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13	COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA		
14	UNLIMITED CIVIL JURISDICTION		
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16	WHITNEY R. LEEMAN, Ph.D.,	Case No. C14-00853	
17	Plaintiff,		
18	v.	[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT	
19	KERUSSO ACTIVEWEAR, INC., and DOES 1-		
20	150, inclusive,	(Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 et seq.)	
21	Defendants.		
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## **INTRODUCTION**

#### 1.1 Parties

This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between plaintiff, Whitney R. Leeman, Ph.D. ("Leeman"), and defendant, Kerusso Activewear, Inc. ("Kerusso"), with Leeman and Kerusso each referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

#### 1.2 Plaintiff

Leeman is an individual residing in California who seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals and improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer products.

### 1.3 Defendant

Kerusso 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").

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### General Allegations

Leeman alleges that Kerusso has manufactured, imported, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale in California, keycovers with vinyl/PVC materials containing di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate ("DEHP"). DEHP is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm. Kerusso denies Leeman's claims and maintains that Proposition 65 warnings are not required for the Products (as hereinafter defined).

### **1.5 Product Description**

The products that are covered by this Consent Judgment are defined as keycovers with vinyl/PVC materials including, but not limited to, *Kerusso Two-Sided Keycovers, Smile, KEYC102, UPC #6 12978 91480 9, #6 12978 80399 8*, and *Guitar, KEYC108, UPC #6 12978 91480 9, #6 12978 80399 8*, manufactured, imported, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale by Kerusso in California, hereinafter "Products."

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### **1.6** Notice of Violation

On December 30, 2013, Leeman served Kerusso and various public enforcement agencies
with a document entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" ("Notice") that provided the recipients with

notice of the claim that Kerusso was in violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 for failing to warn consumers that its Products exposed users in the State of California to DEHP. No public enforcer has diligently prosecuted the allegations set forth in the Notice.

#### 1.7 Complaint

On May 14, 2014, Leeman filed a First Amended Complaint in the above captioned action ("Complaint") against Kerusso for the alleged violations of Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 that are the subject of the Notice.

#### 1.8 No Admission

Kerusso denies the material, factual, and legal allegations contained in the Notice and Complaint, and maintains that all of the products that it has sold in California, including the Products, have been, and are, in compliance with all federal, state, or local laws. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission of any fact, finding, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law; nor shall compliance with this Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission of any fact, finding, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law. This section shall not, however, diminish or otherwise affect Kerusso's obligations, responsibilities, and duties under this Consent Judgment.

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### **Consent to Jurisdiction**

For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that the Court has jurisdiction over Kerusso as to the allegations in the Complaint, that venue is proper in Contra Costa County, and that the Court has jurisdiction to enter and enforce the provisions of this Consent Judgment.

### **1.10** Execution Date

For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term "Execution Date" shall mean the date the Consent Judgment is signed by all Parties.

### 1.11 Effective Date

For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term "Effective Date" shall mean the date theConsent Judgment is approved by the Court.

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#### **INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: REFORMULATION**

Commencing on the Effective Date, any Products that Kerusso sells in California, distributes for sale in California, or ships to California shall be Reformulated Products as defined in Section 2.1.

#### 2.1 Reformulation Standards

Reformulated Products are defined as Products containing concentrations less than 0.1 percent (1000 parts per million) of DEHP, di-n-butyl ("DBP") and butyl benzyl phthalate ("BBP") when analyzed pursuant to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency testing methodologies 3580A and 8270C, or equivalent methodologies utilized by federal or state agencies for the purpose of determining phthalate content in a solid substance. By entering into this Consent Judgment, the Parties do not intend to expand or restrict any obligations or responsibilities that may be imposed upon Kerusso by laws other than Proposition 65, nor do the Parties intend this Consent Judgment to affect any defenses available to Kerusso under laws other than Proposition 65.

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#### Vendor Notification Requirement

If Kerusso distributes or sells in California any Products after the Execution Date, prior to such sale or distribution, Kerusso shall provide the reformulation standards specified in section 2.1 for Reformulated Products to any and all of its vendors of Products. For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, the term "Vendor(s)" means a person or entity that manufactures, imports, distributes, sells, or otherwise supplies the Products or component parts of the Products to Kerusso, its parents, assignees, subsidiaries and/or affiliated entities under common ownership.

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#### MONETARY PAYMENTS

#### Civil Penalties Pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b)

In settlement of all the claims referred to in this Consent Judgment, Kerusso shall pay a total of \$19,500 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 Leeman, as follows:

3.1.1 Initial Civil Penalty. Within five (5) days of the Effective Date, Kerusso shall pay an initial civil penalty in the amount of \$4,500, in two separate checks made payable as follows:
(a) "OEHHA" in the amount of \$3,375; and (b) "Whitney Leeman, Client Trust Account" in the amount of \$1,125. All penalty payments shall be delivered to the addresses listed in Section 3.3 below.

3.1.2 **Final Civil Penalty.** On or before November 1, 2014, or within five (5) days of the Effective Date, whichever is later, Kerusso shall pay a final civil penalty of \$15,000, in two separate checks for made payable as follows: (a) "OEHHA" in the amount of \$11,250; and (b) "Whitney Leeman, Client Trust Account" in the amount of \$3,750. The final civil penalty shall be waived in its entirety, however, if, no later than October 15, 2014, an officer of Kerusso provides Leeman with written certification that, as of the Execution Date and continuing into the future, Kerusso has complied with the requirements of Section 2.1 above. The certification in lieu of a final civil penalty payment provided by this Section is a material term, and time is of the essence.

#### **3.2 Reimbursement of Leeman's Fees and Costs**

The Parties acknowledge that Leeman and her counsel offered to resolve this dispute without reaching terms on the amount of fees and costs to be reimbursed to them, thereby leaving the issue to be resolved after the material terms of the agreement had been settled. Shortly after all other settlement terms had been finalized, the Parties then attempted to (and did) reach an accord on the compensation due Leeman and her counsel under general contract principles and the private attorney general doctrine codified at California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5 for all work performed in this matter exclusive of fees and costs incurred on appeal, if any. Under these legal principles,

1	Kerusso shall pay \$29,000 for fees and costs incurred investigating, litigating, and enforcing this		
2	matter, including the fees and costs incurred (and to be incurred) drafting, negotiating, and obtaining		
3	the Court's approval of this Consent Judgment in the public interest. Kerusso shall deliver the		
4	payment required in this Section 3.2 within five (5) days after the Effective Date to the address		
5	listed in Section 3.3.1(a) below, and the payment shall be made payable to The Chanler Group.		
6	3.3 Payment Procedures		
7	3.3.1 Issuance of Payments.		
8	(a) All payments owed to Plaintiff and her counsel, pursuant to Sections		
9	3.1 and 3.2 shall be delivered to the following payment address:		
10	The Chanler Group Attn: Proposition 65 Controller		
11	2560 Ninth Street Parker Plaza, Suite 214		
12	Berkeley, CA 94710		
13	(b) All payments owed to OEHHA (EIN: 68-0284486), pursuant to		
14	Sections 3.1 and 3.2 shall be delivered directly to OEHHA (Memo line "Prop 65 Penalties") at one of		
15	the following addresses, as appropriate:		
16	For United States Postal Service Delivery:		
17	Mike Gyurics Fiscal Operations Branch Chief		
18	Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment P.O. Box 4010		
19	Sacramento, CA 95812-4010		
20	For Non-United States Postal Service Delivery:		
21	Mike Gyurics Fiscal Operations Branch Chief		
22	Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment 1001 I Street		
23	Sacramento, CA 95814		
24	3.3.2 Proof of Payment to OEHHA. A copy of each check payable to OEHHA shall		
25	be mailed, simultaneous with payment, to The Chanler Group at the address set forth in Section		
26	3.3.1(a) above, as proof of payment to OEHHA.		
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#### CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

#### 5.1 Leeman's Release of Proposition 65 Claims

3 This Consent Judgment is a full, final and binding resolution as set forth in this Section 5. 4 Leeman on behalf of herself, her past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, 5 and/or assignees, and acting in a representative capacity in the public interest pursuant to Health & 6 Safety Code § 25249.7(d), releases and waives all claims, causes of actions suits, liabilities, 7 demands, obligations, damages, costs, fines, penalties, expenses (including, but not limited to, 8 investigation fees, and attorneys' fees) or losses (collectively, "Claims") against Kerusso and its 9 parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities under common ownership, directors, officers, employees, 10 attorneys, and each person or entity to whom Kerusso distributes or sells the Products, including, 11 but not limited to, Kerusso's downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers (including, 12 but not limited to, Six Flags Theme Parks, Inc.) franchisors, franchisees, cooperative members, 13 licensors, and licensees (collectively, "Releasees") arising under Proposition 65 based on alleged 14 exposures to DEHP from Products sold or distributed by Kerusso before the Effective Date as set 15 forth in the Notice. Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment constitutes compliance 16 with Proposition 65 with respect to exposures to DEHP from the Products sold or distributed by 17 Kerusso after the Effective Date.

Leeman, in her individual capacity on behalf of herself, her past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, and *not* in her representative capacity, also 20 releases and waives all Claims against Releasees which shall be effective as a full and final accord and satisfaction as a bar to all Claims of Leeman of any nature, character or kind, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, arising out of alleged or actual exposures to DEHP, DBP or BBP in the Products imported, manufactured, sold or distributed for sale by Kerusso before the Effective Date.

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#### 5.2 Kerusso's Release of Leeman

26 Kerusso on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, 27 and/or assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against Leeman, her attorneys and other 28 representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made (or those that could have been

taken or made) by Leeman and her attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of
 investigating claims, otherwise seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against it in this matter, or with
 respect to the Products.

### 6. <u>COURT APPROVAL</u>

This Consent Judgment is not effective until it is approved and entered by the Court and shall be null and void if, for any reason, it is not approved and entered by the Court within one year after it has been fully executed by all Parties. In the event that the Consent Judgment is not approved and entered by the Court as specified in this Section, Leeman shall return all settlement payments made by Kerusso within fifteen (15) days' written notice by Kerusso.

#### 7. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>

If, subsequent to the execution of this Consent Judgment, any provision is Leeman by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be adversely affected.

#### 8. <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>

The terms of this Consent Judgment 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 if any of the provisions of this Settlement Agreement are rendered inapplicable or no longer required as a result of any such repeal or preemption or rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally as to the Products, then Kerusso shall provide written notice to Leeman 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. <u>NOTICES</u>

Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notices required to be provided pursuant to this Settlement Agreement shall be in writing and (i) personally delivered, (ii) sent by first-class (registered or certified mail) return receipt requested, or (iii) sent by overnight courier, to one Party by the other Party at the following addresses:

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2		Coordinator		
3	Kerusso Activewear, Inc. The Chanler G	roup		
4	Berryville, ÅR 72616 Parker Plaza, Suite 214 Berkeley, CA 94710-2565			
5	With a copy on behalf of Kerusso to: 5			
6	Sarah Esmaili Arnold & Porter LLP Three Embarcadero Center, 10th Floor San Francisco, CA 94111			
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8	Any Party, from time to time, may specify in writing to the other Party a change of address to which			
9	all notices and other communications shall be sent.			
10	109.COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE SIGNATURES			
11	This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile or pdf signature,			
12	each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one			
13	and the same document.			
14	10. <u>COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH &amp; SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(f)</u>			
15	Leeman agrees to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced in California			
16	Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f). The Parties further acknowledge that, pursuant to California			
17	17 Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f)(4), a noticed motion by Leeman is req	Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f)(4), a noticed motion by Leeman is required to obtain judicial		
18	approval of the settlement. In furtherance of obtaining such approval, Lee	approval of the settlement. In furtherance of obtaining such approval, Leeman and Kerusso agree to		
19	19 mutually employ their best efforts, and those of their counsel, to support th	mutually employ their best efforts, and those of their counsel, to support the entry of this agreement		
20	as a Consent Judgment and to obtain judicial approval of the settlement in a timely manner. For			
21	purposes of this section, "best efforts" shall include, at a minimum, cooperating on the drafting and			
22	filing of the necessary moving papers and supporting the motion for judicial approval.			
23	23 11. MODIFICATION			
24	24 This Consent Judgment may be modified only by: (i) a written agree	eement of the Parties and		
25	25 upon entry of a modified consent judgment by the Court thereon; or (ii) up	upon entry of a modified consent judgment by the Court thereon; or (ii) upon a successful motion or		
26	application of any Party and the entry of a modified consent judgment by t	application of any Party and the entry of a modified consent judgment by the Court.		
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#### 12. AUTHORIZATION

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The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment and have read, understood, 2 3 and agree to all of the terms and conditions contained herein. and the AGREED TO: AGREED TO: 17 6 Date: 1/2/14 Date: ~ 8 Bv: By Victor Kennett, President Wh iney R. Leeman, Ph.D. 9 Kerusso Activewear, Inc. 10 12 13 anna the 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 9

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