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13	WHITNEY R. LEEMAN, PH.D.,	Case No. RG-16-819463
14	Plaintiff,	[PROPOSED]CONSENT JUDGMENT
15	V.	(Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 et seq. and Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6)
16	BRIGGS MEDICAL SERVICE COMPANY; and DOES 1-150, inclusive,	code of civil i locedure § 004.0)
17	Defendants.	
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CONSENT JUDGMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Parties

This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between plaintiff WHITNEY R. LEEMAN, PH.D., ("Leeman") and defendant BRIGGS MEDICAL SERVICE COMPANY ("Briggs"), with Leeman and Briggs each referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

1.2 Plaintiff

Leeman is a resident of the State of California who seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals, and to improve human health by reducing or eliminating harmful substances contained in consumer and commercial products.

1.3 Defendant

Briggs 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 and Safety Code section 25249.5 *et seq.* ("Proposition 65").

1.4 General Allegations

Leeman alleges that Briggs manufactures, imports, 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. Leeman alleges that Briggs failed to provide the health hazard warning allegedly required by Proposition 65 for exposures to DINP from its vinyl/PVC gloves.

1.5 Product Description

The products covered by this Consent Judgment are vinyl/PVC gloves containing DINP sold and/or distributed for sale in California by Briggs including, but not limited to, *Briggs Synthetic Powder Free Exam Gloves, BRG-001, Lot No. 1403-311190* ("Products").

1.6 Notice of Violation

On January 30, 2015, Leeman served Briggs and certain requisite public enforcement agencies with a 60-Day Notice of Violation ("Notice"), alleging that Briggs violated Proposition 65 when it failed to warn its customers and consumers in California that the Products expose users to

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DINP. To the best of the Parties' knowledge, no public enforcer has commenced and is diligently prosecuting an action to enforce the allegations set forth in the Notice.

1.7 **Complaint**

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On June 14, 2016, Leeman commenced the instant action, naming Briggs as a defendant for the alleged violations of Proposition 65 that are the subject of the Notice.

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1.8 No Admission

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Briggs denies the material, factual, and legal allegations contained in the Notice and Complaint, and maintains that all of the products that it has sold or distributed for sale in California, including the Products, have been, and are, in compliance with all laws. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission by Briggs 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 by Briggs of any fact, finding, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law. This Section shall not, however, diminish or otherwise affect Briggs's obligations, responsibilities, and duties under this Consent Judgment.

1.9 Jurisdiction

For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over Briggs as to the allegations contained in the Complaint, that venue is proper in the County of Alameda, and that the Court has jurisdiction to enter and enforce the provisions of this Consent Judgment pursuant to Proposition 65 and Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6.

1.10 **Effective Date**

For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term "Effective Date" shall mean ten (10) business days from the date that the Court grants the motion for approval of this Consent Judgment contemplated by Section 5.

2. **INJUNCTIVE SETTLEMENT TERMS**

Reformulation Commitment 2.1

On or before the Effective Date and continuing thereafter, Briggs agrees to only manufacture for sale or purchase for sale in or into California, "Reformulated Products" or Products that contain a warning in accordance with Section 2.2 below. 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 governmental agencies for the purpose of determining DINP content in a solid substance.

2.2 Clear and Reasonable Warnings

On or before the Effective Date, Briggs shall, for all Products it ships, sells, or offers to ship or sell in California that are not Reformulated Products, provide clear and reasonable warnings as set forth below. 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 Products the warning applies, so as to minimize the risk of consumer confusion. The warning shall be affixed to the packaging or labeling or directly to the non-Reformulated Product. The warning shall provide:

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

3. MONETARY SETTLEMENT TERMS

3.1 Payments Pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(b)(2)

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b)(2), and in settlement of all claims referred to in this Consent Judgment, Briggs shall pay \$10,000 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 Leeman. Leeman's counsel shall be responsible for remitting Briggs's penalty payment(s) under this Consent Judgment to OEHHA.

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3.1.1 Initial Civil Penalty.

Briggs shall make an initial civil penalty payment of \$5,000. Briggs shall provide its payment in a single check made payable to "WHITNEY R. LEEMAN, Client Trust Account" to be delivered to the address provided in Section 3.4, below.

3.1.2 Final Civil Penalty.

On November 1, 2016, Briggs shall make a final civil penalty payment of \$5,000. Pursuant to title 11 California Code of Regulations, section 3203(c), Leeman agrees that the final civil penalty payment shall be waived in its entirety if, no later than October 15, 2016, an officer of Briggs provides Leeman with an original, signed written certification that all of the Products it ships for sale or distributes for sale in California as of the date if its certification are Reformulated Products, and that Briggs will continue to offer only Reformulated Products in California in the future. The option to certify early reformulation in lieu of making the final civil penalty payment otherwise required by this Section is a material term, and time is of the essence. Briggs shall deliver its certificate, if any, to Leeman's counsel at the address provided in Section 3.4, below. In the event that Briggs does not timely certify its compliance or make the final civil penalty payment required by this Section, the Parties agree that Leeman may file a motion or application seeking an order compelling Briggs's compliance with this Section. If successful, the Parties further agree that Leeman shall be entitled to her reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to general contract principles and Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6.

3.2 Reimbursement of Attorneys' 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 the other settlement terms had been finalized, Briggs expressed a desire to resolve Leeman's fees and costs. The Parties then negotiated a resolution of the compensation due to 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 through the mutual execution of this agreement and the Court's approval of the same, but exclusive of fees and costs

1 on appeal, if any, Briggs shall reimburse Leeman and her counsel \$24,000. Briggs's payment shall 2 be delivered to the address in Section 3.4 in the form of a check payable to "The Chanler Group." 3 The reimbursement shall cover all fees and costs incurred by Leeman investigating, bringing 4 this matter to Briggs's attention, litigating, and negotiating a settlement of the matter in the 5 public interest. 6 3.3 7

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Payment Timing; Payments Held In Trust

With the exception of the final civil penalty payment required by Section 3.1.2, Briggs shall deliver all payments required by this Consent Judgment to its counsel within one week of the date that this agreement is fully executed by the Parties. Briggs's counsel shall confirm receipt of settlement funds in writing to Leeman's counsel and, thereafter, hold the amounts paid in trust until such time as the Court grants the motion for approval of the Parties' settlement contemplated by Section 5. Within two days of the Effective Date, Briggs's counsel shall deliver all settlement payments it has held in trust to Leeman's counsel at the address provided in Section 3.4. In the event the final civil penalty payment required by Section 3.1.2 becomes due prior to the Effective Date, then Briggs shall deliver the final civil penalty payment to its attorney to be held in trust until, and disbursed within two days after, the Effective Date.

3.4 **Payment Address**

All payments required by this Consent Judgment 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 **Leeman's Release of Proposition 65 Claims**

Leeman, acting on her own behalf and in the public interest, releases Briggs and its parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities under common ownership, directors, officers, employees, and

attorneys ("Releasees") and each entity to whom Briggs directly or indirectly distributes or sells the Products including, but not limited to, its downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisers, cooperative members, licensors and licensees ("Downstream Releasees") for any violations arising under Proposition 65 for unwarned exposures to DINP from the Products manufactured, imported, distributed or sold by Briggs prior to the Effective Date, as set forth in the Notice. Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 by Briggs with respect to the alleged or actual failure to warn about exposures to DINP from Products manufactured, sold or distributed for sale by Briggs after the Effective Date.

4.2 Leeman's Individual Release of Claims

Leeman, in her individual capacity only and *not* in her representative capacity, also provides a release to Defendants, Releasees, and Downstream Releasees which shall be effective as a full and final accord and satisfaction, as a bar to all actions, causes of action, obligations, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, losses, claims, liabilities and demands of Leeman of any nature, character or kind, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, arising out of alleged or actual exposures to DINP in Products manufactured, imported, distributed or sold by Briggs before the Effective Date.

4.3 Briggs's Release of Leeman

Briggs, 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 Leeman and her attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made by Leeman and her attorneys and other representatives in the course of investigating claims, seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against it in this matter, or with respect to the Products.

5. <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. Leeman and Briggs agree to support the entry of this agreement as a judgment, and to obtain the Court's approval of their settlement in a timely manner. The Parties acknowledge that, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(f), a

noticed motion is required for judicial approval of this Consent Judgment, which motion Leeman shall draft and file and Briggs shall support, appearing at the hearing if so requested. If any third-party objection to the motion is filed, Leeman and Briggs agree to work together to file a reply and appear at any hearing. This provision is a material component of the Consent Judgment and shall be treated as such in the event of a breach.

6. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>

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If, subsequent to the Court's approval and entry of this Consent Judgment as a judgment, any provision of this Consent Judgment is held by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be adversely affected.

7. GOVERNING LAW

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, preempted, or is otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to the Products, then Briggs may provide Leeman with written notice of any asserted change in the law, and shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Consent Judgment, with respect to, and to the extent that, the Products are so affected.

8. 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 Briggs:

Bruce Dan, CEO, Briggs Medical Service Company 7300 Westown Parkway, Suite 100 West Des Moines, IA 50266

For Leeman:

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

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with copy to Briggs's counsel:

Patrick A. Fraioli, Jr., Esq. Ervin Cohen & Jessup LLP 9401 Wilshire Blvd., 9th Floor Beverly Hills, CA 90212-2974

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.

9. COUNTERPARTS, FACSIMILE AND PDF SIGNATURES

This Consent Judgment 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.

10. COMPLIANCE WITH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Leeman and her counsel agree to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced in California Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(f).

11. **MODIFICATION**

This Consent Judgment may be modified only by: (i) a written agreement of the Parties and the entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court thereon; or (ii) upon a successful motion of any party and the entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court thereon.

12. **AUTHORIZATION**

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

AGREED TO:

Whitney R. LEEMAN PH.D.	BRIGGS MEDICAL SERVICE COMPANY
Dated: _9/22/2016	By:(Print Name) Its:(Title)
	Dated:

with copy to Briggs's counsel:

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