

CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between Plaintiffs Patrick Irons and Norman McCormick (“Plaintiffs”) and Defendant Sumitomo Electric Interconnect Products, Inc. (“Defendant”). The Agreement refers to Plaintiffs and Defendant collectively as “Parties,” or individually as “Party.”

1. DEFINITIONS.

- 1.1 “Action” means Plaintiffs’ lawsuit alleging wage and hour violations against Defendant in the matter entitled Patrick Irons v. Sumitomo Electric Interconnect Products, Inc., San Diego County Superior Court Case No. 37-2021-00035431-CU-OE-CTL initiated on August 18, 2021, and pending in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Diego.
- 1.2 “Administrator” means ILYM Group, Inc., the neutral entity the Parties have agreed to appoint to administer the Settlement.
- 1.3 “Administration Expenses Payment” means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount to reimburse its reasonable fees and expenses in accordance with the Administrator’s “not to exceed” bid submitted to the Court in connection with Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.4 “Aggrieved Employees” means all persons employed in California by Defendant as hourly non-exempt employees during the period of August 17, 2020, through October 3, 2023.
- 1.5 “Class” is defined as all persons employed in California by Defendant as hourly non-exempt employees during the period August 18, 2017, through October 3, 2023.
- 1.6 “Class Counsel” means Moon Law Group, PC including Kane Moon, Allen Feghali, and Hyunjin Kim.
- 1.7 “Class Counsel Fees Payment” and “Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment” mean the amounts allocated to Class Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses, respectively, incurred to prosecute the Action.
- 1.8 “Class Data” means Class Member identifying information in Defendant’s possession including the Class Member’s name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, and number of Class Period Workweeks.
- 1.9 “Class Member” or “Settlement Class Member” means a member of the Class, as either a Participating Class Member or Non-Participating Class Member.
- 1.10 “Class Member Address Search” means the Administrator’s investigation and search for current Class Member mailing addresses using all reasonably available sources, methods, and means including, but not limited to, the National Change of

Address database, skip traces, and direct contact by the Administrator with Class Members.

- 1.11 “Class Notice” means the court approved notice of class action settlement to be mailed to Class Members in English in the form, without material variation, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference into this Agreement.
- 1.12 “Class Period” means the period from August 18, 2017, through October 3, 2023.
- 1.13 “Class Representatives” means the named Plaintiffs in the operative complaint in the Action seeking Court approval to serve as a Class Representative.
- 1.14 “Class Representative Service Payments” means the payments to the Class Representatives for initiating the Action and providing services in support of the Action.
- 1.15 “Court” means the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego.
- 1.16 “Defendant” means named Defendant Sumitomo Electric Interconnect Products, Inc.
- 1.17 “Defense Counsel” means ArentFox Schiff LLP, including Daniel J. McQueen, Nora K. Stilestein, and Brett D. Young.
- 1.18 “Effective Date” means the date by when both of the following have occurred: (a) the Court enters a Judgment on its Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement; and (b) the Judgment is final. The Judgment is final as of the latest of the following occurrences: (a) if no Participating Class Member objects to the Settlement, the day the Court enters Judgment; (b) if one or more Participating Class Members objects to the Settlement, the day after the deadline for filing a notice of appeal from the Judgment; or if a timely appeal from the Judgment is filed, the day after the appellate court affirms the Judgment and issues a remittitur.
- 1.19 “Final Approval” means the Court’s order granting final approval of the Settlement.
- 1.20 “Final Approval Hearing” means the Court’s hearing on the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.21 “Final Judgment” means the Judgment Entered by the Court upon Granting Final Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.22 “Gross Settlement Amount” means \$825,000 which is the total amount Defendant agrees to pay under the Settlement except as provided in Paragraph 8 below. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual Class Payments, Class Counsel Fees, Class Counsel Expenses, Class Representative Service Payments, and the Administrator’s Expenses.

- 1.23 “Individual Class Payment” means the Participating Class Member’s pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount calculated according to the number of Workweeks worked during the Class Period.
- 1.24 “Individual PAGA Payment” means the Aggrieved Employee’s pro rata share of the PAGA Settlement Amount calculated according to the number of Workweeks worked during the PAGA Period.
- 1.25 “Judgment” means the judgment entered by the Court based upon the Final Approval.
- 1.26 “Net Settlement Amount” means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: Class Representative Service Payments, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Administration Expenses Payment. The remainder is to be paid to Participating Class Members as Individual Class Payments.
- 1.27 “Non-Participating Class Member” means any Class Member who opts out of the Settlement by sending the Administrator a valid and timely Request for Exclusion.
- 1.28 “PAGA Period” means the period from August 17, 2020, through October 3, 2023.
- 1.29 “PAGA Notices” means Plaintiff Patrick Irons’ August 17, 2021, letter to Defendant and the Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”) providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a), and Plaintiff Norman McCormick’s May 30, 2023, letter to Defendant and the LWDA providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a).
- 1.30 “PAGA Settlement Amount” means the portion of the Gross Settlement Amount allocated as penalties under the PAGA. Of the \$25,000 in PAGA penalties to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, 75% (\$18,750) will be paid to the Labor Workforce and Development Agency. The remaining 25% (\$6,250) will be paid to Aggrieved Employees as an Individual PAGA Payment.
- 1.31 “Participating Class Member” means a Class Member who does not submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion from the Settlement.
- 1.32 “Plaintiffs” means Patrick Irons and Norman McCormick, the named plaintiffs in the Action.
- 1.33 “Preliminary Approval” means the Court’s Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.34 “Preliminary Approval Order” means the proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval.

- 1.35 “Released Class Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.2 below.
- 1.36 “Released Parties” means Defendant and each of its past, present, and future agents, employees, officers, directors, partners, trustees, representatives, shareholders, attorneys, parents, subsidiaries, related companies/corporations and/or partnerships, assigns, predecessors, successors, insurers, joint employers, alleged joint employers, and affiliated organizations, and all of their respective past, present, and future employees, directors, officers, agents, attorneys, stockholders, fiduciaries, parents, subsidiaries, and assigns.
- 1.37 “Request for Exclusion” means a Class Member’s submission of a written request to be excluded from the Class Settlement signed by the Class Member.
- 1.38 “Response Deadline” means 45 days after the Administrator mails Notice to Class Members, and shall be the last date on which Class Members may: (a) email or mail Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement, or (b) email or mail his or her Objection to the Settlement. Class Members to whom Notice Packets are re-sent after having been returned as undeliverable to the Administrator shall have an additional 14 calendar days beyond the Response Deadline has expired.
- 1.39 “Settlement” means the disposition of the Action effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.
- 1.40 “Workweek” means any week during which a Class Member worked for Defendant for at least one day, during the Class Period according to Defendant’s records.

2. RECITALS.

- 2.1 On August 18, 2021, Plaintiff Irons commenced this Action by filing a Complaint alleging causes of action against Defendant for failure to pay minimum and overtime wages, failure to provide meal and rest periods, failure to reimburse necessary business expenses, and other derivative claims. Thereafter, Plaintiff Irons filed a First Amended Complaint adding a claim for penalties under the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 against Defendant. Subsequently, Plaintiff Irons filed (pursuant to the Parties’ stipulation) a Second Amended Complaint, adding Plaintiff McCormick to the Action (the “Operative Complaint”). Defendant denies the allegations in the Operative Complaint, denies any failure to comply with the laws identified in the Operative Complaint and denies any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.
- 2.2 The Parties participated in an all-day mediation presided over by Steve Serratore, Esq. which led to this Agreement to settle the Action.
- 2.3 The Court has not granted class certification.

- 2.4 The Parties, Class Counsel, and Defense Counsel represent that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or affected by the Settlement.

3. MONETARY TERMS.

- 3.1 Gross Settlement Amount. Except as otherwise provided by Paragraph 8 below, Defendant promises to pay \$825,000 and no more as the Gross Settlement Amount and to separately pay any and all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments. Defendant has no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount (or any payroll taxes) prior to the deadline stated in Paragraph 4.3 of this Agreement. The Administrator will disburse the entire Gross Settlement Amount without asking or requiring Participating Class Members to submit any claim as a condition of payment. None of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Defendant.
- 3.2 Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Administrator will make and deduct the following payments from the Gross Settlement Amount, in the amounts specified by the Court in the Final Approval:
- 3.2.1 To Plaintiffs: Class Representative Service Payments to the Class Representatives of not more than \$5,000 each, which shall be in addition to any Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment the Class Representatives are entitled to receive as a Participating Class Member. Defendant will not oppose Plaintiffs' request for Class Representative Service Payments that do not exceed this amount. As part of the motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment, Plaintiffs will seek Court approval for any Class Representative Service Payments no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Representative Service Payment less than the amount requested for either Plaintiff, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will pay the Class Representative Service Payments using IRS Form 1099. Plaintiffs assume full responsibility and liability for employee taxes owed on the Class Representative Service Payments.
- 3.2.2 To Class Counsel: A Class Counsel Fees Payment of not more than one third of the Gross Settlement Amount, which is \$275,000, and a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than \$22,000. Defendant will not oppose requests for these payments provided they do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiffs and/or Class Counsel will file a motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment less than the amounts requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. Released Parties shall have no liability to Class Counsel or any other

Plaintiffs' Counsel arising from any claim to any portion any Class Counsel Fee Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. Class Counsel assumes full responsibility and liability for taxes owed on the Class Counsel Fees Payment and the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and holds Defendant harmless, and indemnifies Defendant, from any dispute or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these Payments.

3.2.3 To the Administrator: An Administrator Expenses Payment not to exceed \$15,000 except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent the Administration Expenses are less or the Court approves payment less than \$15,000, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount.

3.2.4 To Each Participating Class Member: An Individual Class Payment calculated by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members during the Class Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Participating Class Member's Workweeks.

3.2.4.1 Tax Allocation of Individual Class Payments. 20% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of wage claims (the "Wage Portion"). The Wage Portions are subject to tax withholding and will be reported on an IRS W-2 Form. The Remaining 80% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of claims for penalties, interest, and other non-taxable claims (the "Non-Wage Portion"). The Non-Wage Portions are not subject to wage withholdings and will be reported on IRS 1099 Forms. Participating Class Members assume full responsibility and liability for any employee taxes owed on their Individual Class Payment.

3.2.4.2 Effect of Non-Participating Class Members on Calculation of Individual Class Payments. Non-Participating Class Members will not receive any Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will retain amounts equal to their Individual Class Payments in the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members on a pro rata basis. Non-Participating Class Members will still receive an Individual PAGA Payment, regardless of whether they opt out of the Settlement.

3.2.5 To Each Aggrieved Employee: An Individual PAGA Payment calculated by (a) dividing the \$6,250 PAGA Settlement Amount allocated to Aggrieved Employees by the total number of Workweeks worked by all

Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Aggrieved Employee's Workweeks. The Individual PAGA Payment shall be treated as penalties and will be reported on IRS 1099 Forms. Aggrieved Employees assume full responsibility and liability for any employee taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment.

4. SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS.

- 4.1 Class Workweeks. Based on a review of its records to date, Defendant estimates Class Members worked a total of 24,008 Workweeks as of May 16, 2023.
- 4.2 Class Data. Not later than 21 days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, Defendant will deliver the Class Data to the Administrator, in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Class Members' privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Class Data in confidence, use the Class Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access to the Class Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Class Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Defendant has a continuing duty to immediately notify Class Counsel if it discovers that the Class Data omitted class member identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Class Data as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which Defendant must send the Class Data to the Administrator, the Parties and their counsel will expeditiously use best efforts, in good faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related to missing or omitted Class Data.
- 4.3 Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant shall fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount, and also fund the amounts necessary to fully pay Defendant's share of payroll taxes by transmitting the funds to the Administrator no later than 14 days after the Effective Date.
- 4.4 Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 14 days after Defendant funds the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, the Administration Expenses Payment, the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Class Representative Service Payment. Disbursement of the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and the Class Representative Service Payment shall not precede disbursement of Individual Class Payments.
 - 4.4.1 The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual Class Payments and send them to the Class Members via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall prominently state the date (not less than 180 days after the date of mailing) when the check will be voided. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void date. The Administrator will send checks for Individual Settlement Payments to all Participating Class Members (including those for whom Class Notice was

returned undelivered). Before mailing any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

- 4.4.2 The Administrator must conduct a Class Member Address Search for all other Class Members whose checks are returned undelivered without USPS forwarding address. Within seven days of receiving a returned check the Administrator must re-mail checks to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Class Member Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Class Members whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Class Member whose original check was lost or misplaced, requested by the Class Member prior to the void date.
- 4.4.3 For any Class Member whose Individual Class Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Class Member thereby leaving no "unpaid residue" subject to the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 384, subd. (b).
- 4.4.4 The payment of Individual Class Payments shall not obligate Defendant to confer any additional benefits or make any additional payments to Class Members (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

5. RELEASES OF CLAIMS. Effective on the date when Defendant fully funds the entire Gross Settlement Amount and funds all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portion of the Individual Class Payments, Plaintiffs, Class Members, Aggrieved Employees, and Class Counsel will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:

- 5.1 Plaintiffs' Release. Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and their representatives, spouse, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Defendant and the Released Parties from any and all claims, known and unknown, under federal, state, and/or local law, statute, ordinance, regulation, common law, or other source of law ("Plaintiffs' Released Claims"). Plaintiffs' Released Claims include, but are not limited to, all claims arising from or related to the Action. Plaintiffs' Released Claims include all claims for unpaid wages, including, but not limited to, failure to pay minimum wages, straight time compensation, overtime, double-time, and interest; the calculation of the regular rate of pay; missed meal period and rest period premiums, including failure to pay premiums at the regular rate of compensation; reimbursement for all necessary business expenses; payment for all hours worked, including off-the-clock work; wage statements; deductions; failure to keep accurate records; unfair business practices; penalties, including, but not limited to, civil penalties, statutory penalties, recordkeeping penalties, wage statement penalties, minimum-wage

penalties, and waiting-time penalties; and attorneys' fees and costs. Plaintiffs' Released Claims include all claims arising under the California Labor Code (including, but not limited to, sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 213, 218.5, 221, 223, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 510, 512, 558, 558.1, 1174, 1174.5, 1185, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 1199, 2698 *et seq.*, 2800, and 2802); all claims arising under: the Wage Orders of the California Industrial Welfare Commission; California Business and Professions Code sections 17200, *et seq.*; the California Civil Code, to include but not limited to, sections 3287, 3336, and 3294; California Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5; the California common law of contract; the Fair Labor Standards Act; 29 CFR 778.315; 29 CFR 778.223; and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA"). Plaintiffs' Released Claims also include all claims for emotional distress, retaliation, punitive damages, and attorneys' fees and costs arising under federal, state, or local laws for discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and wrongful termination, such as, by way of example only, 42 U.S.C. section 1981, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans With Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act; and the law of contract and tort. This release excludes the release of claims not permitted by law.

5.1.1 Plaintiffs' Waiver of Rights Under California Civil Code Section 1542. For purposes of Plaintiffs' Release, Plaintiffs expressly waive and relinquish the provisions, rights, and benefits, if any, of section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, and that if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or Released Party.

5.2 Release by Participating Class Members: As of the date of Judgment and after Defendant funds all amounts due under the terms of the Settlement, all Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their spouses, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, fully and finally release Defendant and the Released Parties from all claims that were alleged, or could have been alleged, in the operative Complaint, as amended, or that could have been raised in the Action based on the facts and claims alleged. The released claims include all claims for failure to pay minimum wages (including claims for off-the-clock work); failure to pay overtime compensation (including any failure to properly calculate the regular rate, as well as any claims for off-the-clock work); failure to pay double-time wages; failure to provide meal periods; failure to authorize and permit rest breaks; failure to pay missed-break premiums, including failure to pay missed-break premiums at the regular rate of compensation; failure to indemnify for business expenses; failure to timely pay final wages upon termination; failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements; and unfair business practices. The released claims include all claims, including all claims for fees or costs, arising under the Labor Code asserted in the

operative Complaint, as amended, including claims arising under sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 218.5, 218.6, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 510, 512, 558, 558.1, 1174, 1174.5, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 1199, 2698 et seq., 2800, and 2802; as well as all related claims arising under the Wage Orders of the Industrial Welfare Commission; Business and Professions Code sections 17200, et seq.. The released claims include all claims for interest, costs, attorneys' fees, and penalties based on the claims pled in the operative Complaint, as amended. The Released Class Claims are limited to the Class Period.

- 5.3 Release By Aggrieved Employees: As of the date of Judgment and after Defendant funds all amounts due under the terms of the Settlement, all Aggrieved Employees, including those individuals who timely and effectively exclude themselves from the Class Released Claims, shall nevertheless be bound by the Released PAGA Claims and shall receive a pro rata portion of the 25% (\$6,250) of the PAGA penalties. All Aggrieved Employees, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, spouses, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, fully and finally release Defendant and the Released Parties from all claims for civil penalties under PAGA that were alleged, or could have been alleged, in the Action based on the allegations asserted in the operative Complaint, as amended, and/or in the PAGA Notices. The Released PAGA Claims include, but are not limited to, failure to pay minimum wages (including claims for off-the-clock work); failure to pay overtime compensation (including any failure to properly calculate the regular rate, as well as any claims for off-the-clock work); failure to pay double-time wages; failure to provide meal periods; failure to authorize and permit rest breaks; failure to pay missed-break premiums, including failure to pay missed-break premiums at the regular rate of compensation; failure to indemnify for business expenses; failure to timely pay final wages upon termination; and failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements. The Released PAGA Claims include all claims arising under the Labor Code asserted in the operative Complaint, as amended, including claims arising under sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 218.5, 218.6, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 510, 512, 558, 558.1, 1174, 1174.5, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 1199, 2698 et seq., 2800, 2802, and 2698 et seq., and 2699 et seq. The Released PAGA Claims include all claims for violations of the applicable Wage Orders of the Industrial Welfare Commission. The Released PAGA Claims are limited to the PAGA Period.

6. MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL. The Parties agree to jointly prepare and file a motion for preliminary approval ("Motion for Preliminary Approval").

- 6.1 Plaintiffs' Responsibilities. Plaintiffs will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel all documents necessary for obtaining Preliminary Approval, including: (i) a draft of the notice, and memorandum in support, of the Motion for Preliminary Approval that includes an analysis of the Settlement under *Dunk/Kullar*; (ii) a draft proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval; (iii) a draft proposed Class Notice; (iv) a signed declaration from the Administrator attaching its "not to exceed" bid for administering the Settlement and attesting to its willingness to

serve; competency; operative procedures for protecting the security of Class Data; amounts of insurance coverage for any data breach, defalcation of funds, or other misfeasance; all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members; and the nature and extent of any financial relationship with Plaintiffs, Class Counsel or Defense Counsel; (v) a signed declaration from Plaintiffs confirming willingness and competency to serve and disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members, and the Administrator; and (v) a signed declaration from Class Counsel attesting to its competency to represent the Class Members. In their Declarations, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel shall aver that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.

- 6.2 Responsibilities of Counsel. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel are jointly responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the Motion for Preliminary Approval after the full execution of this Agreement; obtaining a prompt hearing date for the Motion for Preliminary Approval; and for appearing in Court to advocate in favor of the Motion for Preliminary Approval. Class Counsel is responsible for delivering the Court's Preliminary Approval to the Administrator.
- 6.3 Duty to Cooperate. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed Motion for Preliminary Approval and/or the supporting declarations and documents, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve the disagreement. If the Court does not grant Preliminary Approval or conditions Preliminary Approval on any material change to this Agreement, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to modify the Agreement and otherwise satisfy the Court's concerns.

7. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

- 7.1 Selection of Administrator. The Parties have jointly selected ILYM Group, Inc. to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, ILYM Group, Inc. agrees to be bound by this Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this Agreement in exchange for payment of Administration Expenses. The Parties and their Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the Administrator other than a professional relationship arising out of prior experiences administering settlements.
- 7.2 Employer Identification Number. The Administrator shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number for purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and providing reports state and federal tax authorities.

- 7.3 Qualified Settlement Fund. The Administrator shall establish a settlement fund that meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund (“QSF”) under US Treasury Regulation section 468B-1.
- 7.4 Notice to Class Members.
- 7.4.1 No later than three business days after receipt of the Class Data, the Administrator shall notify Class Counsel that the list has been received and state the number of Class Members and pay periods in the Class Data.
- 7.4.2 Using best efforts to perform as soon as possible, and in no event later than 14 days after receiving the Class Data, the Administrator will send to all Class Members identified in the Class Data, via first-class United States Postal Service (“USPS”) mail, the Class Notice substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit A. The first page of the Class Notice shall prominently estimate the dollar amounts of any Individual Class Payment payable to the Class Member (as well as any applicable Individual PAGA Payment), and the number of Workweeks used to calculate these amounts. Before mailing Class Notices, the Administrator shall update Class Member addresses using the National Change of Address database.
- 7.4.3 Not later than five business days after the Administrator’s receipt of any Class Notice returned by the USPS as undelivered, the Administrator shall re-mail the Class Notice using any forwarding address provided by the USPS. If the USPS does not provide a forwarding address, the Administrator shall conduct a Class Member Address Search, and re-mail the Class Notice to the most current address obtained. The Administrator has no obligation to make further attempts to locate or send Class Notice to Class Members whose Class Notice is returned by the USPS a second time.
- 7.4.4 The deadlines for Class Members’ written objections, Challenges to Workweeks and/or Pay Periods, and Requests for Exclusion will be extended an additional 14 days beyond the 45 days otherwise provided in the Class Notice for all Class Members whose notice is re-mailed. The Administrator will inform the Class Member of the extended deadline with the re-mailed Class Notice.
- 7.4.5 If the Administrator, Defendant or Class Counsel is contacted by or otherwise discovers any persons who believe they should have been included in the Class Data and should have received Class Notice, the Parties will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in a good faith effort to agree on whether to include them as Class Members. If the Parties agree, such persons will be Class Members entitled to the same rights as other Class Members, and the Administrator will send, via email or overnight delivery, a Class Notice requiring them to

exercise options under this Agreement not later than 14 days after receipt of Class Notice, or the deadline dates in the Class Notice, which ever are later.

7.5 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-Outs).

- 7.5.1 Class Members who wish to exclude themselves (opt-out of) the Class Settlement must send the Administrator, by email or mail, a signed written Request for Exclusion not later than 45 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed). A Request for Exclusion is a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative that reasonably communicates the Class Member's election to be excluded from the Settlement and includes the Class Member's name, address and email address or telephone number. To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely emailed or postmarked by the Response Deadline. Aggrieved Employees shall not be able to exclude themselves from the PAGA portion of this settlement and Aggrieved Employees who worked during the PAGA Period shall receive their pro rata portion of the PAGA settlement even if they opt out of the class action settlement.
- 7.5.2 The Administrator may not reject a Request for Exclusion as invalid because it fails to contain all the information specified in the Class Notice. The Administrator shall accept any Request for Exclusion as valid if the Administrator can reasonably ascertain the identity of the person as a Class Member and the Class Member's desire to be excluded. The Administrator's determination shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. If the Administrator has reason to question the authenticity of a Request for Exclusion, the Administrator may demand additional proof of the Class Member's identity. The Administrator's determination of authenticity shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.
- 7.5.3 Every Class Member who does not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion is deemed to be a Participating Class Member under this Agreement, entitled to all benefits and bound by all terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the Participating Class Members' Releases under Paragraph 5.2 of this Agreement, regardless of whether the Participating Class Member actually receives the Class Notice or objects to the Settlement.
- 7.5.4 Every Class Member who submits a valid and timely Request for Exclusion is a Non-Participating Class Member and shall not receive an Individual Class Payment or have the right to object to the class action components of the Settlement.

7.6 Challenges to Calculation of Workweeks. Each Class Member shall have 45 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed) to challenge the number of Class Workweeks allocated to the Class Member in the Class Notice. The Class Member may challenge the allocation by communicating with the Administrator via email or mail. The Administrator must encourage the challenging Class Member to submit supporting documentation. In the absence of any contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the Workweeks contained in the Class Notice are correct so long as they are consistent with the Class Data. The Administrator's determination of each Class Member's allocation of Workweeks shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. The Administrator shall promptly provide copies of all challenges to calculation of Workweeks to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel and the Administrator's determination the challenges.

7.7 Objections to Settlement.

7.7.1 Only Participating Class Members may object to the class action components of the Settlement and/or this Agreement, including contesting the fairness of the Settlement, and/or amounts requested for the Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Class Representative Service Payment.

7.7.2 Participating Class Members may send written objections to the Administrator, by email or mail. In the alternative, Participating Class Members may appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court) to present verbal objections at the Final Approval Hearing. A Participating Class Member who elects to send a written objection to the Administrator must do so not later than 60 days after the Administrator's mailing of the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice was re-mailed).

7.7.3 Non-Participating Class Members have no right to object to any of the class action components of the Settlement.

7.8 Administrator Duties. The Administrator has a duty to perform or observe all tasks to be performed or observed by the Administrator contained in this Agreement or otherwise.

7.8.1 Website, Email Address and Toll-Free Number. The Administrator will establish and maintain and use an internet website to post information of interest to Class Members including the date, time and location for the Final Approval Hearing and copies of the Settlement Agreement, Motion for Preliminary Approval, the Preliminary Approval, the Class Notice, the Motion for Final Approval, the Motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and Class Representative Service Payment, the Final Approval and the Judgment. The

Administrator will also maintain and monitor an email address and a toll-free telephone number to receive Class Member calls and emails.

- 7.8.2 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-outs) and Exclusion List. The Administrator will promptly review on a rolling basis Requests for Exclusion to ascertain their validity. Not later than five days after the expiration of the deadline for submitting Requests for Exclusion, the Administrator shall email a list to Defense Counsel containing (a) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have timely submitted valid Requests for Exclusion (“Exclusion List”); (b) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have submitted invalid Requests for Exclusion; (c) copies of all Requests for Exclusion from Settlement submitted (whether valid or invalid).
- 7.8.3 Weekly Reports. The Administrator must, on a weekly basis, provide written reports to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel that, among other things, tally the number of: Class Notices mailed or re-mailed, Class Notices returned undelivered, Requests for Exclusion (whether valid or invalid) received, objections received, challenges to Workweeks received and/or resolved, and checks mailed for Individual Class Payments (“Weekly Report”). The Weekly Reports must include the Administrator’s assessment of the validity of Requests for Exclusion and attach copies of all Requests for Exclusion and objections received.
- 7.8.4 Workweek Challenges. The Administrator has the authority to address and make final decisions consistent with the terms of this Agreement on all Class Member challenges over the calculation of Workweeks. The Administrator’s decision shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.
- 7.8.5 Administrator’s Declaration. Not later than seven days before the date by which Plaintiffs are required to file the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, the Administrator will provide to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its due diligence and compliance with all of its obligations under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, its mailing of Class Notice, the Class Notices returned as undelivered, the re-mailing of Class Notices, attempts to locate Class Members, the total number of Requests for Exclusion from Settlement it received (both valid or invalid), the number of written objections and attach the Exclusion List. The Administrator will supplement its declaration as needed or requested by the Parties and/or the Court. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator’s declaration(s) in Court.
- 7.8.6 Final Report by Settlement Administrator. Within 10 days after the Administrator disburses all funds in the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will provide Class Counsel and Defense Counsel with a

final report detailing its disbursements by employee identification number only of all payments made under this Agreement. At least 15 days before any deadline set by the Court, the Administrator will prepare, and submit to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its disbursement of all payments required under this Agreement. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration in Court.

8. **ESCALATOR CLAUSE.** The Parties estimate that, as of May 17, 2023, Class Members worked 24,008 workweeks. If the number of workweeks increases by more than 10% over the current estimate (i.e., that is, above 26,409 workweeks) by the end of the Class Period, Defendant shall have the option to either cut off the Settlement Class Period as of the date that the workweeks reach 26,409 or increase the Gross Settlement Amount on a proportional basis equal to the percentage increase in the workweeks above the 10% (i.e., if there is a 12% increase in the number of workweeks during the Settlement Class Period, Defendant has the option to increase the Gross Settlement Amount by 2% to cover the entire Class Period).
9. **DEFENDANT'S RIGHT TO WITHDRAW.** If the number of valid Requests for Exclusion identified in the Exclusion List exceeds 5% of the total of all Class Members, Defendant may, but is not obligated, elect to withdraw from the Settlement. The Parties agree that, if Defendant withdraws, the Settlement shall be void, have no force or effect whatsoever, and that neither Party will have any further obligation to perform under this Agreement; provided, however, Defendant will remain responsible for paying all Settlement Administration Expenses incurred to that point. Defendant must notify Class Counsel and the Court of its election to withdraw not later than 14 days after the Administrator sends the final Exclusion List to Defense Counsel; late elections will have no effect.
10. **MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL.** Not later than 16 court days before the calendared Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiffs will file in Court, a motion for final approval of the Settlement that includes a Proposed Final Approval Order and a proposed Judgment (collectively "Motion for Final Approval"). Plaintiffs shall provide drafts of these documents to Defense Counsel not later than seven days prior to filing the Motion for Final Approval. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve any disagreements concerning the Motion for Final Approval.
 - 10.1 Response to Objections. Each Party retains the right to respond to any objection raised by a Participating Class Member, including the right to file responsive documents in Court no later than five court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, or as otherwise ordered or accepted by the Court.
 - 10.2 Duty to Cooperate. If the Court does not grant Final Approval or conditions Final Approval on any material change to the Settlement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), the Parties will expeditiously work together in good faith to address the Court's concerns by

revising the Agreement as necessary to obtain Final Approval. The Court's decision to award less than the amounts requested for the Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Administrator Expenses Payment shall not constitute a material modification to the Agreement within the meaning of this paragraph.

- 10.3 Continuing Jurisdiction of the Court. The Parties agree that, after entry of Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, Action, and the Settlement solely for purposes of (i) enforcing this Agreement and/or Judgment, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters, and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as are permitted by law.
- 10.4 Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, specifically including the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment reflected set forth in this Settlement, the Parties, their respective counsel, and all Participating Class Members who did not object to the Settlement as provided in this Agreement, waive all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment and appellate proceedings, the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial, extraordinary writs, and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose such motions, writs or appeals. If an objector appeals the Judgment, the Parties' obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final, except as to matters that do not affect the amount of the Net Settlement Amount.
- 10.5 Appellate Court Orders to Vacate, Reverse, or Materially Modify Judgment. If the reviewing Court vacates, reverses, or modifies the Judgment in a manner that requires a material modification of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), this Agreement shall be null and void. The Parties shall nevertheless expeditiously work together in good faith to address the appellate court's concerns and to obtain Final Approval and entry of Judgment, sharing, on a 50-50 basis, any additional Administration Expenses reasonably incurred after remittitur. An appellate decision to vacate, reverse, or modify the Court's award of the Class Representative Service Payment or any payments to Class Counsel shall not constitute a material modification of the Judgment within the meaning of this paragraph, as long as the Gross Settlement Amount remains unchanged.

11. **AMENDED JUDGMENT.** If any amended judgment is required under Code of Civil Procedure section 384, the Parties will work together in good faith to jointly submit and a proposed amended judgment.

12. **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.**

- 12.1 No Admission of Liability, Class Certification or Representative Manageability for Other Purposes. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of

highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as an admission by Defendant that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint have merit or that Defendant has any liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended or construed as an admission by Plaintiffs that Defendant's defenses in the Action have merit. The Parties agree that class certification and representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If, for any reason the Court does grant Preliminary Approval, Final Approval or enter Judgment, Defendant reserves the right to contest certification of any class for any reasons, and Defendant reserves all available defenses to the claims in the Action, and Plaintiffs reserve the right to move for class certification on any grounds available and to contest Defendant's defenses. The Settlement, this Agreement, and Parties' willingness to settle the Action will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, any litigation (except for proceedings to enforce or effectuate the Settlement and this Agreement).

- 12.2 Confidentiality Prior to Preliminary Approval. Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, Defendant and Defense Counsel separately agree that, until the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement is filed, they and each of them will not disclose, disseminate and/or publicize, or cause or permit another person to disclose, disseminate or publicize, any of the terms of the Agreement directly or indirectly, specifically or generally, to any person, corporation, association, government agency, or other entity except: (1) to the Parties' attorneys, accountants, or spouses, all of whom will be instructed to keep this Agreement confidential; (2) counsel in a related matter; (3) to the extent necessary to report income to appropriate taxing authorities; (4) in response to a court order or subpoena; or (5) in response to an inquiry or subpoena issued by a state or federal government agency. Each Party agrees to immediately notify each other Party of any judicial or agency order, inquiry, or subpoena seeking such information. Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, Defendant and Defense Counsel separately agree not to, directly or indirectly, initiate any conversation or other communication, before the filing of the Motion for Preliminary Approval, any with third party regarding this Agreement or the matters giving rise to this Agreement except to respond only that "the matter was resolved," or words to that effect. This paragraph does not restrict Class Counsel's communications with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.
- 12.3 No Solicitation. The Parties separately agree that they and their respective counsel and employees will not solicit any Class Member to opt out of or object to the Settlement, or appeal from the Judgment. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to restrict Class Counsel's ability to communicate with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.
- 12.4 Integrated Agreement. Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement together with any attached exhibits shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements made to or by any Party.

- 12.5 Attorney Authorization. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiffs and Defendant, respectively, to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents reasonably required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement including any amendments to this Agreement.
- 12.6 Cooperation. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts, in good faith, to implement the Settlement by, among other things, modifying the Settlement Agreement, submitting supplemental evidence and supplementing points and authorities as requested by the Court. In the event the Parties are unable to agree upon the form or content of any document necessary to implement the Settlement, or on any modification of the Agreement that may become necessary to implement the Settlement, the Parties will seek the assistance of a mediator and/or the Court for resolution.
- 12.7 No Prior Assignments. The Parties separately represent and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity and portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action, or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.
- 12.8 No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, Defendant nor Defense Counsel are providing any advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.
- 12.9 Modification of Agreement. This Agreement, and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed, or waived only by an express written instrument signed by all Parties or their representatives, and approved by the Court.
- 12.10 Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.
- 12.11 Applicable Law. All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be governed by and interpreted according to the internal laws of the state of California, without regard to conflict of law principles.
- 12.12 Cooperation in Drafting. The Parties have cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement. This Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was the drafter or participated in the drafting.
- 12.13 Confidentiality. To the extent permitted by law, all agreements made, and orders entered during Action and in this Agreement relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive the execution of this Agreement.
- 12.14 Use and Return of Class Data. Information provided to Class Counsel pursuant to Cal. Evid. Code §1152, and all copies and summaries of the Class Data provided

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- 12.17 Notice. All notices, demands or other communications between the Parties in connection with this Agreement will be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the third business day after mailing by United States mail, or the day sent by email or messenger.
- 12.18 Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by facsimile, electronically (i.e. DocuSign), or email which for purposes of this Agreement shall be accepted as an original. All executed counterparts and each of them will be deemed to be one and the same instrument if counsel for the Parties will exchange between themselves signed counterparts. Any executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.
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Dated: _____, 2023

Plaintiff Patrick Irons

Dated: _____, 2023

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Dated: _____, 2023

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_____, 2023

Plaintiff Patrick Irons

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Plaintiff Norman McCormick ~~Dated:~~

Dated: _____, 2023

Defendant Sumitomo Electric Interconnect
Products, Inc.

Dated: October 17, 2023

Allen Feghali
Kane Moon
Counsel for Plaintiffs

Dated: _____, 2023

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Counsel for Defendant

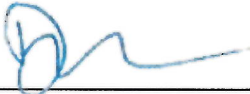
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Defendant Sumitomo Electric Interconnect
Products, Inc.

Dated: _____, 2023

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Dated: October 16, 2023



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EXHIBIT A

COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Patrick Irons v. Sumitomo Electric Interconnect Products, Inc

San Diego County Superior Court Case No. 37-2021-00035431-CU-OE-CTL

*The Superior Court for the State of California authorized this Notice. Read it carefully!
It's not junk mail, an advertisement, or solicitation by a lawyer. You are not being sued.*

You may be eligible to receive money from a class action lawsuit ("Action") against Sumitomo Electric Interconnect Products, Inc. ("SEIP") for alleged wage and hour violations. The Action was filed by former SEIP employees Patrick Irons and Norman McCormick ("Plaintiffs"), and seeks payment of (1) back wages and other relief for a class of non-exempt employees working during the period of August 18, 2017, through October 3, 2023; and (2) penalties under the Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA") for hourly non-exempt employees working during the period of August 17, 2020, through October 3, 2023 ("Aggrieved Employees").

The proposed Settlement has two main parts: (1) a Class Settlement requiring SEIP to fund Individual Class Payments, and (2) a PAGA Settlement requiring SEIP to fund Individual PAGA Payments and pay penalties to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA").

Your Individual Class Payment is estimated to be \$ [REDACTED] (less withholdings) and your Individual PAGA Payment is estimated to be \$ [REDACTED]. The actual amount you may receive likely will be different and will depend on a number of factors. (If no amount is stated for your Individual PAGA Payment, then according to SEIP's records you are not eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment because you did not work during the PAGA Period.)

The above estimates are based on SEIP's records showing that **you worked [REDACTED] workweeks** during the Class Period and **[REDACTED] workweeks** during the PAGA Period. If you believe you worked more workweeks during either period, you can submit a challenge by the deadline date. See Section 4 of this Notice.

The Court has already preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will decide whether to finally approve the Settlement, and how much of the Settlement will be paid to Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' attorneys ("Class Counsel"). The Court will also decide whether to enter a judgment that requires SEIP to make payments under the Settlement and requires Class Members and Aggrieved Employees to give up their rights to assert certain claims against SEIP.

If you worked for SEIP during the Class Period and/or the PAGA Period, you have two basic options under the Settlement:

- (1) **Do Nothing.** You don't have to do anything to participate in the proposed Settlement and be eligible for an Individual Class Payment and/or an Individual PAGA Payment. As a Participating Class Member, though, you will give up your right to assert Class Period wage claims and PAGA Period penalty claims against SEIP.
- (2) **Opt-Out of the Class Settlement.** You can exclude yourself from the Class Settlement (opt-out) by submitting a written Request for Exclusion. If you opt-out of the Settlement, you will not receive an Individual Class Payment. You will, however, preserve your right to personally pursue Class Period wage claims against SEIP. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement.

SEIP will not retaliate against you for any actions you take with respect to the proposed Settlement.

SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT

You Don't Have to Do Anything to Participate in the Settlement	If you do nothing, you will be a Participating Class Member, eligible for an Individual Class Payment and an Individual PAGA Payment. In exchange, you will give up your right to assert the wage claims against SEIP that are covered by this Settlement ("Released Claims").
You Can Opt-out of the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement The Opt-out Deadline is [REDACTED]	If you don't want to fully participate in the proposed Settlement, you can opt-out of the Class Settlement by sending the Administrator a written Request for Exclusion. Once excluded, you will be a Non-Participating Class Member and no longer eligible for an Individual Class Payment. Non-Participating Class Members cannot object to any portion of the proposed Settlement. See Section 6 of this Notice. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement. SEIP must pay Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees and the Aggrieved Employees must give up their rights to pursue Released Claims (defined below).
Participating Class Members Can Object to the Class Settlement Written Objections Must be Submitted by [REDACTED]	All Class Members who do not opt-out ("Participating Class Members") can object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement. See Section 7 of this Notice.
You Can Participate in the Final Approval Hearing	The Court's Final Approval Hearing is scheduled to take place on [REDACTED]. You do not have to attend but you do have the right to appear (or hire an attorney to appear on your behalf at your own cost), in person, by telephone, or by using the Court's virtual appearance platform. Participating Class Members can object to the Settlement at the Final Approval Hearing. See Section 8 of this Notice.
You Can Challenge the Calculation of Your Workweeks; Written Challenges Must be Submitted by [REDACTED]	The amount of your Individual Class Payment and PAGA Payment (if any) depend on how many workweeks you worked during each period. The number of Class Period and PAGA Period workweeks you worked according to SEIP's records is stated on the first page of this Notice. If you disagree with either of these numbers, you must challenge it by [REDACTED]. See Section 4 of this Notice.

1. WHAT IS THE ACTION ABOUT?

The Action accuses SEIP of violating California labor laws by failing to pay overtime wages, minimum wages, wages due upon termination and reimbursable expenses, and failing to provide meal periods, rest breaks, and accurate itemized wage statements. Based on the same claims, Plaintiffs have also asserted a claim for PAGA penalties. Plaintiffs are represented by Kane Moon, Allen Feghali, and Hyunjin Kim of Moon Law Group, PC ("Class Counsel.")

SEIP strongly denies violating any laws or failing to pay any wages, and contends it complied with all applicable laws.

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT THE ACTION HAS SETTLED?

The Court has made no determination whether SEIP or Plaintiffs are correct on the merits. In an effort to resolve the Action, Plaintiffs and SEIP have negotiated a proposed Settlement that is subject to the Court's Final Approval. Both sides agree the proposed Settlement is a compromise of disputed claims. By agreeing to settle, SEIP does not admit any violations or concede the merit of any claims.

Plaintiffs and Class Counsel strongly believe the Settlement is a good deal for you because they believe that: (1) SEIP has agreed to pay a fair, reasonable, and adequate amount considering the strength of the claims and the risks and uncertainties of continued litigation; and (2) Settlement is in the best interests of the Class Members and Aggrieved Employees.

3. WHAT ARE THE KEY TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

1. SEIP Will Pay \$825,000 as the Gross Settlement Amount (Gross Settlement). SEIP has agreed to deposit the Gross Settlement into an account controlled by the Administrator of the Settlement. The Judgment will be final on the date the Court enters Judgment, or a later date if Participating Class Members object to the proposed Settlement or the Judgment is appealed.
2. Court Approved Deductions from Gross Settlement. At the Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiffs and/or Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve the following deductions from the Gross Settlement:
 - A. Up to \$275,000 (one-third of the Gross Settlement] to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and up to \$22,000 for their litigation expenses.
 - B. Up to \$5,000 each as Class Representative Awards to each Plaintiff for working with Class Counsel and representing the Class.
 - C. Up to \$15,000 to the Administrator for services administering the Settlement.
 - D. Up to \$25,000 for PAGA Penalties, allocated 75% to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% in Individual PAGA Payments to the Aggrieved Employees.

Participating Class Members have the right to object to any of these deductions. The Court will consider all objections.

3. Net Settlement Distributed to Class Members. After making the above deductions in amounts approved by the Court, the Administrator will distribute the rest of the Gross Settlement (the "Net Settlement") by making Individual Class Payments to Participating Class Members based on their Class Period Workweeks.
4. Taxes Owed on Payments to Class Members. Plaintiffs and SEIP are asking the Court to approve an allocation of 20% of each Individual Class Payment to taxable wages ("Wage Portion") and 80% to interest and penalties ("Non-Wage Portion."). The Wage Portion is subject to withholdings and will be reported on IRS W-2 Forms. SEIP will separately pay employer payroll taxes it owes on the Wage portion. The Individual PAGA Payments are counted as penalties rather than wages for tax purposes. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments and the Non-Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

Neither side is giving you any advice on whether your Payments are taxable or how much you might owe in taxes. You are responsible for paying all taxes (including

penalties and interest on back taxes) on any Payments received from the proposed Settlement. You should consult a tax advisor if you have any questions about the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement.

5. Need to Promptly Cash Payment Checks. The front of every settlement check will show the date when the check expires (the void date). If you don't cash it by the void date, your check will be automatically cancelled, and the monies will be deposited with the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in your name.
6. Requests for Exclusion from the Class Settlement (Opt-Outs). You will be treated as a Participating Class Member, participating fully in the Class Settlement, unless you notify the Administrator in writing, not later than [REDACTED], that you wish to opt-out. The easiest way to notify the Administrator is to send a written and signed Request for Exclusion. The Request for Exclusion should set forth a Class Member's name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement electing to be excluded from the Settlement. Non-Participating Class Members will not receive Individual Class Payments, but will preserve their rights to personally pursue wage and hour claims against SEIP.

You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the Settlement. Non-Participating Class Members remain eligible for Individual PAGA Payments and are required to give up their right to assert PAGA claims against SEIP based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action.

7. The Proposed Settlement Will be Void if the Court Denies Final Approval. It is possible the Court will decline to grant Final Approval of the Settlement or decline enter a Judgment. It is also possible the Court will enter a Judgment that is reversed on appeal. Plaintiffs and SEIP have agreed that, in either case, the Settlement will be void.
8. Administrator. The Court has appointed a neutral company, ILYM Group, Inc. (the "Administrator") to send this Notice, calculate and make payments, and process Class Members' Requests for Exclusion. The Administrator will also decide Class Member Challenges over workweeks, mail and re-mail settlement checks and tax forms, and perform other tasks necessary to administer the Settlement. The Administrator's contact information is contained in Section 9 of this Notice.
9. Participating Class Members' Release. After the Judgment is final and SEIP has fully funded the Gross Settlement and separately paid all employer payroll taxes, Participating Class Members will be legally barred from asserting any of the claims released under the Settlement.

The Participating Class Members will be bound by the following release:

All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their spouses, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, fully and finally release Defendant and the Released Parties from all claims that were alleged, or could have been alleged, in the operative Complaint, as amended, or that could have been raised in the Action based on the facts and claims alleged. The released claims include all claims for failure to pay minimum wages (including claims for off-the-clock work); failure to pay overtime compensation (including any failure to properly calculate the regular rate, as well as any claims for off-the-clock work); failure to pay double-time wages; failure to provide meal periods; failure to authorize and permit rest breaks; failure to pay missed-break

premiums, including failure to pay missed-break premiums at the regular rate of compensation; failure to indemnify for business expenses; failure to timely pay final wages upon termination; failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements; and unfair business practices. The released claims include all claims, including all claims for fees or costs, arising under the Labor Code asserted in the operative Complaint, as amended, including claims arising under sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 218.5, 218.6, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 510, 512, 558, 558.1, 1174, 1174.5, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 1199, 2698 et seq., 2800, and 2802; as well as all related claims arising under the Wage Orders of the Industrial Welfare Commission; Business and Professions Code sections 17200, et seq.. The released claims include all claims for interest, costs, attorneys' fees, and penalties based on the claims pled in the operative Complaint, as amended. The Released Class Claims are limited to the Class Period.

10. Aggrieved Employees' PAGA Release. After the Court's judgment is final, and SEIP has paid the Gross Settlement and separately paid the employer-side payroll taxes, all Aggrieved Employees will be barred from asserting PAGA claims against SEIP, whether or not they exclude themselves from the Settlement.

The Aggrieved Employees' Releases for Participating and Non-Participating Class Members are as follows:

All Aggrieved Employees, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, spouses, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, fully and finally release Defendant and the Released Parties from all claims for civil penalties under PAGA that were alleged, or could have been alleged, in the Action based on the allegations asserted in the operative Complaint, as amended, and/or in the PAGA Notices. The Released PAGA Claims include, but are not limited to, failure to pay minimum wages (including claims for off-the-clock work); failure to pay overtime compensation (including any failure to properly calculate the regular rate, as well as any claims for off-the-clock work); failure to pay double-time wages; failure to provide meal periods; failure to authorize and permit rest breaks; failure to pay missed-break premiums, including failure to pay missed-break premiums at the regular rate of compensation; failure to indemnify for business expenses; failure to timely pay final wages upon termination; and failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements. The Released PAGA Claims include all claims arising under the Labor Code asserted in the operative Complaint, as amended, including claims arising under sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 218.5, 218.6, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 510, 512, 558, 558.1, 1174, 1174.5, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 1199, 2698 et seq., 2800, 2802, and 2698 et seq., and 2699 et seq. The Released PAGA Claims include all claims for violations of the applicable Wage Orders of the Industrial Welfare Commission. The Released PAGA Claims are limited to the PAGA Period.

4. HOW WILL THE ADMINISTRATOR CALCULATE MY PAYMENT?

1. Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual Class Payments by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members, and (b) multiplying the result by the number of Workweeks worked by each individual Participating Class Member.

2. Individual PAGA Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual PAGA Payments by (a) dividing \$6,250 by the total number of PAGA workweeks worked by all Aggrieved Employees and (b) multiplying the result by the number of PAGA Period workweeks worked by each individual Aggrieved Employee.
3. Workweek/Pay Period Challenges. The number of Class Workweeks you worked during the Class Period and the number of PAGA Workweeks you worked during the PAGA Period, as recorded in SEIP's records, are stated in the first page of this Notice. You have until [REDACTED] to challenge the number of workweeks credited to you. You can submit your challenge by signing and sending a letter to the Administrator. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

You need to support your challenge by sending copies of pay stubs or other records. The Administrator will accept SEIP's calculation of workweeks based on SEIP's records as accurate unless you send copies of records containing contrary information. You should send copies rather than originals because the documents will not be returned to you. The Administrator will resolve workweek challenges based on your submission and on input from Class Counsel and SEIP's Counsel. The Administrator's decision is final.

5. HOW WILL I GET PAID?

1. Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single check to every Participating Class Member, including those who also qualify as Aggrieved Employees. The single check will combine the Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment.
2. Non-Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single Individual PAGA Payment check to every Aggrieved Employee who opts out of the Class Settlement (i.e., every Non-Participating Class Member).

Your check will be sent to the same address as this Notice. If you change your address, be sure to notify the Administrator as soon as possible. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

6. HOW DO I OPT-OUT OF THE CLASS SETTLEMENT?

Submit a written and signed letter with your name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement that you do not want to participate in the Settlement. The Administrator will exclude you based on any writing communicating your request be excluded. Be sure to personally sign your request, identify the Action as *Irons v. SEIP, Inc.*, and include your identifying information (full name, address, telephone number, approximate dates of employment, and social security number for verification purposes). You must make the request yourself. If someone else makes the request for you, it will not be valid. **The Administrator must be sent your request to be excluded by [REDACTED], or it will be invalid.** Section 9 of the Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

7. HOW DO I OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT?

Only Participating Class Members have the right to object to the Settlement. **The deadline for sending written objections to the Administrator is [REDACTED].** Be sure to tell the Administrator what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. Make sure you identify the Action as *Irons v. SEIP, Inc.*, and include your name, current address, telephone number, and approximate dates of employment for SEIP and sign the objection. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

A Participating Class Member can also object (or retain a lawyer to object at your own cost) by attending the Final Approval Hearing. You (or your attorney) should be ready to tell the Court what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. See Section 8 of this Notice (immediately below) for specifics regarding the Final Approval Hearing.

8. CAN I ATTEND THE FINAL APPROVAL HEARING?

You can, but don't have to, attend the Final Approval Hearing on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] in Department C-69 of the San Diego County Superior Court, located at 330 W. Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101. At the Hearing, the judge will decide whether to grant Final Approval of the Settlement. It is possible the Court will reschedule the Final Approval Hearing. You should check the Administrator's website beforehand or contact Class Counsel to verify the date and time of the Final Approval Hearing.

9. HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The Agreement sets forth everything SEIP and Plaintiffs have promised to do under the proposed Settlement. The easiest way to read the Agreement or any other Settlement documents is to go to ILYM Group, Inc.'s website at [REDACTED]. You can also telephone or send an email to Class Counsel or the Administrator using the contact information listed below.

DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SUPERIOR COURT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT.

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10. WHAT IF I LOSE MY SETTLEMENT CHECK?

If you lose or misplace your settlement check before cashing it, the Administrator will replace it as long as you request a replacement before the void date on the face of the original check.

11. WHAT IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS?

To receive your check, you should immediately notify the Administrator if you move or otherwise change your mailing address.