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12	JOHN MOORE,	Case No. RG15781127	
13	Plaintiff,	[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT	
14	v.	(Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 <i>et seq.</i> and Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6)	
15	NEW ENTERPRISE STONE & LIME	cout or civil recount g oo no)	
16	CO., INC., et al.,		
17	Defendants.		
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	CONSENT JUDGMENT		

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Parties

This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between plaintiff John Moore ("Moore") and defendants New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. and Work Area Protection Corporation (collectively "Settling Defendants"), with Moore and Settling Defendants each referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

1.2 Plaintiff

Moore 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 in consumer and commercial products.

1.3 Defendant

Settling Defendants each employ ten or more persons and are each 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

Moore alleges that Settling Defendants manufacture, import, sell and/or distribute for sale in California, vinyl/PVC cones containing di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate ("DEHP"), and that they does so without providing the health hazard warning that Moore alleges is required by Proposition 65.

DEHP is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical that is known to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

1.5 Product Description

The products covered by this Consent Judgment are vinyl/PVC cones (such as traffic or safety cones) that contain DEHP, including, but not limited to, the *Cone*, #12PVCS, UPC #8 94043 00001 7 (collectively, "Products").

1.6 Notice of Violation

On February 27, 2015, Moore served Settling Defendants and the requisite public enforcement agencies with a 60-Day Notice of Violation ("Notice"), alleging that Settling Defendants violated Proposition 65 when they failed to warn their customers and consumers in

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California of the health hazards associated with exposures to DEHP from the Products. 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

On August 7, 2015, Moore commenced the instant action, naming Settling Defendants as defendants for the alleged violations of Proposition 65 that are the subject of the Notice.

1.8 No Admission

Settling Defendants deny the material, factual, and legal allegations contained in the Notice and Complaint, and maintain that all of the products that they have 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 Settling Defendants 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 Settling Defendants of any fact, finding, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law. This Section shall not, however, diminish or otherwise affect Settling Defendants' 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 Settling Defendants as to the allegations 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 the date that the Court grants the motion for approval of this Consent Judgment contemplated by Section 5.

2. **INJUNCTIVE SETTLEMENT TERMS**

Commencing on the Effective Date, and continuing thereafter, Settling Defendants shall only manufacture for sale in California, or purchase for sale in California, Reformulated Products. For purposes of this Consent Judgment, "Reformulated Products" are defined as Products with a

maximum DEHP concentration of 0.1 percent (1,000 parts per million) when analyzed pursuant to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency testing methodologies 3580A and 8270C, or other methodologies utilized by state or federal agencies for the purpose of determining DEHP content in a solid substance.

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 the claims referred to in this Consent Judgment, Settling Defendants shall pay a total of \$7,500 in civil penalties in accordance with this Section. The 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 Moore. Settling Defendants shall provide the civil penalty payment in a single check made payable to "John Moore, Client Trust Account" to be delivered to the address provided in Section 3.4, below. Moore's counsel shall be responsible for remitting Settling Defendants' penalty payment under this Consent Judgment to OEHHA.

3.2 Reimbursement of Attorneys' Fees and Costs

The Parties acknowledge that Moore and his 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 finalizing the other settlement terms, the Parties negotiated a resolution of the compensation due to Moore and his counsel as a final and independent term of this Consent Judgment pursuant to general contract principles and the private attorney general doctrine codified at California Code of Civil Procedure section 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 on appeal, if any, Settling Defendants shall reimburse Moore and his counsel \$32,500. Settling Defendants' payment shall be delivered to the address in Section 3.4 in the form of a check payable to "The Chanler Group." The reimbursement shall cover all fees and costs incurred by Moore investigating, bringing this matter to Settling Defendants' attention, litigating, and negotiating a settlement of the matter in the

public interest.

3.3 Payment Timing; Payments Held In Trust

The Settling Defendants shall deliver all payments required by this Consent Judgment to their counsel within one week of the date that this agreement is fully executed by the Parties. Settling Defendants' counsel shall confirm receipt of settlement funds in writing to Moore'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 five days of the Effective Date, New Enterprise's counsel shall deliver all settlement payments to Moore's counsel at the address provided in Section 3.4.

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 Moore's Release of Proposition 65 Claims

Moore, acting on his own behalf and in the public interest, releases Settling Defendants and each of their parents, subsidiaries, shareholders, affiliated entities under common ownership, directors, officers, agents, employees, independent sales representatives, partners, and attorneys ("Releasees") and each entity to whom each of the Settling Defendants directly or indirectly distributes or sells the Products including, but not limited to, their downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisers, cooperative members, licensors and licensees ("Downstream Releasees") for all claims alleging any violations arising under Proposition 65 for unwarned exposures to DEHP from Products manufactured, imported, distributed or sold by Settling Defendants 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 Settling Defendants

with respect to the alleged or actual failure to warn about exposures to DEHP from Products manufactured, sold or distributed for sale by Settling Defendants after the Effective Date.

4.2 Moore's Individual Release of Claims

Moore, in his individual capacity only and *not* in his representative capacity, also provides a release to Settling 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 Moore of any nature, character or kind, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, arising out of alleged or actual exposures to DEHP in Products manufactured, imported, distributed or sold by Settling Defendants before the Effective Date.

4.3 Settling Defendants' Release of Moore

Settling Defendants, on their own behalf and on behalf of their past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors and/or assignees, hereby waive any and all claims against Moore and his attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made by Moore and his 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.

4.4 Mutual Waiver of California Civil Code Section 1542

The Parties each acknowledge he/it is familiar with Section 1542 of the Civil Code, which provides as follows:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

The Parties, each on his/its own behalf, and on behalf of his/its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, expressly waive and relinquish any and all rights and benefits which they may have under, or which may be conferred upon them by the provisions of Civil Code §1542 as well as under any other state or federal statute or common law principle of similar effect, to the fullest extent he/it may lawfully waive such

rights or benefits pertaining to the released matters, as defined by Sections 4.1 through 4.3, above.

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 the Parties. Moore and Settling Defendants 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 Moore shall draft and file and Settling Defendants shall support, including by appearing at the hearing if so requested. If any third-party objection to the motion is filed, Moore and Settling Defendants 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. **SEVERABILITY**

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 Settling Defendants may provide Moore 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. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be interpreted to relieve Settling Defendants from their obligation to comply with any pertinent state or federal law or regulation.

8. NOTICE

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Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notice required by this Consent Judgment shall be in writing and sent by: (i) personal delivery, (ii) first-class registered or certified mail, return receipt requested; or (iii) a recognized overnight courier to any Party by the other at the following addresses:

To Settling Defendants:

To Moore:

Paul Detwiler Jr., President New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. 3912 Brumbaugh Road New Enterprise, PA 16664

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

with copies to:

Jeffrey Goldman, Esq. Pepper Hamilton LLP 4 Park Plaza, Suite 1200 Irvine, CA 92614

AnnMarie Sanford, Esq. Pepper Hamilton, LLP 4000 Town Center, Suite 1800 Southfield, MI 48075-1505

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

9. <u>COUNTERPARTS, FACSIMILE AND PDF SIGNATURES</u>

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. <u>COMPLIANCE WITH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS</u>

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

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11. MODIFICATION

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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.

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4	any party and the entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court thereon.	
5	12. <u>AUTHORIZATION</u>	
6	The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment on behalf of their	
7	respective Parties and have read, understood, and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this	
8	Consent Judgment.	
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13		NEW ENTERPRISE STONE & LIME CO., INC.
14	Dated: 5EPT. 14, 2015	By: Paul I. Detwiler, III (Print Name)
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