

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Paul Wozniak and The C.H. Hanson Company

This Settlement Agreement (“Settlement Agreement”) is entered into by and between Paul Wozniak (“Wozniak”) and The C.H. Hanson Company (“CH Hanson”) with Wozniak and CH Hanson collectively referred to as the “Parties.” Wozniak 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 products. CH Hanson 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 §§ 25249.5 *et seq.* (“Proposition 65”).

1.2 General Allegations

Wozniak alleges that CH Hanson manufactures, imports, sells and/or distributes for sale in California, products containing di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (“DEHP”), and that it does so without providing the health hazard warning that Wozniak alleges is required by Proposition 65. DEHP is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm.

1.3 Product Description

For purposes of this Settlement Agreement “Products” are defined as vinyl/PVC tape containing DEHP that are manufactured, sold, or distributed for sale in California by CH Hanson including, but not limited to, the *C.H. Hanson Hazard Tape, #15045, UPC #0 81834 15045 1*.

1.4 Notice of Violation

On or about March 30, 2017, Wozniak served CH Hanson, and certain requisite public enforcement agencies with a 60-Day Notice of Violation (“Notice”), alleging that CH Hanson violated Proposition 65 when it failed to warn its customers and consumers in California that the

Products expose users to DEHP. 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

CH Hanson denies the material, factual and legal allegations contained in the Notice and maintains that all 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 CH Hanson of any fact, finding, issue of law or violation of law; nor shall compliance with this Settlement Agreement constitute or be construed as an admission by CH Hanson of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law or violation of law. This Section shall not, however, diminish or otherwise affect the 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 28, 2017.

2. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: REFORMULATED PRODUCTS

2.1 Commitment to Reformulate or Provide Warnings


Commencing no later than thirty (30) days after the Effective Date, and continuing thereafter, CH Hanson agrees to only manufacture, distribute, purchase for sale, or offer for sale in or into California: (a) "Reformulated Products", or (b) Products that are sold with a clear and reasonable health hazard warning pursuant to Section 2.3 below.

2.2 Reformulated Products Defined

For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, "Reformulated Products" shall mean Products containing no more than 1,000 parts per million (0.1%) DEHP in any accessible component (i.e., any component that may be touched during use) when analyzed pursuant to Environmental Protection Agency testing methodologies 3580A and 8270C or equivalent methodologies utilized by federal or state agencies for the purpose of determining DEHP content in a solid substance.

2.3 Clear and Reasonable Warnings Defined

Commencing on the Effective Date and continuing thereafter, all Products CH Hanson sells and/or distributes for sale in California which do not qualify as Reformulated Products, will bear a clear and reasonable warning pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 27, § 25600 et seq., or this Section. CH Hanson further agrees that the warning will be prominently placed with such conspicuousness when 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 of use. For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, a clear and reasonable warning for the Products shall consist of a warning affixed to the packaging, label, tag, or directly to a Product sold in California and containing one of the following statements, or any other statement consistent with California Code of Regulations, Title 27, §§ 25600 et seq.:

 **WARNING:** This product can expose you to chemicals including DEHP, which is known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

 **WARNING:** Reproductive Harm-www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

2.4 Warnings Presently in Use by CH Hanson

CH Hanson represents that it currently affixes warnings to its Products that read: “WARNING: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.” Wozniak agrees such warnings comply with this Settlement Agreement, and CH Hanson may continue to sell the Products bearing this warning until and through August 29, 2018.

3. MONETARY SETTLEMENT TERMS

3.1 Payment 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 Settlement Agreement, CH Hanson shall pay \$2,500 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”) by Wozniak. Wozniak’s counsel shall be responsible for remitting CH Hanson’s penalty payment(s) under this Settlement Agreement to OEHHA. On or before the Effective Date, CH Hanson shall provide its payment in a check made payable to “Paul Wozniak, Client Trust Account” in the amount of \$625 and a check made payable to “OEHHA” in the amount of \$1,875 to be delivered to the address provided in Section 3.3, below.

3.2 Reimbursement of Attorneys’ Fees and Costs

The Parties acknowledge that Wozniak 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 the other settlement terms had been finalized, CH Hanson expressed a desire to resolve Wozniak’s fees and costs. The Parties then negotiated a resolution of the compensation due to Wozniak and his 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, CH Hanson shall reimburse Wozniak and his counsel \$15,000. On or before the Effective Date, CH Hanson’s payment shall be delivered to the address in Section 3.3, in the form of a check payable to “The Chanler Group.” The reimbursement shall cover all fees and costs incurred by Wozniak investigating, bringing this matter to CH Hanson’s attention and negotiating a settlement of the matter in the public interest.

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 Wozniak's Release of Proposition 65 Claims

Wozniak acting on his own behalf, and *not* on behalf of the public, releases CH Hanson, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities under common ownership, directors, officers, agents employees, attorneys, and each entity to whom CH Hanson directly or indirectly distribute or sell Products, including, but not limited, to downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members, and licensees (collectively, "Releasees"), from all claims for violations of Proposition 65 through the Effective Date based on unwarned exposures to DEHP in the Products, as set forth in the Notice. Compliance with the terms of this Settlement Agreement constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to exposures to DEHP from the Products, as set forth in the Notice. The Parties further understand and agree that this Section 4.1 release shall not extend upstream to any entities that manufactured the Products or any component parts thereof, or any distributors or suppliers who sold the Products or any component parts thereof to CH Hanson.

4.2 Wozniak's Individual Releases of Claims

Wozniak, 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 Wozniak 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, imported, distributed, or sold by CH Hanson prior to the Effective Date. The Parties further understand and agree that this Section 4.2 release shall not extend upstream to any entities that manufactured the Products, or any component parts thereof, or any distributors or suppliers who sold the Products, or any component parts thereof to CH Hanson. Nothing in this Section affects Wozniak's right to commence or prosecute an action under Proposition 65 against a Releasee that does not involve CH Hanson's Products.

4.3 CH Hanson's Release of Wozniak

CH Hanson, on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against Wozniak 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 Wozniak and his attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of investigating claims or otherwise seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against it in this matter 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 is otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or if any of the provisions of this Settlement Agreement are rendered inapplicable or no longer required as a result of any such repeal or preemption or rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally as to the Products, then CH Hanson shall provide written notice to Wozniak of any asserted change in the law and shall have no further injunctive obligations pursuant to this Settlement Agreement with respect to, and to the extent that, the Products are so affected. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be interpreted to relieve CH Hanson from any obligation to comply with any pertinent state or federal toxics control law.

7. NOTICE

Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notices required to be provided pursuant to this Settlement Agreement shall be in writing and: (i) personally delivered; (ii) sent by first-class (registered or certified mail) return receipt requested; or (iii) sent by overnight courier, to one party by the other party at the following addresses:

For CH Hanson:

Phil Hanson, President
The C.H. Hanson Company
2000 North Aurora Road
Naperville, IL 60563

With a Copy to:

Nathan D. Meyer
Russ August & Kabat
12424 Wilshire Boulevard, 12th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90025

For Wozniak:

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

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.

8. COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE AND SIGNATURES

This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile or 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)

Wozniak agrees to comply with the reporting requirements referenced in Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f).

10. MODIFICATION

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

11. **AUTHORIZATION**

The undersigned are authorized to execute this Settlement Agreement and have read, understood and agree to all of the terms and conditions contained herein.

AGREED TO:

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Date: 7/20/2017

Date: _____

By: _____

Paul Wozniak

By: _____

Phil Hanson, President
The C.H. Hanson Company

11. **AUTHORIZATION**

The undersigned are authorized to execute this Settlement Agreement and have read, understood and agree to all of the terms and conditions contained herein.

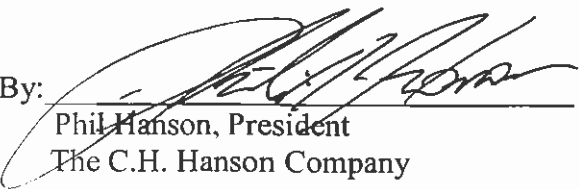
AGREED TO:

Date: _____

By: _____
Paul Wozniak

AGREED TO:

Date: **JUL 20 2017** _____

By:  _____
Phil Hanson, President
The C.H. Hanson Company