DECLARATION OF MEAGAN BRUNNER REGARDING NOTICE AND CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION

CASE No. 20STCV18428

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I, Meagan Brunner, declare as follows:

- 1. I am employed as a Program Manager by Simpluris, Inc. ("Simpluris"), the administrator in the above-entitled action. Our corporate office address is 3194-C Airport Loop Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626. I am over twenty-one years of age and authorized to make this declaration on behalf of Simpluris and myself. I have personal knowledge of the information set forth herein.
- 2. Simpluris is a class action administrator located in Costa Mesa, California. Established in 2007, Simpluris has administered over 9,000 cases nationwide, with class sizes ranging from a few hundred to over one million class members. Representative cases include: *Myart v. AutoZone, Inc.* and *Aceves v. Autozone, Inc.* (US District Court, CA Central Division) (208,050 class members), *Diaz v. SeaWorld* (Superior Court of the State of California) (1,281,123 class members), and *Woods v. Vector Marketing* (US District Court, Northern District of California) (194,500 class members).
- 3. Simpluris was approved by Counsel for both Parties and appointed by the Court in the Preliminary Approval Order entered on July 25, 2023, to provide settlement administration services in this settlement. Simpluris's duties in this Settlement have and will include: (a) receiving and analyzing the class member data (the "Class List"); (b) establishing a post office box to receive undeliverable notices, requests for exclusion, objections to the proposed settlement, and any other correspondence submitted by Settlement Class Members; (c) establishing and maintaining a settlement-specific website at www.GoodwinRecordingSettlement.com; (d) establishing and maintaining a settlement-specific toll-free phone number (833) 514-0013; (e) preparing and sending notice via U.S. Mail, email, and online Banner Ads; (f) calling Settlement Class Members for whom a name and address were unknown at the time of mailing the class notice; (g) receiving and processing any notices returned as undeliverable with a forwarding address and resending such notices; (h) processing any notices returned as undeliverable as addressed, with no forwarding

address, performing a skip trace in search of a new address, and resending notices for which a new address is obtained; (i) receiving and processing any requests for exclusion and objections; (j) establishing the Escrow Account as a qualified settlement fund for distribution; (k) calculating and disbursing Settlement Payments to Settlement Class Members; (l) implementing tax withholding and reporting; and (m) such other tasks as counsel for the Parties or the Court orders Simpluris to perform.

CLASS LIST

4. On or about August 10, 2023, Counsel for KMP Enterprises provided Simpluris with a data list containing the names and last known mailing address for each Settlement Class Member. The class list contained 6,905 unique phone numbers impacted by this Settlement ("Impacted Phone Numbers"). Of the 6,905 unique phone numbers, the Class List included contact information for 4,747 individuals, however 353 were combined as duplicate records. Simpluris was able to skip-trace the remaining Impacted Phone Numbers and find names and contact information for an additional 1,951 records leaving 207 records without names or contact information. The mailing addresses contained in the Class List were processed and updated utilizing the National Change of Address Database ("NCOA") maintained by the U.S. Postal Service ("USPS"). The NCOA contains changes of addresses filed with the USPS. In the event that any individual had filed a USPS change of address request, the address listed with the NCOA was utilized in connection with the mailing of the notice to that individual.

TELEPHONE NUMBER AND WEBSITE

5. A Settlement specific toll-free telephone number was included in the Settlement Class Notice, and on the Settlement website for the purpose of allowing the Settlement Class Members to make inquiries regarding the Settlement. The system is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and will remain in operation throughout the settlement administration. The toll-free telephone number included in the Notices and on the Settlement website is (833) 514-0013. This toll-free number is active and has been available to the public since on or before September 1, 2023.

6. Simpluris prepared and maintains a settlement website, www.GoodwinRecordingSettlement.com. The Settlement Website contains a summary of the Settlement which includes important dates and deadlines and Settlement related documents including the First Amended Complaint, Settlement Agreement, Preliminary Approval Order, Exclusion Form and the Long Form Notice of Class Action Settlement, in English and Spanish. The Settlement Website allows Settlement Class Members to update or provide their contact information through an Online Portal. The Settlement Website is active and has been available to the public since on or before September 1, 2023.

NOTICE

- 7. Pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order Simpluris formatted the Postcard Notice and Email Notice to be sent by mail and email, respectively. The Notices advised Settlement Class Members of their right to update their contact information, request exclusion from the settlement, object to the settlement, or do nothing. The Notices advised Settlement Class Members of applicable deadlines and other events, including the Final Approval Hearing, and how Settlement Class Members could obtain additional information.
- 8. On September 1, 2023, Simpluris mailed the Postcard Notice to 4,263 Settlement Class Members and emailed the Email Notice to 2,082 Settlement Class Members.
- 9. As of September 27, 2023, 90 Postcard Notices were returned by the post office. For the Postcard Notices returned without a forwarding address, Simpluris performed an advanced address search (i.e. skip trace) on all of these addresses. Of the 90 returned Postcard Notices, 53 were re-mailed to either a newfound address or with forwarding addresses provided by USPS. The remaining 37 Postcard Notices were undeliverable because Simpluris was unable to find a better address. Of the 2,082 Emailed Notices, 547 were not delivered successfully therefore Simpluris mailed a Postcard Notice to 547 Settlement Class Members on September 8, 2023.
- 10. As of September 27, 2023, Simpluris has completed the two of three rounds of phone outreach to the 207 Impacted Phone Numbers with no contact information. Of the 207 Impacted Phone Numbers, 5 individuals provided contact information, 40 individuals stated they did not want to be called again, and 82 phone numbers are invalid or disconnected.

11. To supplement the Postcard Notice and email notice, Simpluris implemented Website Banner Ads which began on September 1, 2023. The ads provided a direct link to the Settlement Website, where Settlement Class Members could review information about the Settlement and provide their contact information. As of September 22, 2023, these Banner Ads have delivered 759,742 impressions and resulted in 323 clicks through to the Settlement Website.

REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSIONS AND OBJECTIONS

12. The postmark deadline for the Settlement Class Members to submit a request for exclusion (Opt-Out) from the proposed settlement or object to the proposed settlement is November 22, 2023. As of September 27, 2023, Simpluris has received zero (0) requests for exclusion from the proposed settlement, and zero (0) objections to the proposed settlement.

PROVIDED CONTACT INFORMATION

- 13. As of September 27, 2023, 125 Settlement Class Members have updated their contact information.
- 14. As of September 27, 2023, 16 individuals have provided their contact information and potential Impacted Phone Numbers through the open submission Online Portal. Of the 15 responses received, one (1) response provided a phone number that appeared on the Impacted Phone Number list and did not match a previously known Settlement Class Member, five (5) are invalid as the phone numbers did not appear on the Impacted Phone Number list, and ten (10) were found to be duplicative of known Settlement Class Members.

ADMINISTRATION COSTS

15. As of September 27, 2023, Simpluris' total costs incurred for services in connection with the administration of this Settlement is \$50,811.87, and our anticipated future costs for completion of the administration, including one distribution, is estimated to be \$19,625.13. Our total cost of administration is estimated to be \$70,437.00. The increase in our costs from the original bid of \$67,249.00 is due using a 6x9 postcard to accommodate the required information, NCOA prior to mailing, a case-specific email box, and Project Manager hours to review contact information submitted via mail or without logging into the Online Portal.



I declare under penalty of the perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on September 29, 2023, at Louisville, KY.

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