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8	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA	
9	UNLIMITED CIVIL JURISDICTION	
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11	JOHN MOORE,	Case No. RG12625172
12	Plaintiff,	[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT
13	v.	
14	S. P. RICHARDS COMPANY et al.,	(Cal. Health & Saf. Code, § 25249.6 et seq.)
15	Defendants.	
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	[PROPOSED] C	ONSENT JUDGMENT

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# **INTRODUCTION**

#### 1.1. John Moore and S. P. Richards Company

This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between John Moore ("Moore" or "Plaintiff") and S. P. Richards Company ("S. P. Richards" or "Defendant"), with Moore and S. P. Richards collectively referred to as the "Parties."

1.2. **Plaintiff** 

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

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#### Defendant 1.3.

S. P. Richards employs ten or more persons and is a person in the course of doing business 12 for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, Health & Safety 13 Code section 25249.6 et seq. ("Proposition 65").

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#### 1.4. **General Allegations**

15 Moore alleges that S. P. Richards has manufactured, imported, distributed, sold, and/or offered for sale (collectively "Sold") in California pencil cases/pouches containing di(2-16 ethylhexyl)phthalate ("DEHP") without the requisite Proposition 65 warnings. DEHP is a 17 18 chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm.

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#### 1.5. **Product Description**

20 The products that are covered by this Consent Judgment are the following two pencil cases/pouches Sold by S. P. Richards: item number SPR01606 and item number SPR01607 21 22 ("Products").

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#### 1.6. **Notice of Violation**

24 On or about January 19, 2012, Moore served S. P. Richards and various public 25 enforcement agencies with a document entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" ("Notice") that 26 provided S. P. Richards and such public enforcers with notice that Moore alleged S. P. Richards 27 was in violation of Proposition 65 for failing to warn its direct customers and end users that its

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pencil cases/pouches exposed users in California to DEHP. No public enforcer has commenced and is diligently prosecuting the allegations set forth in the Notice.

1.7. Complaint

On April 11, 2012, Moore filed a complaint in Alameda County Superior Court against S. P. Richards and Does 1 through 150 (the "Complaint" or "Action"), alleging violations of Proposition 65, based on the alleged exposures to DEHP contained in certain pencil cases/pouches including, but not limited to, the Products, Sold by S. P. Richards.

1.8. No Admission

9 S. P. Richards denies the material factual and legal allegations contained in the Notice and Complaint and maintains that all products that it has Sold in California, including the Products, 10 11 have been, and are, in compliance with all laws. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be 12 construed as an admission by S. P. Richards of any fact, finding, conclusion of law, issue of law, 13 or violation of law, nor shall compliance with this Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as 14 an admission by S. P. Richards of any fact, finding, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law, such being specifically denied by S. P. Richards. However, this Section shall not diminish 15 or otherwise affect S. P. Richards' obligations, responsibilities and duties under this Consent 16 Judgment. 17

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#### 1.9. Consent to Jurisdiction

For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has
jurisdiction over S. P. Richards as to the allegations contained in the Complaint, that venue is
proper in Alameda County, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter and enforce the provisions
of this Consent Judgment, pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6, as a full
and binding resolution of all claims that were or could have been raised in the Complaint against
S. P. Richards based on the facts alleged therein and in the Notice.

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### **1.10. Effective Date**

For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term "Effective Date" shall mean March 8, 2013.

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# **INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: REFORMULATION**

As of the Effective Date, S. P. Richards shall not ship, sell, distribute, or supply any Products unless each accessible component (i.e., any component that can be touched, handled, or mouthed by a person during reasonably foreseeable use) of each Product contains DEHP in concentration less than 1,000 parts per million when analyzed pursuant to EPA sample preparation and test methodologies 3580A and 8270C ("DEHP Standard").

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# **MONETARY PAYMENTS**

8 In settlement of all the claims referred to in this Consent Judgment, S.P. Richards shall pay a total of \$22,000 in civil penalties as delineated below. Each penalty payment will be 9 10 allocated in accordance with California Health & Safety Code section 25249.12(c)(1) & (d), with 11 75% of the funds remitted to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") and the remaining 25% of the penalty remitted to Moore. All penalty payments shall 12 be delivered to the addresses listed in Section 3.3 below.

#### **Initial Civil Penalty** 3.1.

S.P. Richards shall pay an initial civil penalty in the amount of \$5,750 on or before 10 business days after the Effective Date. S.P. Richards shall issue two separate checks as follows: (a) to "OEHHA" in the amount of \$4,312.50; and (b) to "The Chanler Group in Trust for John Moore" in the amount of \$1,437.50. 18

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#### **Final Civil Penalty** 3.2.

20 S.P. Richards shall pay a final civil penalty of \$16,250 on or before July 12, 2013. S.P. 21 Richards shall issue two separate checks for its final civil penalty payments as follows: (a) to "OEHHA" in the amount of \$12,187.50; and (b) to "The Chanler Group in Trust for John Moore" 22 23 in the amount of \$4,062.50.

24 The final civil penalty shall be waived in its entirety, however, if, no later than July 1, 2013, an officer of S.P. Richards provides Moore with written certification that, since the 25 26 Effective Date, and continuing into the future, S.P. Richards has and will be in compliance with

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1	Section 2. The certification in lieu of a final civil penalty payment provided by this Section is a		
2	material term, and time is of the essence.		
3	3.3. Payment Addresses		
4	(a) All payments owed to Moore and The Chanler Group shall be delivered to the following		
5	payment address:		
6	The Chanler Group		
7	Attn: Proposition 65 Controller 2560 Ninth Street		
8	Parker Plaza, Suite 214 Berkeley, CA 94710		
9	(b) All payments owed to OEHHA, shall be delivered directly to OEHHA (Memo line "Prop		
10	65 Penalties") at the following addresses:		
11	For United States Postal Service Delivery:		
12	Mike Gyrics		
13	Fiscal Operations Branch Chief Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment		
14	P.O. Box 4010 Sacramento, CA 95812-4010		
15	For Non-United States Postal Service Delivery:		
16	Mike Gyrics Fiscal Operations Branch Chief		
17	Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment 1001 I Street		
18	Sacramento, CA 95814		
19	3.4. Proof of Payment		
20	A copy of each check payable to OEHHA shall be mailed, simultaneous with payment, to		
21	The Chanler Group at the address set forth above in Section 3.3(a), as proof of payment to		
22	OEHHA.		
23	3.5. Reimbursement of Plaintiff's Fees and Costs		
24	The Parties acknowledge that Moore and his counsel offered to resolve this dispute		
25	without reaching terms on the amount of fees and costs to be reimbursed to them, thereby leaving		
26	this fee issue to be resolved after the material terms of the agreement had been settled. S. P.		
27	Richards then expressed a desire to resolve the fee and cost issue shortly after the other settlement		
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1 terms had been finalized. The Parties then attempted to (and did) reach an accord on the 2 compensation due to Moore and his counsel under general contract principles and the private 3 attorney general doctrine codified at California Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, for all work performed in this matter, except fees that may be incurred on appeal. Under these legal 4 principles, S. P. Richards shall pay the amount of \$49,700 for fees and costs incurred 5 investigating, litigating and enforcing this matter, including the fees and costs incurred (and yet to 6 7 be incurred) negotiating, drafting, and obtaining the Court's approval of this Consent Judgment in 8 the public interest.

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#### CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

### 4.1. Plaintiff's Public Release of Proposition 65 Claims

Moore, acting on his own behalf and in the public interest, releases S. P. Richards and its parent, subsidiaries, divisions, past and present officers, directors, employees, attorneys, and other representatives from all claims for violations of Proposition 65 up through the Effective Date based on exposure to DEHP from the Products as set forth in the Notices. Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to exposures to DEHP from the Products identified above in Section 1.5.

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## 4.2. Plaintiff's Individual Release of Claims.

Moore also, in his individual capacity only and *not* in his representative capacity, provides
a release herein 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 plaintiff of any nature, character or kind, whether known or unknown,
suspected or unsuspected, limited to and arising out of alleged or actual exposures to DEHP in the
Products manufactured, distributed, or sold by S. P. Richards identified above in Section 1.5.

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## 4.3. Defendant's Release of Plaintiff

S. P. Richards on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys,
successors, and/or assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against Moore, his attorneys and
other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made (or those that could have

been taken or made) by Moore and his attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course 2 of investigating claims or otherwise seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against it in this matter 3 with respect to the Products.

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## **COURT APPROVAL**

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 the Parties, in which event any monies that have been provided to Moore or his counsel pursuant to Section 3 above shall be refunded within fifteen (15) days after receiving written notice from S. P. Richards that the one-year period has expired.

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#### 6. **SEVERABILITY**

11 If, subsequent to the execution of this Consent Judgment, any of the provisions of this Consent Judgment are held by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the enforceable 12 13 provisions remaining shall not be adversely affected.

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# **GOVERNING LAW**

15 The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. 16

#### 8. NOTICES

18 Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notices required to be provided pursuant 19 to this Consent Judgment shall be in writing and sent by (i) personal delivery, (ii) first-class, 20 registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, or (iii) overnight courier on any party by the 21 other party at the following addresses:

22 For S. P. Richards:

> Tina I. Mangarpan, Esq. Ford, Walker, Haggerty & Behar LLP Twenty-Seventh Floor One World Trade Center Long Beach, California 90831 Attorneys for S. P. Richards Company

# 1 For Moore:

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

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.

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### 9. <u>COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE SIGNATURES</u>

8 This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile or .pdf
9 signature, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall
10 constitute one and the same document.

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## 10. POST EXECUTION ACTIVITIES

12 Moore agrees to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced in Health and 13 Safety Code section 25249.7(f). In addition, the Parties acknowledge that, pursuant to Health and 14 Safety Code section 25249.7, a noticed motion is required to obtain judicial approval of this 15 Consent Judgment. In furtherance of obtaining such approval, Moore and S. P. Richards and their 16 respective counsel agree to mutually employ their best efforts to support the entry of this 17 agreement as a Consent Judgment and obtain approval of the Consent Judgment by the Court in a 18 timely manner. For purposes of this Section, best efforts shall include, at a minimum, cooperating 19 on the drafting and filing of any papers in support of the required motion for judicial approval.

## 20 || 11. MODIFICATION

This Consent Judgment may be modified only: (1) by written agreement of the Parties
and upon entry of a modified consent judgment by the Court thereon; or (2) upon a successful
motion of any party and entry of a modified consent judgment by the Court.

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## 12. <u>AUTHORIZATION</u>

The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment and have read,

understood, and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment.

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ciat alu By: By: Wayne Beacham, Chief Executive Officer JOHN MOORE S. P. RICHARDS COMPANY MARCH 6, 2013 Date: Date: [PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT