

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Parties

This Settlement Agreement is entered into by and between Anthony E. Held, Ph.D., P.E. (“Held”) and Casabella Holdings, L.L.C. (“Casabella”), with Held and Casabella each individually referred to as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.” Held is an individual residing in the State of California who seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals, and to improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances used in consumer products. Held alleges that Casabella 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

Held alleges that Casabella manufactures, sells, and/or distributes for sale in California, vinyl/PVC gloves containing diisononyl phthalate (“DINP”). DINP is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to cause cancer. Held alleges that Casabella failed to provide the health hazard warning allegedly required by Proposition 65 for exposures to DINP from its vinyl/PVC gloves.

1.3 Product Description

The products that are covered by this Settlement Agreement are vinyl/PVC gloves containing DINP including, but not limited to, the *Casabella Heavy Duty Household Gloves, #0001952852, UPC #0 28484 49050 6*, manufactured, sold or distributed for sale in California by Casabella (“Products”).

1.4 Notice of Violation

On or about July 31, 2015, Held served Casabella, and certain requisite public enforcement agencies with a 60-Day Notice of Violation (“Notice”), alleging that Casabella violated Proposition 65 when it failed to warn its customers and consumers in

California that its Products expose users to DINP. 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

Casabella 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 Casabella 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 Casabella of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law, such being specifically denied by Casabella. However, this Section shall not diminish or otherwise affect Casabella'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 July 15, 2016.

2. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: REFORMULATION

2.1 Reformulation Commitment

Casabella shall not manufacture, distribute, sell or offer for sale in California any Products with a production date after the Effective Date except for "Reformulated Products." For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, "Reformulated Products" are Products containing DINP in concentrations less than 0.1 percent (1,000 parts per million) when analyzed pursuant to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency testing methodologies 3580A and 8270C or other methodology utilized by federal or state government agencies for the purpose of determining DINP content in a solid substance.

3. MONETARY SETTLEMENT TERMS

3.1 Civil Penalty Payments

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b)(2), and in settlement of all claims alleged in the Notice or referred to in this settlement Agreement, Casabella agrees to pay \$4,000 in civil penalties. Casabella's commitment to reformulate its products pursuant to Section 2.1 was a material factor considered in negotiating the civil fine. The penalty payment will be allocated in accordance with California Health and Safety Code section 25249.12(c)(1) & (d), with 75% of the penalty amount remitted to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"), and the remaining 25% of the penalty remitted to Held.

Within five days of the Effective Date, Casabella shall make its payment in two checks for the following amounts made payable to: (a) "OEHHA" in the amount of \$3,000; and (b) "Anthony E. Held, Ph.D., P.E., Client Trust Account" in the amount of \$1,000.

3.2 Attorneys' Fees and Costs

The Parties reached an accord on the compensation due to Held and his counsel under general contract principles and the private attorney general doctrine codified at Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5 for all work performed in this matter. Under these legal principles, Casabella agrees to pay \$16,000 to Held and his counsel for all fees and costs incurred investigating, bringing this matter to the attention of Casabella's management, and negotiating a settlement that provides a significant public benefit. Casabella's payment shall be due on the Effective Date, and delivered to the address in Section 3.3 in the form of a check payable to "The Chanler Group."

3.3 Payment Address

All payments required by this Settlement Agreement shall be delivered to the following address:

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

4. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

4.1 Held's Release of Casabella

This Settlement Agreement is a full, final and binding resolution between Held, as an individual and not on behalf of the public, and Casabella, of any violation of Proposition 65 that was or could have been asserted by Held, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, on behalf of himself, or on behalf of his past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees ("Releasers"), and Releasers hereby release any such claims, against Casabella, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities under common ownership, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, shareholders, divisions and each entity to whom Casabella directly or indirectly distributes or sells Products, including but not limited to downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers (including but not limited to Sur La Table), franchisees, cooperative members, licensors, and licensees ("Releasees"), based on the failure to warn about alleged exposures to DINP contained in Products manufactured, distributed, sold or offered for sale by Casabella in California before the Effective Date, as alleged in the notice of violation.

In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, Held, as an individual and not on behalf of the public, and on behalf of himself, his past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, hereby waives all Held's rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action

and releases all claims that Held 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 exclusively, investigation fees, expert fees, and attorneys' fees arising under Proposition 65 with respect to DINP in the Products, as alleged in the notice of violation, manufactured, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale by Casabella, before the Effective Date (collectively "claims"), against Casabella and Releasees.

The releases provided by Held under this Settlement Agreement are provided solely on Held's behalf and are not releases on behalf of the public.

4.2 Casabella's Release of Held

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

5. 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.

6. 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 otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, as to Casabella specifically as a result of a statutory exemption, or as to the Products, then Casabella may provide written notice to Held of any asserted change in the law, or its applicability to

Casabella or the Products, and shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Settlement Agreement with respect to, and to the extent that, Casabella or the Products are so affected.

7. NOTICE

Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notice required to be provided pursuant to this Settlement Agreement shall be in writing and sent by: (a) personal delivery; (b) first-class, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested; or (c) a recognized overnight courier on any Party by the other at the following addressees:

For Casabella:

For Held:

Robert Moser, President
Casabella Holdings, L.L.C..
225 North Route 303, Unit 106
Congers, NY 10920

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

Mark Mahoney, Esq.
Schiff Hardin, LLP
One Market Spear Street Tower
Thirty-Second Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105

Any Party may, from time to time, specify in writing to the other a change of address to which all notices and other communications shall be sent.

8. 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.

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

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

10. MODIFICATION

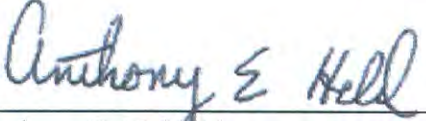
This Settlement Agreement may be modified only by written agreement of the Parties.

11. 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: July 8, 2016

By: 
Anthony E. Held Ph.D., P.E.

AGREED TO:

Date: July 8 2016

By: 
Bruce Kaminstein, Chief Executive Officer
Casabella Holdings L.L.C..