformulated Products, Voltec shall provide warnings for such Products. Warnings given in the mail order catalog or on the internet shall identify the *specific* Product to which the warning applies as further specified in Sections 2.2(b)(i) and (ii).

(i) Mail Order Catalog Warning. Any warning provided in a mail order catalog shall be in the same type size or larger than the Product description text within the catalog. The following warning shall be provided on the same page and in the same location as the display and/or description of the Product:

WARNING: This product contains chemicals, including DEHP, known to the State of California to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm. Please wash hands after use.

Where it is impracticable to provide the warning on the same page and in the same location as the display and/or description of the Product, Voltec may utilize a designated symbol to cross reference the applicable warning and shall define the term

¹ For purposes of the Settlement Agreement, "sold in proximity" shall mean that the Product and another similar product are offered for sale close enough to each other that the consumer, under customary conditions of purchase, could not reasonably determine which of the two products is subject to the warning sign.

“designated symbol” with the following language on the inside of the front cover of the catalog or on the same page as any order form for the Product(s):

WARNING: Certain products identified with this symbol ▼ and offered for sale in this catalog contain chemicals, including DEHP, known to the State of California to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm. Please wash hands after use.

The designated symbol must appear on the same page and in close proximity to the display and/or description of the Product. On each page where the designated symbol appears, Voltec must provide a header or footer directing the consumer to the warning language and definition of the designated symbol.

(ii) **Internet Website Warning.** A warning shall be given in conjunction with the sale of the Products via the internet, which warning shall appear either: (a) on the same web page on which a Product is displayed; (b) on the same web page as the order form for a Product; (c) on the same page as the price for any Product; or (d) on one or more web pages displayed to a purchaser during the checkout process. The following warning statement shall be used and shall appear in any of the above instances adjacent to or immediately following the display, description, or price of the Product for which it is given in the same type size or larger than the Product description text:

WARNING: This product contains chemicals, including DEHP, known to the State of California to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm. Please wash hands after use.

Alternatively, the designated symbol may appear adjacent to or immediately following the display, description, or price of the Product for which a warning is being given, provided that the following warning statement also appears elsewhere on the same web page, as follows:

WARNING: Products identified on this page with the following symbol ▼ contain chemicals, including DEHP, known to the State of California to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm.

3. PENALTIES PURSUANT TO HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(b)

In settlement of all the claims referred to in this Settlement Agreement, Voltec shall pay a total of \$6,000 in civil penalties in accordance with this Section. Each penalty payment will be allocated in accordance with California Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.12(c)(1) & (d), with 75% of the funds remitted to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") and the remaining 25% of the penalty remitted to Englander, as follows:

3.1 Initial Civil Penalty

Voltec shall pay an initial civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000 on or before the Effective Date. Voltec shall issue two separate checks to: (a) "OEHHA" in the amount of \$1,500; and (b) "The Chanler Group in Trust for Peter Englander" in the amount of \$500. All penalty payments shall be delivered to the addresses listed in Section 3.3 below.

3.2 Final Civil Penalty

Voltec shall pay a final civil penalty of \$4,000 on or before November 15, 2013. The final civil penalty shall be waived in its entirety, however, if, no later than November 1, 2013, an officer of Voltec provides Englander with written certification that, as of the date of such certification and continuing into the future, Voltec has met the reformulation standard specified in Section 2.1 above, such that all Products manufactured, imported, distributed, sold and offered for sale in California by Voltec are Reformulated Products. The certification in lieu of a final civil penalty payment provided by this Section is a material term, and time is of the essence. Voltec shall issue two separate checks for its final civil penalty payments to: (a) "OEHHA" in the amount of \$3,000; and (b) "The Chanler Group in Trust for Peter Englander" in the amount of \$1,000.

3.3 Payment Procedures

3.3.1 Issuance of Payments. Payments shall be delivered as follows:

(a) All payments owed to Englander, pursuant to Sections 3.1 through 3.2, shall be delivered to the following payment address:

The Chanler Group
Attn: Proposition 65 Controller
2560 Ninth Street
Parker Plaza, Suite 214
Berkeley, CA 94710

(b) All payments owed to OEHHA (EIN: 68-0284486), pursuant to Sections 3.1 through 3.2, shall be delivered directly to OEHHA (Memo line "Prop 65 Penalties") at the following addresses:

For United States Postal Service Delivery:

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

For Non-United States Postal Service Delivery:

Mike Gyurics
Fiscal Operations Branch Chief
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

With a copy of the checks payable to OEHHA mailed to The Chanler Group at the address set forth above in 3.3.1(a), as proof of payment to OEHHA.

3.3.2 Issuance of 1099 Forms. After each penalty payment, Voltec shall issue separate 1099 forms for each payment to Englander, whose address and tax identification number shall be furnished upon request after this Settlement Agreement has been fully executed by the Parties, and OEHHA at the addresses listed in Section 3.3.1 above.

4. REIMBURSEMENT OF FEES AND COSTS

The Parties acknowledge that Englander and his counsel offered to resolve this dispute without reaching terms on the amount of fees and costs to be reimbursed to them, thereby leaving this fee issue to be resolved after the material terms of the agreement had been settled. Englander then expressed a desire to resolve the fee and cost issue shortly after the other settlement terms had been finalized. The Parties then attempted to (and did) reach an accord on the compensation due to Englander and his 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 of this agreement. Voltec shall pay \$18,000 for fees and costs incurred as a result of investigating, bringing this matter to Voltec's attention, and negotiating a settlement in the public interest. Voltec shall issue a separate 1099 for fees and costs (EIN: 94-3171522), shall make the check payable to "The Chanler Group" and shall deliver payment on or before the Effective Date, to the address listed in Section 3.3.1 above.

5. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

5.1 Release

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

In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, Englander on behalf of himself, his past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, hereby waives all his rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and releases all claims that he 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 limited to, investigation fees, expert fees, and attorneys' fees, but exclusive of fees and costs on appeal -- limited to and arising under Proposition 65 with respect to DEHP in the Products manufactured, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale by Voltec before the Effective Date (collectively "claims"), against Voltec and Releasees.

5.2 Voltec's Release of Englander

Voltec on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against Englander, his attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made (or those that could have been taken or made) by Englander and his 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.

6. POST EXECUTION ACTIVITIES

Within twelve months of the execution of this Settlement Agreement Voltec may ask Englander, in writing, to file a complaint, incorporate the terms of this Settlement Agreement into a proposed consent judgment and seek the court's approval of the consent judgment pursuant to California Health and Safety Code § 25249.7, or as may be otherwise allowed by law. If requested, Englander agrees to reasonably cooperate with Voltec and to use best efforts and that of his counsel to support the entry of a consent judgment incorporating the terms of this Settlement Agreement for approval by a superior court in California. Pursuant to CCP §§ 1021 and 1021.5, Voltec will reimburse Englander and his counsel for their reasonable fees and costs incurred in filing the

complaint, converting the Settlement Agreement into a proposed consent judgment and seeking judicial approval of the consent judgment in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, exclusive of fees and cost that may be incurred on appeal. Voltec will remit payment to The Chanler Group, at the address set forth in Section 3.3.1 above. Such additional fees shall be paid by Voltec within ten days after its receipt of monthly invoices from Englander for work performed under this paragraph.

7. SEVERABILITY

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

8. GOVERNING LAW

The terms of this Settlement Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and apply within the State of California. In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed or is otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to the Products, then Voltec may provide written notice to Englander of any asserted change in the law, and shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Settlement Agreement with respect to, and to the extent that, the Products are so affected.

9. NOTICES

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: (a) first-class, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested; or (b) overnight courier on any party by the other party at the following addresses:

To Voltec:

Sheila Miller, President
Voltec Industries LLC
13885 Ramona Avenue
Chino, CA 91710

To Englander:

Proposition 65 Coordinator
The Chanler Group
2560 Ninth Street
Parker Plaza, Suite 214
Berkeley, CA 94710-2565

With Copy to:

Robert G. Uriarte
Uriarte & Wood
1175 East Garvey St.
Suite 210
Covina, CA 91724

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. COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile or 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. A facsimile or .pdf signature shall be as valid as the original.

11. COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(f)

Englander and his attorneys agree to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced in California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f).

12. MODIFICATION

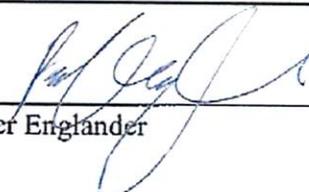
This Settlement Agreement may be modified only by written agreement of the Parties.

13. AUTHORIZATION

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.

AGREED TO:

Date: August 29, 2013

By: 
Peter Englander

AGREED TO:

Date: August 19, 2013

By: 
Sheila Miller, President
Voltec Industries LLC