

# 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 Glove Specialties, Inc. (“GS”), with Held and GS 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 GS 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 GS 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 GS 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 *Handi-Works 10 Vinyl Gloves, Model: GSI-HW10-G7NM-09218, UPC #7 50828 00830 5*, manufactured, sold or distributed for sale in California by GS (“Products”).

### 1.4 Notice of Violation

On or about April 24, 2015, Held served GS, and certain requisite public enforcement agencies with a 60-Day Notice of Violation (“Notice”), alleging that GS 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**

GS 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 GS 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 GS of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law, such being specifically denied by GS. However, this Section shall not diminish or otherwise affect GS'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 10, 2015.

## **2. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: REFORMULATION AND WARNINGS**

### **2.1 Reformulation Commitment**

On or before the Effective Date and continuing thereafter, GS agrees to only knowingly manufacture for sale or purchase for sale in or into California, "Reformulated Products", or Products containing appropriate health hazard warnings as described in Section 2.2. 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.

## 2.2 Product Warnings

As of the Effective Date, GS shall, for all Products other than Reformulated Products, provide clear and reasonable warnings as set forth in subsection 2.2(a). 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.** GS shall affix a warning to the packaging, labeling, or directly on each Product sold in retail outlets in California by GS or any person selling the Products, that states:

**WARNING:** This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

**Or:**

**WARNING:** This product contains DINP, a phthalate chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

(ii) **Point-of-Sale Warnings.** Alternatively, GS 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 GS's customers shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.

**WARNING:** This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

**Or:**

**WARNING:** This product contains DINP, a phthalate chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

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 must be used:<sup>1</sup>

**WARNING:** The following products contain a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer:

*[list products for which warning is required]*

**Or:**

**WARNING:** The following products contain DINP, A phthalate chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer:

*[list products for which warning is required]*

(b) **Mail Order Catalog and Internet Sales.** In the event that GS sells Products via mail order catalog and/or the internet, to customers located in California, after the Effective Date, that are not Reformulated Products, GS shall provide warnings for such Products sold via mail order catalog or the internet to California residents. 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 a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

**Or:**

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<sup>1</sup>For purposes of the Consent Judgment, “sold in proximity” shall mean that the Product and another 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.

**WARNING:** This product contains DINP, a phthalate chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

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, GS may utilize a designated symbol to cross reference the applicable warning and shall define the term “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 a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

**Or:**

**WARNING:** Certain products identified with this symbol ▼ and offered for sale in this catalog contain DINP, a phthalate chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

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, GS 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 a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

**Or:**

**WARNING:** This product contains DINP, a phthalate chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

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 a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

**Or:**

**WARNING:** Products identified on this page with the following symbol ▼ contain DINP, a phthalate chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

### **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, GS agrees to pay \$5,000 in civil penalties. Each 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”) by Held. Held and his counsel will deliver the appropriate 75% portion of all civil penalties paid to OEHHA.

**3.1.1 Initial Civil Penalty.** On or before the Effective Date, GS shall pay an initial civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000. GS will provide its check for

payment to “Anthony E. Held, Ph.D., P.E., Client Trust Account” in the amount of \$2,000.

**3.1.2 Final Civil Penalty.** On or before January 30, 2016, GS shall pay a final civil penalty of \$3,000. The final civil penalty shall be waived in its entirety, however, if, no later than January 15, 2016, an officer of GS provides Held’s counsel with written certification that, as of the date of the certification, all Products shipped, sold or distributed for sale in California are Reformulated Products, and that they will continue to provide only Reformulated Products in the future. The option to provide a written certification of reformulation in lieu of warning and making the final civil penalty payment required by this Section is a material term, and time is of the essence. GS shall deliver its certificate, if any, to Held’s counsel at the address provided in Section 3.3, below. In the event that GS does not timely certify its compliance or make the final civil penalty payment required by this Section, Held may seek relief under any available legal remedy. If successful, the Parties further agree that Held shall be entitled to his reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs pursuant to general contract principles and Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5.

### **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, GS agrees to pay \$20,000 to Held and his counsel for all fees and costs incurred investigating, bringing this matter to the attention of GS’s management, and negotiating a settlement in the public interest. GS’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 GS**

This Settlement Agreement is a full, final and binding resolution between Held, as an individual and not on behalf of the public, and GS, of any violation of Proposition 65 that was or could have been asserted by Held, 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 GS, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities under common ownership, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, and each entity to whom GS 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 the failure to warn about alleged exposures to DINP contained in Products manufactured, distributed, sold or offered for sale by GS in California before the date that this Settlement Agreement is fully executed by the Parties.

In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, Held, on his own behalf, and on behalf of his past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, hereby covenants not to sue and waives any right 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 and in equity, all 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 exposure to DINP from the Products manufactured, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale by GS before the Effective Date.

#### **4.2 GS's Release of Held**

GS, 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 GS specifically as a result of a statutory exemption, or as to the Products, then GS may provide written notice to Held of any asserted change in the law, or its applicability to GS or the Products, and shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Settlement Agreement with respect to, and to the extent that, GS 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 addresses:

For GS:

John Creech, President  
Glove Specialties, Inc.  
5653 Union Center Drive  
West Chester, OH 45069

For Held:

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

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**

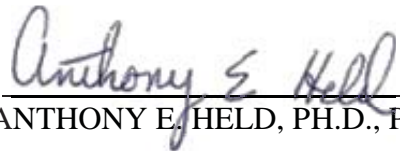
The undersigned are authorized to execute this Settlement Agreement on behalf of their respective Parties and have read, understood, and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement.

**AGREED TO:**

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Date: 7/10/2015

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By:   
ANTHONY E. HELD, PH.D., P.E.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Creech, President  
Glove Specialties, Inc.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
ANTHONY E. HELD, PH.D., P.E.

**AGREED TO:**

Date: July 9th 2015

By:   
John Creech, President  
Glove Specialties, Inc.