

AMENDED JOINT STIPULATION OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT

Subject to final approval by the Court, it is stipulated, by and between Plaintiff Brittany Dam (“Plaintiff”), on behalf of herself, other similarly situated putative class members, and other aggrieved employees, and Defendant Rubber-Cal, Inc. (“Defendant”) that the Action is hereby compromised and settled pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in this Amended Joint Stipulation of Class Action and PAGA Settlement (“Agreement,” “Settlement Agreement,” “Joint Stipulation,” or “Settlement”) and that the Court shall make and enter judgment subject to the definitions, recitals, and terms set forth herein, which by this reference become an integral part of the Agreement. Plaintiff and Defendant are collectively referred to in this Agreement as the “Parties.”

I. DEFINITIONS

In addition to the other terms defined in this Agreement, the terms below have the following meaning:

- A. **Administration Costs**: The costs incurred by the Settlement Administrator to administer this Settlement pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, which is currently estimated at \$8,500.00 and shall not exceed \$10,000.00. All Administration Costs shall be paid from the Qualified Settlement Fund.
- B. **Agreement, Settlement Agreement, Joint Stipulation, or Settlement**: The settlement agreement reflected in this document, titled “Amended Joint Stipulation of Class Action and PAGA Settlement.”
- C. **Attorney Fee Award**: The amount, not to exceed 35% of the Gross Settlement Amount or \$84,000.00, in the event it is finally approved by the Court and awarded to Class Counsel. The Attorney Fee Award shall be paid from the Qualified Settlement Fund and will not be opposed by Defendant.
- D. **Action or Case**: The lawsuit originally filed by Plaintiff Brittany Dam on December 23, 2020, entitled *Dam v. Rubber-Cal, Inc.*, Case No. 30-2020-01176087-CU-OE-CXC, in the Orange County Superior Court, including the First Amended Complaint filed by Plaintiff on December 6, 2021.
- E. **Class**: All non-exempt California employees of Defendant during the Class Period who did not previously sign individual separation agreements.
- F. **Class Counsel**: Douglas Han and Shunt Tatavos-Gharajeh of Justice Law Corporation.
- G. **Class Data**: Information regarding Class Members that Defendant will compile from its available, existing, electronic records and provide to the Settlement

Administrator. The Class Data shall be formatted as a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet and shall include: (i) each Class Member's full name; (ii) each Class Member's last known address; (iii) each Class Member's last known telephone number; (iv) each Class Member's Social Security number; and (v) information sufficient to allow the Settlement Administrator to calculate the number of weeks worked by each Class Member.

- H. **Class Member**: Each person eligible to participate in this Settlement who is a member of the Class as defined above.
- I. **Class Notice or Notice**: The "Notice of Class Action Settlement" provided to all Class Members in both English and Spanish regarding the terms of this Settlement, substantially similar to the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, subject to Court approval. The Class Notice shall constitute notice to the Class pursuant to California Rule of Court, rule 3.769(f) and, once approved by the Court, shall be deemed compliant with California Rule of Court, rule 3.766.
- J. **Class Period**: The time period from December 23, 2016, to December 23, 2021.
- K. **Class Representative or Plaintiff**: Brittany Dam.
- L. **Class Representative Enhancement Payment**: The amount the Court awards to Plaintiff Brittany Dam for her services as the Class and PAGA Representative, which will not exceed \$7,500.00. This payment shall be paid from the Qualified Settlement Fund and will not be opposed by Defendant. This enhancement is subject to Court approval. If the Court awards less than the amount requested, any amount not awarded will become part of the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members.
- M. **Complaint**: The complaint filed by Plaintiff Brittany Dam in the Orange County Superior Court on December 23, 2020, in the case entitled *Dam v. Rubber-Cal, Inc.*, Case No. 30-2020-01176087-CU-OE-CXC, including the First Amended Complaint filed by Plaintiff on December 6, 2021.
- N. **Cost Award**: The amount that the Court awards Class Counsel for payment of actual litigation costs, which shall not exceed \$15,000.00. The Cost Award will be paid from the Qualified Settlement Fund and will not be opposed by Defendant. The Cost Award is subject to Court approval. If the Court awards less than the amount requested, any amount not awarded will become part of the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members.
- O. **Counsel for Defendant or Defense Counsel**: Attorneys Christine D. Baran and Krystle D. Meyer of Fisher & Phillips, LLP.
- P. **Court**: The Orange County Superior Court of the State of California.

- Q. Defendant:** Rubber-Cal, Inc.
- R. Effective Final Settlement Date or Effective Date:** The later of the following: (i) if no objections to the settlement have been filed, or timely objections have been filed and then withdrawn, then the date the Court enters judgment granting Final Approval; (ii) if an objection to the settlement has been filed, then the date on which time expires to file an appeal of the Court's grant of Final Approval; or (iii) if an objection was filed and a Notice of Appeal of the Court's grant of Final Approval was timely filed, then the date the appeal is finally resolved, with the grant of Final Approval unaffected.
- S. Eligible Aggrieved Employees:** The aggrieved employees eligible to recover settlement funds from the PAGA Payment shall consist of all California non-exempt employees of Defendant at any time during the PAGA Period.
- T. Exclusion Form:** The Election Not To Participate or Opt-out Form, substantially similar to the form attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, subject to Court approval.
- U. Final Approval, Final Approval Order, Judgment, and Final Judgment:** "Final Approval" or "Final Approval Order" means the final order entered by the Court, following the Final Fairness and Approval Hearing, finally approving this Agreement. "Judgment" or "Final Judgment" means the final judgment entered by the Court following the Final Fairness and Approval Hearing.
- V. Gross Settlement Amount or GSA:** The total value of the Settlement is a non-reversionary Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$240,000.00). This is the gross amount Defendant shall be required to pay under this Settlement Agreement, which includes without limitation: (1) the Net Settlement Amount to be paid to Participating Class Members; (2) the Attorney Fee Award and Cost Award to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and costs, as approved by the Court; (3) the Class Representative Enhancement Payment paid to the Class Representative, as approved by the Court; (4) Administration Costs paid to the Settlement Administrator, as approved by the Court; and (5) the PAGA Payment paid to the LWDA and to Eligible Aggrieved Employees, as approved by the Court. Defendant's portion of payroll taxes as the Class Members' current or former employer is not included in the GSA and will be a separate obligation of Defendant. No portion of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Defendant for any reason.
- W. Individual Settlement Share(s):** The amount payable to each Participating Class Member under the terms of this Settlement Agreement. Class Members are not required to submit a claim form to receive their Individual Settlement Shares pursuant to this Agreement. Rather, Participating Class Members will receive an Individual Settlement Share automatically, without the return of a claim form, unless the Class Member timely submits a valid Exclusion Form.

- X. **LWDA**: California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.
- Y. **Net Settlement Amount or NSA**: The total amount of money available for payout to Participating Class Members, which is the GSA less the Attorney Fee Award, the Cost Award, the Class Representative Enhancement Payment, the PAGA Payment, and Administration Costs. In other words, the NSA is the portion of the GSA that will be distributed to Class Members who do not request exclusion from the Settlement (“Participating Class Members”).
- Z. **Notice Packet**: Collectively, the Class Notice and Exclusion Form, mailed to all identified Class Members by the Settlement Administrator.
- AA. **PAGA**: The California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (Labor Code section 2698 *et seq.*).
- BB. **PAGA Payment**: The PAGA Payment consists of \$15,000.00 of the Gross Settlement Amount allocated for the settlement and release of claims for civil penalties under the PAGA. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the PAGA Payment (\$11,250.00) shall be paid to the LWDA, and twenty-five percent (25%) (\$3,750.00) of the PAGA Payment shall be distributed to Eligible Aggrieved Employees, on a pro rata basis, as set forth below.
- CC. **PAGA Period**: The time period from November 11, 2020, to December 23, 2021.
- DD. **Participating Class Members**: All Class Members who do not submit a valid and timely request to exclude themselves from this Settlement. Participating Class Members will release all of the Released Claims and will be bound by all terms of the Settlement and any final judgment entered in this Action.
- EE. **Parties**: Plaintiff Brittany Dam, individually and as the Class Representative, and Defendant Rubber-Cal, Inc.
- FF. **Preliminary Approval or Preliminary Approval Order**: The Court’s order preliminarily approving the proposed Settlement following the Preliminary Approval Hearing.
- GG. **Qualified Settlement Fund or QSF**: A fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation section 1.46B-1, 26 C.F.R. section 1.468B-1 *et seq.*, that is established by the Settlement Administrator for the benefit of Participating Class Members, Eligible Aggrieved Employees, Plaintiff and Class Counsel.
- HH. **Released Claims**: Upon Defendant’s fulfillment of its payment obligations under Section III (J)(2) below, the claims that Plaintiff and the other Participating Class Members are releasing in exchange for the consideration

provided for by this Agreement are defined as any and all facts and claims asserted in the Action, any amended Complaint in the Action, and any PAGA notice or any other claims that could have been asserted in the Action, amended Complaint in the Action and any PAGA notice, based on the facts alleged, including but not limited to, minimum wages, overtime and double time wages (including, but not limited to, any claims for additional wages owed due to “off-the-clock” work); meal and rest breaks; failure to keep time records; wage statement violations; separation pay violations; unreimbursed business expenses; untimely payment of wages; failure to maintain records; unfair business practices; violation of Labor Code sections 558, 1174.5, and 1197.1; and related PAGA penalties. The definition of Released Claims covers all the claims described above. The Released Parties shall be entitled to a release of the Released Claims which occurred only during the Class Period and during such time that the Participating Class Member was classified as non-exempt and/or hourly. The Released Class Claims expressly exclude all other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers’ compensation, claims while classified as exempt, and claims outside of the Class Period.

- II. **Released Parties:** Defendant and its present and former officers, directors, employees, shareholders, agents, trustees, representatives, attorneys, insurers, reinsurers, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, PEOs (including BBSI aka Barrett Business Services Inc.), affiliates, predecessors, successors, and assigns.
- JJ. **Response Deadline:** Sixty (60) calendar days from the initial mailing of the Notice and the last date on which Class Members may request exclusion from or object to the Settlement. Class Members who receive a re-mailed Notice will have an additional ten (10) calendar days, for a total of seventy (70) calendar days from the initial mailing of the Notice, to request exclusion from or object to the Settlement.
- KK. **Settlement Administration:** The Settlement Administrator will mail the Notice Packet by first-class U.S. mail to all identified Class Members. The Notice Packet will inform Class Members that they have until the Response Deadline to either object to the Settlement or to opt out of (exclude themselves from) the Settlement. Any Class Member who does not receive a Notice Packet after the steps outlined above have been taken will still be bound by the Settlement and/or Judgment.
- LL. **Settlement Administrator:** The third-party administrator agreed upon by the Parties to administer this Settlement is Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions (“Phoenix”).
- MM. **Superior Court:** The Orange County Superior Court of the State of California.

II. RECITALS

- A. **Procedural History.** On December 23, 2020, Plaintiff filed a wage-and-hour class action complaint against Defendant in the Orange County Superior Court, alleging the following causes of action: (1) violation of California Labor Code sections 510 and 1198 (unpaid overtime); (2) violation of California Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512(a) (unpaid meal period premiums); (3) violation of California Labor Code section 226.7 (unpaid rest period premiums); (4) violation of California Labor Code sections 1194 and 1197 (unpaid minimum wages); (5) violation of California Labor Code sections 201 and 202 (final wages not timely paid); (6) violation of California Labor Code section 226(a) (noncompliant wage statements); (7) violation of California Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802 (unreimbursed business expenses); and (8) violation of California Business & Professions Code sections 17200, *et seq.*; and seeking recovery of unpaid wages and statutory penalties. On November 11, 2021, Plaintiff provided initial written notice to the LWDA and Defendant of the specific provisions of the Labor Code she contends were violated and the theories supporting her contentions. On December 6, 2021, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint, including a cause of action for violation of Labor Code section 2698, *et seq.* (Private Attorneys General Act of 2004) and seeking civil penalties.
- B. **Investigation and Discovery.** Prior to mediation, and both before and after the Case was filed, the Parties conducted significant investigation and discovery of the relevant facts and law. Prior to mediation, Defendant produced documents relating to its wage-and-hour policies, practices, and procedures, including those regarding meal and rest periods, COVID-19 protocol, overtime, and logging hours worked. Plaintiff also reviewed time and pay records and information relating to the size and scope of the Class, as well as data permitting Plaintiff to understand the number of workweeks in the Class Period. Further, Plaintiff interviewed numerous putative class members who worked for Defendant during the Class Period. The Parties agree that the above-described investigation and evaluation, as well as the information exchanged during the settlement negotiations, are more than sufficient to assess the merits of the respective Parties' positions and to compromise the issues on a fair and equitable basis.
- C. **Mediation.** On October 14, 2021, the Parties participated in a private mediation with Marc J. Feder, a well-respected mediator with considerable experience mediating wage-and-hour class actions. This mediation took place only after the Parties informally exchanged extensive information and data. The mediation and subsequent negotiations resulted in the Settlement described herein to resolve this Action in its entirety.
- D. **Benefits of Settlement to Class Members.** Plaintiff and Class Counsel recognize the expense and length of additional proceedings necessary to

continue the litigation against Defendant through trial and through any possible appeals. Plaintiff and Class Counsel have also taken into account the uncertainty and risks of further litigation, the potential outcome, and the difficulties and delays inherent in such litigation. Plaintiff and Class Counsel have conducted extensive settlement negotiations, including a full day of formal mediation on October 14, 2021, as mentioned above. Based on the foregoing, Plaintiff and Class Counsel believe the Settlement set forth in this Agreement is a fair, adequate, and reasonable settlement, and is in the best interests of the Class Members.

- E. Defendant's Reasons for Settlement.** Defendant recognizes that the defense of this litigation will be protracted and expensive for all Parties. Substantial amounts of Defendant's time, energy, and resources have been and, unless this Settlement is made, will continue to be devoted to the defense of the claims Plaintiff has asserted. Defendant has also taken into account the risks of further litigation in reaching its decision to enter into this Settlement. Despite continuing to contend that it is not liable for any of the claims set forth by Plaintiff, Defendant has, nonetheless, agreed to settle in the manner and upon the terms set forth in this Agreement to put to rest the claims as set forth in the Action.
- F. Defendant's Denial of Wrongdoing.** Defendant generally and specifically denies any and all liability or wrongdoing of any sort with regard to any of the claims alleged, makes no concessions or admissions of liability of any sort, makes no concessions or admissions that any Class Member is or was employed by Defendant, and contends that for any purpose other than settlement, the Case is not appropriate for class or representative treatment. Defendant asserts a number of defenses to the claims, and has denied any wrongdoing or liability arising out of any of the alleged facts or conduct in this Case. The monies being paid as part of the settlement are genuinely disputed and the Parties agree that the provisions of Labor Code section 206.5 are not applicable to this Settlement. Neither this Agreement, nor any document referred to or contemplated herein, nor any action taken to carry out this Agreement, is or may be construed as, or may be used as an admission, concession, or indication by or against Defendant or any of the Released Parties of any fault, wrongdoing, or liability whatsoever. Nor should the Agreement be construed as an admission that Plaintiff can serve as an adequate Class Representative. There has been no final determination by any court as to the merits of the claims asserted by Plaintiff against Defendant or as to whether a class or classes should be certified, other than for settlement purposes only.
- G. Plaintiff's Claims.** Plaintiff asserts that Defendant's defenses are without merit. Neither this Agreement nor any documents referred to or contemplated herein, nor any action taken to carry out this Agreement is, may be construed as, or may be used as an admission, concession or indication by or against Plaintiff, Class Members, or Class Counsel as to the merits of any claims or defenses

asserted, or lack thereof, in the Case. However, in the event that this Settlement is finally approved by the Court, none of Plaintiff, Class Members, or Class Counsel will oppose Defendant's efforts to use this Agreement to prove that Plaintiff and Class Members have resolved and are forever barred from re-litigating the Released Claims.

III. SETTLEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. Settlement Consideration by Defendant - Gross Settlement Amount.** Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the maximum Gross Settlement Amount, excluding payroll taxes, that Defendant is obligated to pay under this Settlement Agreement is Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$240,000.00). In no event shall Defendant be required to pay more than the Gross Settlement Amount, other than its share of payroll taxes or as specifically described in Paragraph III(S)(23).
- B. Notice to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA").** On November 11, 2021, Plaintiff filed and served his Notice of Labor Code Violations Pursuant to Labor Code Section 2699.3. Thus, Plaintiff maintains that she has satisfied her notice obligations under PAGA.
- C. Class Certification.** Solely for the purposes of this Settlement, the Parties stipulate and agree to certification of the claims asserted on behalf of Class Members. As such, the Parties stipulate and agree that in order for this Settlement to occur, the Court must conditionally certify the Class as defined in this Agreement.
- D. Conditional Nature of Stipulation for Certification.** The Parties stipulate and agree to the certification of the claims asserted on behalf of Plaintiff and Class Members for purposes of this Settlement only. This Stipulation is contingent upon Preliminary and Final Approval. If the Settlement does not become final and effective, for whatever reason, the fact that the Parties were willing to stipulate to certification as part of the Settlement shall have no bearing on and shall not be admissible or used in any way in connection with the question of whether the Court should certify any claims in a non-settlement context in this Case or in any other lawsuit. Defendant reserves the right to oppose class certification should this Settlement be materially modified, withdrawn, or reversed on appeal, or otherwise fails to become final and effective. An award by the Court of a lesser amount than sought by Plaintiff and Class Counsel for the Class Representative Enhancement Payment, the Attorney Fee Award, and/or the Cost Award, will not constitute a material modification to the Settlement within the meaning of this paragraph.
- E. Appointment of Class Representative.** Solely for the purposes of this Settlement, the Parties stipulate and agree Plaintiff shall be appointed as the representative for the Class.

F. Appointment of Class Counsel. Solely for the purposes of this Settlement, the Parties stipulate and agree that Class Counsel shall be appointed to represent the Class.

G. Individual Settlement Share. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Settlement Administrator will pay an Individual Settlement Share from the Net Settlement Amount to each Participating Class Member.

1. Calculation.

a. Individual Settlement Share Calculation. Each Participating Class Member will receive a proportionate share of the Net Settlement Amount that is equal to (i) the number of weeks he or she worked as a non-exempt California employee of Defendant during the Class Period based on the Class Data provided by Defendant, divided by (ii) the total number of weeks worked by any and all Participating Class Members, collectively, during the Class Period based on the same Class Data, and (iii) multiplied by the Net Settlement Amount. One day worked in a given week will be credited as a week for purposes of this calculation. Therefore, the value of each Participating Class Member's Individual Settlement Share is tied directly to the number of weeks he or she worked during the Class Period.

2. Tax Withholdings. Each Participating Class Member's Individual Settlement Share will be apportioned as follows: eighty percent (80%) as penalties and interest and twenty percent (20%) as wages. The amounts paid as wages shall be subject to all tax withholdings customarily made from an employee's wages and all other authorized and required withholdings and shall be reported by W-2 forms. Payment of all amounts will be made subject to backup withholding unless a duly executed W-9 form is received from the payee(s). The amounts paid as penalties and interest shall be subject to all authorized and required withholdings other than the tax withholdings customarily made from employees' wages and shall be reported by IRS 1099 forms. The employees' share of payroll tax withholdings and other legally required withholdings shall be withheld from the portion of each Participating Class Member's Individual Settlement Share attributed to wages. Eligible Aggrieved Employees' Individual Settlement Shares, from the Eligible Aggrieved Employees' portion of the PAGA Payment, will be allocated as one hundred percent (100%) penalties and shall be reported by IRS 1099 forms.

H. Settlement Disbursement.

- 1. Shares and Payments.** Subject to the Court finally approving the Settlement, the Settlement Administrator shall distribute funds pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and the Court's Final Approval Order and Judgment. The maximum amount Defendant can be required to pay under this Settlement for any purpose is the Gross Settlement Amount, other than Defendant's share of payroll taxes or as specifically described in Paragraph III(S)(23). The Settlement Administrator shall keep Defendant's Counsel and Class Counsel apprised of all distributions from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Settlement Administrator shall respond to questions from Defendant's Counsel and Class Counsel. No person shall have any claim against Defendant, Defendant's Counsel, Plaintiff, Class Counsel, or the Settlement Administrator based on the distributions and payments made in accordance with this Agreement.
- 2. Funding the Settlement.** No later than thirty (30) calendar days after the Effective Final Settlement Date and upon satisfaction of the preconditions described in this Settlement Agreement, Defendant shall deposit the Gross Settlement Amount of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$240,000.00) into the QSF (as defined below). In the event there are objectors to the Settlement Agreement, payment shall be made within thirty (30) calendar days after the time to appeal has run or all appeals have been exhausted, whichever occurs later. Defendant shall also at this time provide any tax information that the Settlement Administrator may need to calculate each Participating Class Member's Individual Settlement Share.
- 3. Disbursement.** Within twenty-one (21) calendar days after the funding of the Settlement, the Settlement Administrator shall calculate and pay all payments due under the Settlement Agreement, including all Individual Settlement Shares, the Attorney Fee Award, the Cost Award, the Class Representative Enhancement Payment, the PAGA Payment, and the Administration Costs. The Settlement Administrator will also forward a check for 75% of the PAGA Payment (\$11,250.00) to the LWDA for settlement of the PAGA claims.
- 4. QSF.** The Parties agree that the QSF is intended to be a "Qualified Settlement Fund" under section 468B of the Code and Treasury Regulations section 1.4168B-1, 26 C.F.R. section 1.468B-1 *et seq.*, and will be administered by the Settlement Administrator as such. The Parties and Settlement Administrator shall treat the QSF as coming into existence as a Qualified Settlement Fund on the earliest date permitted as set forth in 26 C.F.R. section 1.468B-1, and such election statement shall be attached to the appropriate returns as required by law.
- 5. Uncashed Checks.** Participating Class Members must cash or deposit their Individual Settlement Share checks within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after the checks are mailed to them. If any checks are not

redeemed or deposited within ninety (90) calendar days after mailing, the Settlement Administrator will send a reminder postcard indicating that unless the check is redeemed or deposited in the next ninety (90) calendar days, it will expire and become non-negotiable, and offering to replace the check if it was lost or misplaced. If any checks remain uncashed or not deposited by the expiration of the 90-day period after mailing the reminder notice, the Settlement Administrator will, within two hundred (200) calendar days after the checks are initially mailed, pay the amount of the Individual Settlement Share to the California State Controller's Unclaimed Property Division in accordance with California Unclaimed Property Law so that the Participating Class Member will have his or her Individual Settlement Share available to him or her per the applicable claim procedure to request that money from the State of California.

6. Final Report by Settlement Administrator. Within ten (10) calendar days after the disbursement of all funds, the Settlement Administrator will serve on the Parties a declaration providing a final report on the disbursements of all funds.

7. Payments. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Settlement Administrator will make the following payments out of the Gross Settlement Amount:

a. To the Plaintiff, Brittany Dam. In addition to her respective Individual Settlement Share, and subject to the Court's approval, Plaintiff will receive Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$7,500.00) as a Class Representative Enhancement Payment in exchange for a release of the Released Claims, a General Release, and for her time, effort, and the risk she undertook in bringing and prosecuting this matter. The Settlement Administrator will pay the Class Representative Enhancement Payment out of the Qualified Settlement Fund. Payroll tax withholdings and deductions will not be taken from the Class Representative Enhancement Payment. The Settlement Administrator shall issue an IRS Form 1099-MISC to Plaintiff for her Class Representative Enhancement Payment. Plaintiff shall be solely and legally responsible to pay any and all applicable taxes on her Class Representative Enhancement Payment and shall hold harmless Defendant and the Released Parties from any claim or liability for taxes, penalties, or interest arising as a result of the Class Representative Enhancement Payment. In the event the Court does not approve the entirety of the application for the Class Representative Enhancement Payment, Plaintiff shall not have the right to revoke the settlement and it will remain binding. In the event the Court does not approve the entirety of the application for the Class Representative Enhancement Payment, the Settlement

Administrator shall pay whatever amount the Court awards, and neither Defendant nor the Settlement Administrator shall be responsible for paying the difference between the amount requested and the amount awarded. If the amount awarded is less than the amount requested by Plaintiff, the difference shall become part of the NSA and be available for distribution to Participating Class Members.

- b. To Class Counsel.** Class Counsel will apply to the Court for, and Defendant agrees not to oppose, a total Attorney Fee Award not to exceed thirty-five percent (35%), or \$84,000.00, of the GSA and a Cost Award not to exceed \$15,000.00. Class Counsel, Plaintiff and the Participating Class Members will not apply to the Court for any payment of attorneys' fees and costs that are in addition to the foregoing or that exceed the GSA. The Parties agree that, over and above the Court-approved Attorney Fee and Cost Awards, each of the Parties, including all Participating Class Members, shall bear their own fees and costs, including, but not limited to, those related to the investigation, filing, prosecution, or settlement of the Action; the negotiation, execution, or implementation of this Agreement; and/or the process of obtaining, administering, or challenging an Order Granting Preliminary Approval and/or Final Approval. The Settlement Administrator will pay the court-approved amounts for the Attorney Fee Award and Cost Award out of the Gross Settlement Fund. Payroll tax withholding and deductions will not be taken from the Attorney Fee Award or the Cost Award. IRS Forms 1099 will be issued to Class Counsel with respect to these payments. In the event the Court does not approve the entirety of the application for the Attorney Fee Award and/or Cost Award, the Settlement Administrator shall pay whatever amount the Court awards, and neither Defendant nor the Settlement Administrator shall be responsible for paying the difference between the amount requested and the amount awarded. If the amount awarded is less than the amount requested by Class Counsel for the Attorney Fee Award and/or Cost Award, the difference shall become part of the NSA and be available for distribution to Participating Class Members.
- c. To the Responsible Tax Authorities.** The Settlement Administrator will pay the amount of each Participating Class Member's portion of normal payroll withholding taxes out of each Participating Class Member's Individual Settlement Share. The Settlement Administrator will calculate the amount of the Participating Class Members' and Defendant's portions of payroll withholding taxes. The Settlement Administrator will submit Defendant's portion of payroll withholding tax calculation to

Defendant for additional funding and forward that amounts, along with each Participating Class Member's Individual Settlement Share withholdings, to the appropriate taxing authorities.

- d. To the Settlement Administrator.** The Settlement Administrator - Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions - will pay to itself Administration Costs (reasonable fees and expenses) approved by the Court in an amount currently estimated at \$8,500.00 and not to exceed \$10,000.00. This will be paid out of the Qualified Settlement Fund. If the actual amount of Administration Costs is less than the amount estimated and/or requested, the difference shall become part of the NSA and be available for distribution to Participating Class Members. In the event the Court does not approve the entirety of the requested Administration Costs, the Settlement Administrator shall pay to itself whatever amount the Court awards, and neither Defendant nor Plaintiff shall be responsible for paying the difference between the amount requested and the amount awarded.
- e. To Participating Class Members.** The Settlement Administrator will pay Participating Class Members according to the Individual Settlement Share calculations set forth above. All payments to Participating Class Members shall be made from the Qualified Settlement Fund. Individual Settlement Payments shall be mailed by regular first-class U.S. mail to Participating Class Members' last known mailing addresses no later than twenty-five (25) calendar days after the Effective Final Settlement Date. Any checks issued to Participating Class Members shall remain valid and negotiable for one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date of their issuance. The Settlement Administrator shall skip trace any checks issued to Participating Class Members that are returned as undeliverable.
- f. PAGA Payment.** Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) shall be allocated from the Gross Settlement Amount for the settlement and release of claims for civil penalties under the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004. The Settlement Administrator shall pay seventy-five percent (75%) of the \$15,000.00 payment, or \$11,250.00, to the LWDA. The Settlement Administrator shall distribute the remaining twenty-five (25%) of the \$15,000.00 payment, or \$3,750.00, to the Eligible Aggrieved Employees as described in this Agreement. Class Counsel will take all action required by California Labor Code section 2699(l).
- g. To Eligible Aggrieved Employees.** The Settlement Administrator shall pay each Eligible Aggrieved Employee

according to his or her proportional share of the \$3,750.00 of the PAGA Payment allocated to the Eligible Aggrieved Employees, which will be based upon the total number of pay periods during which the Eligible Aggrieved Employee was employed during the PAGA Period. Each individual share will be calculated by (i) determining the total number of pay periods during the PAGA Period during which the Eligible Aggrieved Employee was employed, (ii) dividing this number by the total number of pay periods during the PAGA Period during which all Eligible Aggrieved Employees were employed (i.e., the sum of all pay periods of employment for all Eligible Aggrieved Employees), and (iii) multiplying this number by the \$3,750.00 allocated to the Eligible Aggrieved Employees. Individual Settlement Shares for Eligible Aggrieved Employees shall be mailed by regular first-class U.S. mail to Eligible Aggrieved Employees' last known mailing addresses no later than twenty-five (25) calendar days after the Effective Final Settlement Date. Settlement checks issued to the Eligible Aggrieved Employees pursuant to this Settlement Agreement shall expire one hundred eighty (180) days after the date they are initially mailed by the Settlement Administrator. At the close of the 180-day period, within two hundred (200) calendar days after the date the checks are initially mailed, the Settlement Administrator shall remit any unclaimed funds to the State Controller's Office.

- I. Appointment of Settlement Administrator.** Solely for the purposes of this Settlement, the Parties stipulate and agree that Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions shall be retained to serve as Settlement Administrator. By accepting the role as Settlement Administrator, the Settlement Administrator is bound to all of the terms, conditions and obligations described in this Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Administrator shall be responsible for preparing, translating into Spanish, printing, and mailing the Notice to the Class Members; keeping track of any objections or requests for exclusion from Class Members; calculating each Class Member's and Eligible Aggrieved Employee's Individual Settlement Share; calculating any and all payroll tax deductions as required by law; mailing Individual Settlement Shares to Participating Class Members; performing skip traces and re-mailing Notices and Individual Settlement Shares to Class Members; providing weekly status reports to Defendant's Counsel and Class Counsel, which are to include updates on any objections or requests for exclusion that have been received; providing a due diligence declaration for submission to the Court prior to the Final Approval Hearing; mailing the LWDA's portion of the PAGA Payment to the LWDA; distributing the Attorney Fee Award and Cost Award to Class Counsel; printing and providing Class Members and Plaintiff with W-2 and 1099 forms as required under this Agreement and applicable law; providing a due diligence declaration for submission to the Court upon the completion of the Settlement; providing any funds remaining in the QSF as a result

of uncashed checks to the California State Controller in accordance with California Unclaimed Property Law, including the administration of related tax reimbursements; and for such other tasks as the Parties mutually agree. The Parties each represent that they do not have any financial interest in Phoenix or otherwise have a relationship with Phoenix that could create a conflict of interest. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant and Defense Counsel shall not bear any responsibility for errors or omissions in the calculation or distribution of the Individual Settlement Shares or any other distribution of monies contemplated by this Agreement.

- J. CIRCULAR 230 DISCLAIMER.** Each Party to this Agreement (for purposes of this section, the “Acknowledging Party” and each Party to this Agreement other than the Acknowledging Party, an “Other Party”) acknowledges and agrees that:
- (1) No provision of this Agreement, and no written communication or disclosure between or among the Parties or their attorneys and other advisors, is or was intended to be, nor shall any such communication or disclosure constitute or be construed or be relied upon as, tax advice within the meaning of U.S. Treasury Dept. Circular 230 (31 C.F.R. Part 10, as amended);
 - (2) The Acknowledging Party (a) has relied exclusively upon his, her or its own, independent legal and tax counsel for advice (including tax advice) in connection with this Agreement, (b) has not entered into this Agreement based upon the recommendation of any Other Party or any attorney or advisor to any Other Party, and (c) is not entitled to rely upon any communication or disclosure by any attorney or advisor to any Other Party to avoid any tax penalty that may be imposed on the Acknowledging Party; and
 - (3) No attorney or advisor to any Other Party has imposed any limitation that protects the confidentiality of any such attorney’s or adviser’s tax strategies (regardless of whether such limitation is legally binding) upon disclosure by the Acknowledging Party of the tax treatment or tax structure of any transaction, including any transaction contemplated by this Agreement.

K. Procedure for Approving Settlement.

1. Motion for Preliminary Approval and Conditional Certification.

- a. Plaintiff will move for an order conditionally certifying the Class for settlement purposes only, giving Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, setting a date for the Final Approval hearing, and approving the Class Notice and Exclusion Form. Plaintiff’s Motion for Preliminary Approval shall include this Settlement Agreement. Plaintiff shall provide a courtesy draft of these papers to Defense Counsel at least seven (7) business days before filing the documents. Defense Counsel will cooperate with Plaintiff’s counsel and collectively use their best efforts to effect a timely filing of the Motion for Preliminary Approval and conditional certification of the Class.

- b. At the Preliminary Approval Hearing, Plaintiff will appear, support the granting of the motion, and submit a proposed order granting conditional certification of the Class and Preliminary Approval of the Settlement; appointing the Class Representative, Class Counsel, and Settlement Administrator; approving the Class Notice and Exclusion Form; and setting the Final Approval Hearing.
- c. Should the Court decline to conditionally certify the Class or to Preliminarily Approve all material aspects of the Settlement, the Settlement will be null and void, and the Parties will have no further obligations under it. The amounts of the Attorney Fee Award, Cost Award, Administration Costs, and Class Representative Enhancement Payment shall be determined by the Court, and the Court's determination on these amounts shall be final and binding. The Court's approval or denial of any amount requested for these items is not a condition of this Agreement and shall be considered separate and apart from the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement. Any order or proceeding relating to an application for the Attorney Fee Award, Cost Award, Administration Costs, and/or the Class Representative Enhancement Payment shall not operate to terminate or cancel this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit Plaintiff's or Class Counsel's ability to appeal any decision by the Court to award less than the requested Attorney Fee Award, Cost Award, Administration Costs, and/or Class Representative Enhancement Payment.

2. Notice to Class Members. After the Court enters its Preliminary Approval Order, every Class Member will be provided with the Notice Packet in accordance with the following procedure:

- a. Within thirty (30) calendar days after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, Defendant shall deliver to the Settlement Administrator the Class Data. If any or all of the Class Data is unavailable to Defendant, Defendant will so inform Class Counsel and the Parties will make their best efforts to reconstruct or otherwise agree upon how to deal with the unavailable information. The Class Data shall be based on Defendant's payroll, personnel, and other business records. The Settlement Administrator will conduct a National Change of Address ("NCOA") Database search (which provides updated addresses for individuals who have moved in the past four years and who have provided the U.S. Postal Service with a forwarding address) for all Class Members to obtain the most up-to-date address information. The Settlement Administrator shall maintain the Class Data and all information

contained therein as private and confidential. This provision shall not impede Class Counsel's ability to discharge its fiduciary duties, including effectuating the terms of this Settlement.

- b.** Within forty (40) calendar days after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, the Settlement Administrator will mail the Notice Packet to all identified Class Members via first-class regular U.S. Mail, using the most current mailing address information available.
- c.** If a Notice Packet is returned because of an incorrect address, within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of the returned Notice Packet, the Settlement Administrator will conduct a search for a more current address for the Class Member and re-mail the Notice Packet to the Class Member. The Settlement Administrator will conduct a skip trace to attempt to find the Class Member's current address. The Settlement Administrator will be responsible for taking reasonable steps to trace the mailing address of any Class Member for whom a Notice Packet is returned by U.S. Postal Service as undeliverable. These reasonable steps shall include, at a minimum, the tracking of all undelivered mail; performing address searches for all mail returned without a forwarding address; and promptly re-mailing Notice Packets to Class Members for whom new addresses are found. If the Settlement Administrator is unable to locate a better address, the Notice Packet shall be re-mailed to the original address. If the Notice Packet is re-mailed, the Settlement Administrator will note for its own records the date and address of each re-mailing. Those Class Members who receive a re-mailed Class Notice, whether by skip trace or forwarded mail, will have an additional ten (10) calendar days from the original Response Deadline to postmark an Exclusion Form or an objection to the Settlement. The Settlement Administrator shall mark on the envelope whether the Notice Packet is a re-mailed packet.
- d.** Class Members will have the opportunity to dispute the information provided in their Notice Packets. All such disputes must be in writing, postmarked by the Response Deadline, and sent via first-class U.S. mail to the Settlement Administrator. To the extent a Class Member disputes the number of workweeks or pay periods with which he or she has been credited or the amount of his or her Individual Settlement Share, the Class Member may produce and submit evidence to the Settlement Administrator showing that the disputed information is inaccurate. The Settlement Administrator will evaluate any evidence submitted by the Class Member and will make the initial decision as to the number of eligible workweeks or pay periods with which the Class

Member should be credited and/or the amount of the Individual Settlement Share to which the Class Member may be entitled. The Court shall have the right to review any decision made by the Settlement Administrator regarding such a dispute and will make the final determination. The Parties will file with the Court any and all disputes submitted by Class Members, the evidence submitted in support of such disputes, and the resolution of those disputes.

- e. If the Settlement Administrator receives an incomplete or deficient Exclusion Form, the Settlement Administrator shall send a letter informing the Class Member of the deficiency and shall provide the Class Member fourteen (14) calendar days with which to cure the deficiency. If the Settlement Administrator does not receive a cured Exclusion Form, postmarked by the last and fourteenth (14th) day of the cure period, the Class Member will be deemed not have excluded himself or herself from the Settlement and will be bound by the Settlement.
 - f. The Settlement Administrator shall provide a weekly status report to the Parties. As part of its weekly status report, the Settlement Administrator will inform Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel of the number of Notice Packets mailed, the number of Notice Packets returned as undeliverable, the number of Notice Packets re-mailed, and the number of Exclusion Forms received.
 - g. No later than fourteen (14) calendar days after the Response Deadline, the Settlement Administrator will serve on the Parties a declaration of due diligence setting forth its compliance with its obligations under this Agreement. The declaration from the Settlement Administrator shall also be filed with the Court by Class Counsel no later than ten (10) calendar days before the Final Approval Hearing. If any material changes occur after the date of the filing of Settlement Administrator's declaration of due diligence but before the Final Approval Hearing, the Settlement Administrator will supplement its declaration.
- 3. Objections to Settlement.** The Class Notice will provide that Class Members who wish to object to the Settlement may do so by submitting objections in writing, signed, and dated, to the Settlement Administrator, postmarked no later than the Response Deadline. Class Members who object to this Settlement or any of its terms may not also submit Exclusion Forms (i.e., may not opt out of this Settlement). In the event a Class Member submits both an Exclusion Form and a written objection, the Exclusion Form will be deemed invalid, and the objection will remain valid. The

postmark date of mailing shall be deemed the exclusive means for determining that an objection was timely served.

- a. Format.** For an objection to be valid, it must: (a) be signed by the objecting Class Member or his or her lawful representative; (b) include the objecting Class Member's full name, address, telephone number, and the last four digits of the Class Member's Social Security number, as well as the name and address of counsel, if any; (c) include the words "Notice of Objection" or "Formal Objection;" (d) state the case name and number; (e) provide a concise, factual written statement of the Class Member's reasons for objecting; and (f) include a statement indicating whether the objecting Class Member (or someone on his or her behalf) intends to appear at the Final Approval Hearing.
 - b. Appearance at the Final Approval Hearing and Oral Objection.** Class Members may (but are not required to) appear at the Final Approval Hearing, either in person or through the objecting Class Member's own counsel, at the Class Member's own expense, and may orally object to the Settlement.
 - c.** A Class Member who objects to the Settlement will remain a Participating Class Member and, if the Court finally approves the Settlement, the objecting Class Member will be bound by the terms of the Settlement in the same way and to the same extent as those Participating Class Members who do not object to the Settlement.
 - d.** The Settlement Administrator shall send all objections to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel. Class Counsel will be responsible for filing the objections with the Court in advance of the Final Approval Hearing. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will be permitted to respond in writing to any properly submitted objections no later than nine (9) court days before the Final Approval Hearing.
- 4. Request for Exclusion from the Settlement ("Opt Out").** The Class Notice will provide that Class Members who wish to exclude themselves from the Settlement must mail to the Settlement Administrator an Exclusion Form by the Response Deadline. The Exclusion Form shall unambiguously state that the Class Member wishes to exclude himself or herself from the Settlement and must also: (a) include the Class Member's name, address, and the last four digits of the Class Member's Social Security number; (b) be addressed to the Settlement Administrator at the specified address; (c) be signed by the Class Member or his or her lawful representative; and (d) be postmarked no later than the Response Deadline.

- a. An Exclusion Form will not be valid if it is not timely submitted (i.e., postmarked on or before the Response Deadline), not signed by the Class Member, and/or does not contain the name and address of the Class Member. The date of postmark on the return mailing envelope for the Exclusion Form shall be the exclusive means used to determine whether the Exclusion Form was timely submitted. Class Members who fail to submit valid and timely Exclusion Forms will automatically be included in the Settlement and will become Participating Class Members upon the expiration of the Response Deadline. Each Participating Class Member shall be bound by all terms of the Settlement and any Final Judgment entered in this Action if the Settlement is finally approved by the Court and shall receive an Individual Settlement Share, regardless of whether the Participating Class Member has objected to the Settlement.
- b. Any Class Member who returns a valid and timely Exclusion Form will not participate in or be bound by the terms of the class portion of the Settlement or any Final Judgment entered if the Settlement is finally approved by the Court and thereby will not have any right to object to, appeal or comment thereon. Class Members who return valid and timely Exclusion Forms will not be entitled to any payment from the Net Settlement Amount. Nothing in this Settlement or Settlement Agreement will constitute or be construed as a waiver of any defense that Defendant or the Released Parties have or could assert against anyone who timely submits an Exclusion Form.
- c. **Confirmation of Authenticity.** If there is a question about the authenticity of a signed Exclusion Form, the Settlement Administrator may demand additional proof of the Class Member's identity.
- d. **Report.** No later than fourteen (7) calendar days after the Response Deadline, the Settlement Administrator will provide the Parties with a complete and accurate accounting of the number of Notice Packets mailed to Class Members, the number of Notice Packets returned as undeliverable, the number of Notice Packets re-mailed to Class Members, the number of re-mailed Notice Packets returned as undeliverable, the number of Class Members who objected to the Settlement and copies of their submitted objections, the number of Class Members who returned valid and timely Exclusion Forms, and the number of Class Members who returned invalid Exclusion Forms.

- e. **Defendant's Option to Terminate.** If five percent (5%) or more of the Class Members exercise their rights to exclude themselves and opt out of the Settlement, Defendant may, at its sole discretion, unilaterally withdraw from and terminate the Settlement no later than five (5) court days prior to the date of the Final Approval Hearing. In the event of Defendant's withdrawal, no party may use the fact that the Parties agreed to the Settlement for any reason. Defendant will be responsible for paying Administration Costs if it exercises its right to withdraw from the Settlement pursuant to this provision.
- f. **Eligible Aggrieved Employees May Not Opt Out of PAGA Settlement.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties agree that there is no statutory or other right for any Eligible Aggrieved Employee to opt out or otherwise exclude himself or herself from the PAGA portion of the Settlement, which releases the PAGA claims as provided in Section III(M) of this Agreement. An Eligible Aggrieved Employee who submits a valid and timely request for exclusion shall still receive his or her share of the PAGA Payment and shall release the PAGA claims as provided in Section III(M) of this Agreement.

5. **No Solicitation of Objections or Exclusion Forms.** Neither the Parties nor their respective counsel will solicit or otherwise encourage, directly or indirectly, any Class Member to object to the Settlement, request exclusion from the Settlement, or appeal the Final Approval Order or Judgment.

6. **Motion for Final Approval.**

- a. At the earliest practicable time following the expiration of the Response Deadline, Class Counsel will file motions and memorandums in support thereof for Final Approval of the Settlement and the following payments in accord with the terms of the Settlement: (1) the Attorney Fee Award; (2) the Cost Award; (3) Administration Costs; (4) the Class Representative Enhancement Payment; and (5) the PAGA Payment. Class Counsel will also move the Court for an order of Final Approval (and associated entry of Judgment), pursuant to which all Participating Class Members shall release all Released Claims. Plaintiff shall provide a courtesy draft of these papers to Defense Counsel at least seven (7) business days before filing the documents. Defense Counsel will not unreasonably withhold approval.
- b. **Declaration by Settlement Administrator.** The Settlement Administrator shall submit a declaration in support of Plaintiff's

Motion for Final Approval of this Settlement detailing the number of Notice Packets mailed and re-mailed to Class Members, the number of undeliverable Notice Packets, the number of valid and timely Exclusion Forms received, the number of valid and timely written objections received, the average amount of the Individual Settlement Share, the Administration Costs, and any other information as the Parties mutually agree or the Court orders the Settlement Administrator to provide.

- c. Upon Final Approval of the Settlement, the Parties shall present to the Court a proposed Final Approval Order, approving the Settlement and entering Judgment in accordance therewith. After entry of Judgment, the Court shall have continuing jurisdiction over the Case for purposes of: (1) enforcing this Settlement Agreement; (2) addressing settlement administration matters, and (3) addressing such post-Judgment matters as may be appropriate under Court rules and applicable law.

7. Defendant's Legal Fees. Defendant is responsible for paying all Defendant's own legal fees, costs, and expenses incurred in this Case, in addition to and separate from payment of the Gross Settlement Amount.

L. Release of Claims by All Participating Class Members. As of the Effective Final Settlement Date and upon Defendant's fulfillment of its payment obligations under Section III(H)(2) of this Agreement, all Participating Class Members will be bound by a release of all claims and causes of action falling under the definition of Released Claims occurring during the Class Period. Participating Class Members agree not to sue or otherwise make a claim against any of the Released Parties for any of the Released Claims.

M. Release of PAGA Claims by All Eligible Aggrieved Employees. As of the Effective Final Settlement Date and upon Defendant's fulfillment of its payment obligations under Section III(H)(2) of this Agreement, the LWDA, and any other representative, proxy, or agent thereof, including, but not limited to, any and all Eligible Aggrieved Employees, including Plaintiff, are hereby voluntarily and knowingly barred from bringing any and all claims against the Released Parties seeking civil penalties under the California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 ("PAGA"), Labor Code section 2698, *et seq.*, based on or arising out of the Labor Code violations alleged in Plaintiff's letter to the LWDA and the operative Complaint, occurring during the PAGA Period. The release of the PAGA claims is effective, regardless of whether the Eligible Aggrieved Employee submits a valid and timely Exclusion Form.

N. Plaintiff's General Release of Claims. As of the Effective Final Settlement Date and upon Defendant's fulfillment of its payment obligations under Section III(H)(2) of this Agreement, and in exchange for the Class Representative Enhancement

Payment to Plaintiff, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 (Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents), in recognition of her work and efforts in obtaining the benefits for the Class and undertaking the risk of paying litigation costs in the event this matter had not successfully resolved, Plaintiff hereby provides a general release of claims for herself and any spouse, heirs, successors and assigns, and forever releases, remises, and discharges the Released Parties from any and all charges, complaints, claims, liabilities, obligations, promises, agreements, controversies, damages, actions, causes of action, suits, rights, demands, costs, losses, debts, penalties and expenses of any nature whatsoever, arising from the beginning of time through December 23, 2021, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or that might have been asserted, whether in tort, contract, equity, or otherwise, arising out of Plaintiff's respective employment with Defendant, payment of wages during that employment and the cessation of that employment, and/or violation of any federal, state or local statute, rule, ordinance or regulation. With respect to this General Release, Plaintiff stipulates and agrees that, as of the Effective Final Settlement Date, Plaintiff shall be deemed to have expressly waived and relinquished, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the provisions, rights and benefits of California Civil Code section 1542, or any other similar provision under federal or state law, which provides:

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.

O. Conditions Precedent. This Settlement will become final and effective only upon the occurrence of all of the following events:

1. The Court enters an order granting preliminary approval of the Settlement;
2. The Court enters an order granting final approval of the Settlement and a Final Judgment;
3. The Effective Final Settlement Date occurs;
4. Defendant does not invoke its right to revoke the Settlement as described in Paragraph III(K)(4)(e) (Defendant's Option to Terminate) herein.

P. Miscellaneous Terms.

1. **No Admission of Liability.** Defendant makes no admission of liability or wrongdoing by virtue of entering into this Agreement, including, but not limited to admitting that it was the employer of any Class Member at any time. Additionally, Defendant reserves the right to contest any issues relating to class certification and liability if the Settlement is not approved. Defendant denies that it has engaged in any unlawful activity, has failed to

comply with the law in any respect, has any liability to anyone under the claims asserted in this Case, or that but for the Settlement, a Class should be certified in the Case. This Agreement is entered into solely for the purpose of compromising highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or will be construed as an admission by Defendant of liability or wrongdoing. This Settlement and Plaintiff's and Defendant's willingness to settle the Case will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, any litigation (other than solely in connection with this Settlement).

- 2. No Effect on Employee Benefits.** The amounts paid under this Agreement do not represent a modification of any previously credited hours of service under any employee benefit plan, policy or bonus program sponsored by Defendant. Such amounts will not form the basis for additional contributions to, benefits under, or any other monetary entitlement under, benefit plans (self-insured or not) sponsored by Defendant's policies or bonus programs. Any payments made under the terms of this Settlement shall not be applied retroactively, currently or on a going forward basis as salary, earnings, wages, or any other form of compensation for the purposes of Defendant's benefit plans, policies or bonus programs. Defendant retains the right to modify the language of its benefit plans, policies and bonus programs to effect this intent and to make clear that any amounts paid pursuant to this Settlement are not for "hours worked," "hours paid," "hours of service," or any similar measuring term as defined by applicable plans, policies and bonus programs for purpose of eligibility, vesting, benefit accrual or any other purpose, and that additional contributions or benefits are not required by this Settlement.
- 3. No Solicitation of Individual Settlements.** Defendant and Defendant's Counsel agree that until and unless the Court does not grant Final Approval of the Settlement and/or the Settlement Agreement becomes null and void, Defendant and Defendant's Counsel will not attempt to procure any individual settlements from the Class Members. Should this clause be violated, Plaintiff reserves the right to terminate the Settlement Agreement. Plaintiff and Class Counsel agree that until and unless the Court does not grant Final Approval of the Settlement and/or the Settlement Agreement becomes null and void, Plaintiff and Class Counsel shall not attempt to procure from Class Members any Exclusion Forms. Should this clause be violated, Defendant reserves the right to terminate the Settlement Agreement.
- 4. Publicity.** Plaintiff and Class Counsel agree that they have not and will not publish the Settlement Agreement. In response to any inquiries, Plaintiff will state that "the case was resolved and it was resolved confidentially." Class Counsel shall not report the Settlement Agreement in any medium or in any publication, shall not post or report anything regarding the claims of

Plaintiff or the Class or the Settlement Agreement on their website, and shall not contact any reporters or media regarding the Settlement. Despite this provision, Class Counsel can discuss the Settlement with Plaintiff and the Class Members and in any filings with the Court.

- 5. Integrated Agreement.** After this Agreement is signed and delivered by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement and its exhibits will constitute the entire Agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, and it will then be deemed that no oral representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements have been made to any party concerning this Agreement or its exhibits, other than the representations, warranties, covenants, and inducements expressly stated in this Agreement and its exhibits. Except as expressly provided herein, this Agreement has not been executed in reliance upon any other written or oral representations or terms, and no such extrinsic oral or written representations or terms shall modify, vary, or contradict its terms. In entering into this Agreement, the Parties agree that this Agreement is to be construed according to its terms and may not be varied or contradicted by extrinsic evidence.
- 6. Review of Motions for Preliminary and Final Approval.** Class Counsel will provide an opportunity for Counsel for Defendant to review the Motions for Preliminary and Final Approval prior to filing with the Court. Defendant will not unreasonably delay providing approval or comments to the Motions for Preliminary and Final Approval and the supporting papers. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts to effect the Court's approval of the Motions for Preliminary and Final Approval of the Settlement, and entry of Judgment.
- 7. Authorization to Enter Into Settlement Agreement.** Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiff and Defendant, respectively, to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties under this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts to effect the implementation of the Settlement. In the event the Parties are unable to reach agreement on the form or content of any document needed to implement this Agreement, or on any supplemental provisions that may become necessary to effectuate the terms of this Agreement, the Parties will seek the assistance of the Court, and in all cases, all such documents, supplemental provisions, and assistance of the Court will be consistent with this Agreement.
- 8. Exhibits and Headings.** The terms of this Agreement include the terms set forth in the attached exhibits, which are incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein. Any exhibits to this Agreement are an integral part of the Settlement and must be approved substantially as written. The

descriptive headings of any paragraphs or sections of this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and do not constitute a part of this Agreement.

- 9. Deadlines Falling on Weekends or Holidays.** To the extent that any deadline set forth in this Settlement Agreement falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, that deadline shall be continued until the following business day.
- 10. Interim Stay of Proceedings.** The Parties agree to stay and hold all proceedings in the Case in abeyance, except such proceedings necessary to implement and complete the Settlement, pending the Final Approval Hearing to be conducted by the Court.
- 11. Amendment or Modification of Agreement.** This Agreement, and any and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed, or waived only by an express written instrument, signed by counsel for all Parties or their successors-in-interest and subject to Court approval.
- 12. Waiver of Certain Appeals.** The Parties agree to stipulate to class certification for purposes of implementing this Settlement only and agree to waive all appeals from the Court's final approval of the Settlement, unless the Court modifies the Settlement.
- 13. Notice of Settlement to LWDA.** Plaintiff hereby represents that at the same time she files the Motion for Preliminary Approval, Plaintiff will provide notice of this Agreement and proposed settlement to the Labor Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") as required by Labor Code section 2699(1)(2).
- 14. Agreement Binding on Successors and Assigns.** This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors and assigns of the Parties, as previously defined.
- 15. No Prior Assignment.** Plaintiff hereby represents, covenants, and warrants that she has not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity any portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action or rights herein released and discharged.
- 16. Applicable Law.** All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of California, without giving effect to any conflict of law principles or choice of law principles.

17. Fair, Adequate, and Reasonable Settlement. The Parties and their respective counsel believe and warrant that this Agreement reflects a fair, reasonable, and adequate settlement of the Case and have arrived at this Agreement through arm's-length negotiations, taking into account all relevant factors, current and potential. The Parties further agree that this Settlement Agreement shall not be construed in favor of or against any party by reason of the extent to which any party or her or its counsel participated in the drafting of this Settlement Agreement.

18. No Unalleged Claims. Plaintiff and Class Counsel represent that they, as of the date of execution of this Settlement, have no current intention of pursuing any claims against Defendant in any judicial, administrative, or arbitral forum, including, but not limited to, any and all claims relating to or arising from Plaintiff's employment with Defendant, and that Plaintiff's Counsel is not currently aware of any facts or legal theories upon which any claims or causes of action could be brought against Defendant, excepting those facts or legal theories alleged in the operative Complaint in this Action. Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Counsel further represent and agree that they do not currently know of or represent any persons who have expressed any interest in pursuing litigation or seeking any recovery against Defendant. The Parties further acknowledge, understand and agree that this representation is essential to the Agreement and that this Agreement would not have been entered into were it not for this representation. Nothing in this Paragraph will be construed as a restraint on the right of any counsel to practice.

19. No Tax or Legal Advice. The Parties understand and agree that the Parties are neither providing tax or legal advice, nor making representations regarding tax obligations or consequences, if any, related to this Agreement, and that Class Members will assume any such tax obligations or consequences that may arise from this Agreement, and that Class Members shall not seek any indemnification from the Parties or any of the Released Parties in this regard. The Parties agree that, in the event that any taxing body determines that additional taxes are due from any Class Member, such Class Member assumes all responsibility for the payment of such taxes.

20. Jurisdiction of the Superior Court. The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to the interpretation, implementation, and enforcement of the terms of this Agreement and all orders and judgment entered in connection therewith, and the Parties and their counsel hereto submit to the jurisdiction of the Superior Court for purposes of interpreting, implementing, and enforcing the Settlement embodied in this Agreement and all orders and judgments in connection therewith.

21. Invalidity of Any Provision; Severability. Before declaring any provision of this Agreement invalid, the Parties request that the Court first attempt to construe the provisions valid to the fullest extent possible consistent with

applicable precedents, so as to define all provisions of this Agreement valid and enforceable. In the event any provision of this Agreement shall be found unenforceable, the unenforceable provision shall be deemed deleted, and the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby.

22. 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.

23. Execution in Counterpart. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts. All executed counterparts, and each of them, will be deemed to be one and the same instrument provided that counsel for the Parties will exchange between themselves original signed counterparts. Facsimile or PDF signatures will be accepted. Any executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.

24. Class Size Escalator. Defendant estimates that the class consists of approximately 7,698 workweeks, and this Settlement was reached based on approximately 7,698 workweeks. Should the number of workweeks increase by more than 10% by the end of the Class Period, this will increase the Gross Settlement Amount proportionally over the 10% increase. For example, if the number of class workweeks increases by 11%, the Gross Settlement Amount will increase by 1%. Likewise, if the number of class workweeks increases by 12%, the Gross Settlement Amount will increase by 2%.

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IV. EXECUTION BY PARTIES AND COUNSEL

The Parties and their counsel execute this Agreement.

Dated: 03/31/2022, 2022

BRITTANY DAM



Dated: March 31, 2022

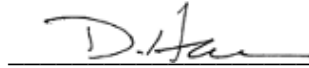
RUBBER-CAL, INC.



Beau Pirghibi
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: April 1, 2022

JUSTICE LAW CORPORATION



Douglas Han, Esq.
Attorneys for Plaintiff Brittany Dam, on behalf of
herself and all others similarly situated

Dated: March 31, 2022

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EXHIBIT A

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE
Dam v. Rubber-Cal, Inc.
Case No. 30-2020-01176087-CU-OE-CXC

NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

*A court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation.
This is not a lawsuit against you, and you are not being sued.
However, your legal rights are affected by whether you act or don't act.*

TO: All non-exempt California employees of Rubber-Cal, Inc. during the time period from December 23, 2016, to December 23, 2021.

The Superior Court of the State of California, County of Orange has granted preliminary approval to a proposed settlement (“Settlement”) of the above-captioned action (“Class Action”). Because your rights may be affected by this Settlement, it is important that you read this Notice of Class Action Settlement (“Notice”) carefully.

The Court has certified the following class for settlement purposes (“Class” or “Class Members”):

All non-exempt California employees of Rubber-Cal, Inc. during the time period from
December 23, 2016, to December 23, 2021.

The purpose of this Notice is to provide a brief description of the claims alleged in the Class Action, the key terms of the Settlement, and your rights and options with respect to the Settlement.

**YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO MONEY UNDER THE PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT.
PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY; IT INFORMS YOU ABOUT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS.**

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Questions? Call the Settlement Administrator toll free at (800) 523-5773

1. Why Have I Received This Notice?

The personnel records of Rubber-Cal, Inc. (“Defendant”) or its PEO indicate that you may be a Class Member. The Settlement will resolve all Class Members’ Released Claims from December 23, 2016, to December 23, 2021 (the “Class Period”), and all Eligible Aggrieved Employees’ PAGA Released Claims from November 11, 2020, to December 23, 2021 (the “PAGA Period”), as described in Section No. 9 below.

A Preliminary Approval Hearing was held on April 14, 2022, in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange. The Court conditionally certified the Class for settlement purposes only and directed that you receive this Notice.

The Court has determined only that there is sufficient evidence to suggest that the proposed settlement might be fair, adequate, and reasonable, and that any final determination of those issues will be made at the Final Approval Hearing.

The Court will hold a Final Approval Hearing concerning the proposed settlement on September 15, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., before Judge Peter Wilson, in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, located at 751 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, California 92701, Department CX-102.

2. What Is This Case About?

Plaintiff Brittany Dam originally filed the wage-and-hour class action lawsuit entitled *Dam v. Rubber-Cal, Inc.* (Case Number 30-2020-01176087-CU-OE-CXC) in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, against Defendant on December 23, 2020. The wage-and-hour class action lawsuit alleged violation of: (1) California Labor Code sections 510 and 1198 (unpaid overtime); (2) California Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512(a) (unpaid meal period premiums); (3) California Labor Code section 226.7 (unpaid rest period premiums); (4) California Labor Code sections 1194 and 1197 (unpaid minimum wages); (5) California Labor Code sections 201 and 202 (final wages not timely paid); (6) California Labor Code section 226(a) (noncompliant wage statements); (7) California Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802 (unreimbursed business expenses); and (8) California Business & Professions Code sections 17200, *et seq.*

On November 11, 2021, Plaintiff provided initial written notice to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”) and Defendant of the specific provisions of the Labor Code she contends were violated and the theories supporting her contentions.

Defendant disagrees with the allegations made by Plaintiff and expressly denies that it did anything to Plaintiff or any other Class Member that was illegal or would result in any liability under California’s employment laws. Defendant does not admit that it employed any Class Member at any time.

Plaintiff and Defendant (the “Parties”) attended mediation on the Class Action on October 14, 2021. Under the auspices of mediator Marc J. Feder, the Parties were able to reach a settlement of the Class Action. Defendant’s agreement to settle the Class Action does not mean that Defendant admits any liability or wrongdoing to Plaintiff or the Class or that it employed Plaintiff or any member of the Class.

Pursuant to the Parties' decision to settle the Class Action, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange on December 6, 2021, adding a cause of action for violation of Labor Code section 2698, *et seq.* (Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 ("PAGA")).

The Court has not made any determination as to whether the claims advanced by Plaintiff have any merit. In other words, the Court has not determined whether any laws have been violated, nor has it decided in favor of Plaintiff or Defendant; instead, both sides agreed to resolve the lawsuit with no decision or admission of who is right or wrong. By agreeing to resolve the lawsuit, all parties avoid the risks and cost of a trial.

3. *Am I A Class Member?*

You are a Class Member if you are currently or were formerly employed as a non-exempt California employee of Defendant during the time period from December 23, 2016, to December 23, 2021, and did not previously sign a separation agreement.

4. *How Does This Class Action Settlement Work?*

In this Class Action, Plaintiff sued on behalf of herself and all other similarly situated employees who were employed as non-exempt California employees of Defendant during the Class Period who did not previously sign individual separation agreements. Plaintiff and these other current and former employees comprise a "Class" and are "Class Members." The settlement of this Class Action resolves the Released Claims of all Class Members, except for those who exclude themselves from the Class by requesting to be excluded in the manner set forth below.

Plaintiff and Class Counsel believe the Settlement is fair and reasonable. The Court must also review the terms of the Settlement and determine if it is fair and reasonable to the Class. The Court file has the Settlement documents, which explain the Settlement in greater detail. If you would like copies of the Settlement documents, you can contact Plaintiff's counsel (also, "Class Counsel"), whose contact information is below, and they will provide you with a copy free of charge.

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5. Who Are the Attorneys Representing the Parties?

Attorneys for Plaintiff and the Class	Attorneys for Defendant
JUSTICE LAW CORPORATION Douglas Han Shunt Tatavos-Gharajeh 751 N. Fair Oaks Avenue, Suite 101 Pasadena, California 91103 Telephone: (818) 230-7502 Facsimile: (818) 230-7259	FISHER & PHILLIPS, LLP Christine D. Baran 2050 Main Street, Suite 100 Irvine, California 92614 Telephone: (949) 851-2424 Facsimile: (949) 851-0152 Krystle D. Meyer 444 South Flower Street, Suite 1500 Los Angeles, California 90071 Telephone: (213) 330-4500 Facsimile: (213) 330-4501

The Court has decided that Justice Law Corporation is qualified to represent you and all other Class Members simultaneously.

Class Counsel is working on your behalf. If you want your own attorney, you may hire one at your own cost.

6. What Are My Options?

The purpose of this Notice is to inform you of the proposed Settlement and of your options. Each option has its consequences, which you should understand before making your decision. Your rights regarding each option, and the steps you must take to select each option, are summarized below and explained in more detail in this Notice.

Important Note: *Defendant will not retaliate against you in any way for either participating or not participating in this Settlement.*

- **DO NOTHING:** If you do nothing and the Court grants final approval of the Settlement, you will become part of this lawsuit and will receive an Individual Settlement Share based on the total number of workweeks you were employed as a non-exempt California employee of Defendant during the Class Period. You will release all the Released Claims, as defined in Section No. 9 below, and you will give up your right to pursue the Released Claims, as defined in Section No. 9 below.
- **OPT OUT:** If you do not want to participate as a Class Member, you may “opt out,” which will remove you from the Class and this Class Action. If the Court grants final approval of the Settlement, you will not receive an Individual Settlement Share and you will not give up the right to sue the Released Parties, including Defendant, for any the Released Claims as defined in Section No. 9 below. If you do “opt-out,” you will still receive a portion of the PAGA Payment (defined below). Your right to pursue a claim pursuant to PAGA will be extinguished, regardless of whether you opt out.

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- **OBJECT:** You may file a legal objection to the proposed Settlement. If you would like to object, you may not opt out of this Settlement.

The procedures for opting out and objecting are set forth below in the sections entitled “How Do I Opt Out or Exclude Myself From This Settlement?” and “How Do I Object To The Settlement?”

7. *How Do I Opt Out Or Exclude Myself From This Settlement?*

If you do not wish to participate in the Settlement, you may be excluded from the Settlement (i.e., “opt out”) by sending a timely exclusion form. A form (“ELECTION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN (‘OPT OUT’ FROM) CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT”) has been provided to you along with this Notice, which can be used for this purpose; alternatively, you can submit your own written document that includes this same information. If you opt out of the Settlement, you will not be releasing the Released Claims set forth in Section 9. The Exclusion Form must be signed, dated, and mailed by first-class U.S. Mail, **postmarked no later than [Insert Date]**, to: **RUBBER-CAL, INC. C/O PHOENIX CLASS ACTION ADMINISTRATION SOLUTIONS, PO Box 7208, Orange, California 92863**. You cannot exclude yourself by phone.

Eligible Aggrieved Employees May Not Opt Out of PAGA Settlement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, you do not have the right to opt out or otherwise exclude yourself from the PAGA portion of the Settlement, which releases the PAGA Released Claims. If you submit a valid and timely request for exclusion, you will still receive your share of the PAGA Payment and will release the PAGA Released Claims.

If you received a re-mailed Class Notice, whether by skip-trace or forwarded mail, you will have an additional ten (10) calendar days from [Insert Date] to postmark an Exclusion Form or an objection to the Settlement. The envelope should indicate whether the Class Notice has been forwarded or re-mailed. We encourage you to keep copies of all documents, including the envelope, in the event the deadline is challenged.

The Court will exclude any Class Member who submits a complete and timely Exclusion Form as described in the paragraph above. The Exclusion Form shall unambiguously state that the Class Member wishes to exclude himself or herself from the Settlement and must also: (a) include the Class Member’s name, address, and the last four digits of the Class Member’s Social Security number; (b) be addressed to the Settlement Administrator at the specified address; (c) be signed by the Class Member or his or her lawful representative; and (d) be postmarked no later than [Insert Date]. Exclusion Forms that do not include all required information and/or that are not timely submitted will be deemed null, void, and ineffective. Any Class Member who fails to submit a valid and timely Exclusion Form on or before the above-specified deadline shall be bound by all terms of the Settlement, release, and any Judgment entered in the Class Action if the Settlement receives final approval from the Court.

If a Class Member submits both an Exclusion Form and a written objection, the Exclusion Form will be deemed invalid, and the objection will remain valid, as set forth in the Settlement.

You are responsible for ensuring that the Settlement Administrator receives any Exclusion Form you submit.

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8. *How Do I Object To The Settlement?*

If you are a Class Member who does not opt out of the Settlement, you may object to the Settlement, personally or through an attorney, by mailing an objection to the Settlement Administrator at **PO Box 7208, Orange, California 92863** by [INSERT DATE]. The objection must: (a) be signed by the objecting Class Member or his or her lawful representative; (b) include the objecting Class Member's full name, address, telephone number, and the last four digits of the Class Member's Social Security number, as well as the name and address of counsel, if any; (c) include the words "Notice of Objection" or "Formal Objection;" (d) state the case name and number; (e) provide a concise, factual written statement of the Class Member's reasons for objecting; (f) include a statement indicating whether the objecting Class Member (or someone on his or her behalf) intends to appear at the Final Approval Hearing.

Class Members may appear at the Final Approval Hearing, either in person or through the objector's own counsel, at the Class Member's own expense, and may orally object to the Settlement. Class Members' valid and timely written objections to the Settlement will still be considered even if the objector does not appear at the Final Approval Hearing. Class Members are permitted to make objections without a showing of good cause at the Final Approval Hearing, in person or through counsel, whether or not they submitted a written objection.

Absent good cause found by the Court, Class Members who fail to object in the manner specified above shall be deemed to have waived any objections and shall be foreclosed from making any objections (whether by appeal or otherwise) to the Settlement.

Again, to be valid and effective, any objections must be mailed to the Settlement Administrator postmarked on or before [INSERT DATE].

If the Court rejects the objection, the Class Member will receive an Individual Settlement Share and will be bound by the terms of the Settlement.

9. *How Does This Settlement Affect My Rights? What are the Released Claims?*

If the proposed Settlement is approved by the Court, a Final Judgment will be entered by the Court. All Class Members who do not opt out of the Settlement will be bound by the Court's Final Judgment and will fully release and discharge Defendant and its present and former officers, directors, employees, shareholders, agents, trustees, representatives, attorneys, insurers, reinsurers, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, PEOs (including BBSI aka Barrett Business Services Inc.), affiliates, predecessors, successors, and assigns ("Released Parties"). The Released Claims are as follows:

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A. Released Claims.

Once the Court’s grant of final approval of the Settlement becomes final, and Defendant funds the entire \$240,000 of the Gross Settlement Amount, Plaintiff and the Class Members will be deemed to have released the Released Parties from the “Released Claims.” The Class Members provide this release in exchange for the consideration provided to them by the Settlement Agreement – specifically, their Individual Settlement Shares. The Released Claims include all the claims Plaintiff alleged in the Class Action and all the claims Plaintiff could have, but did not, allege in the Class Action. These claims relate to unpaid minimum, overtime, and double time wages (including wages owed for work performed off-the-clock); meal and rest breaks; failure to keep time records; wage statement violations; separation pay violations; unreimbursed business expenses; untimely payment of wages; failure to maintain records; unfair business practices; and the related statutory and civil penalties. This release applies only to claims that occurred during the Class Period and while the Participating Class Member was employed by Defendant as a non-exempt and/or hourly employee.

B. PAGA Released Claims.

Once the Court’s grant of final approval of the Settlement becomes final, and Defendant funds the entire \$240,000 Gross Settlement Amount, Plaintiff, the Eligible Aggrieved Employees, and the LWDA will be barred from bringing any claims against the Released Parties under PAGA (Labor Code section 2698, *et seq.*) based on or arising out of the Labor Code violations Plaintiff alleged in the Class Action. This release applies only to claims that occurred during the PAGA Period. All Eligible Aggrieved Employees will release the PAGA Released Claims even if they submit valid and timely Exclusion Forms.

10. How Much Can I Expect to Receive From This Settlement?

The total maximum amount that Defendant could be required to pay under the Settlement Agreement shall be up to but no more than \$240,000 (“Gross Settlement Amount” or “GSA”).

The “Net Settlement Amount” or “NSA” means the portion of the Gross Settlement Amount available for distribution to all Class Members who do not submit valid and timely requests to exclude themselves from the Settlement (“Participating Class Members”) after the deduction of (1) the Class Representative Enhancement Payment to Plaintiff Brittany Dam in an amount not to exceed \$7,500 in recognition of her work and efforts in obtaining benefits for the Class, for undertaking the risk of paying litigation costs in the event the Class Action had not successfully resolved, and a general release of all claims; (2) Administration Costs to the Settlement Administrator, Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions, currently estimated at \$8,500 but not to exceed \$10,000; (3) the PAGA Payment in the amount of \$15,000 paid to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”) and Eligible Aggrieved Employees; (4) the Attorney Fee Award in an amount not to exceed \$84,000 (35% of the Gross Settlement Amount) paid to Class Counsel for attorneys’ fees; and (5) the Cost Award in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 paid to Class Counsel for litigation costs. These payments are each subject to court approval.

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After deducting the above-referenced items, the remaining Net Settlement Amount will be proportionately distributed among all Participating Class Members. The Settlement Administrator will pay an Individual Settlement Share from the Net Settlement Amount to each Participating Class Member. Each Participating Class Member will receive a proportionate share of the Net Settlement Amount that is equal to (i) the number of weeks he or she worked as a non-exempt California employee of Defendant during the Class Period based on the Class Data provided by Defendant, divided by (ii) the total number of weeks worked by any and all Participating Class Members, collectively, during the Class Period based on the same Class Data, and (iii) multiplied by the Net Settlement Amount. One day worked in a given week will be credited as a week for purposes of this calculation. Therefore, the value of each Participating Class Member's Individual Settlement Share is tied directly to the number of weeks he or she worked during the Class Period.

Although your exact share of the Net Settlement Amount cannot be precisely calculated until the time during which Class Members may object to or seek exclusion from the Settlement concludes, based upon the calculation above, your approximate share of the Net Settlement Amount, is as follows: \$ [REDACTED], less taxes. This is based on Defendant's or Defendant's PEO's records which show you worked [REDACTED] workweeks during the Class Period.

If you believe the number of eligible workweeks is incorrect, you may dispute this information by mailing a written explanation and/or documentation providing contrary information to the Settlement Administrator at **PO Box 7208, Orange, California 92863** on or before [INSERT DATE]. The Settlement Administrator will evaluate any evidence you submit and will make the initial decision as to the number of eligible workweeks with which you should be credited. The Court will have the right to review the Settlement Administrator's decision and will make the final determination.

Twenty percent (20%) of your Individual Settlement Share will be treated as unpaid wages. Applicable taxes will be withheld from the wages portion of your Individual Settlement Share only and reported on an IRS Form W-2. The remaining eighty percent (80%) of your Individual Settlement Share will be treated as penalties and interest and will be paid pursuant to an IRS Form 1099. Defendant's portion of payroll taxes as the Class Members' current or former employer is not included in the Gross Settlement Amount and will be a separate obligation of Defendant.

Defendant is expected to fund the Gross Settlement Amount of \$240,000 no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the Settlement becomes final. Your Individual Settlement Share will be calculated and distributed within twenty-one (21) days after the funding of the entire Gross Settlement Amount.

It is strongly recommended that upon receipt of your Individual Settlement Share check, you immediately cash it or cash it before the 180-day void date shown on each check. If any checks remain uncashed or not deposited by the expiration of the 180-day period after mailing, the Settlement Administrator will, within two hundred (200) calendar days after the checks are mailed, pay the amount of the Individual Settlement Share to the California State Controller in accordance with California Unclaimed Property Law.

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11. What is the PAGA Payment and Am I Eligible for it?

Under the terms of the Settlement, \$15,000 has been set aside as a PAGA Payment. This portion is the total amount of civil penalties collected on behalf of the State of California. Of this \$15,000, \$11,250 will be sent to the State of California. Eligible Aggrieved Employees will share the remaining \$3,750 based on the number of pay periods they worked during the PAGA Period.

You are an aggrieved employee eligible to recover settlement funds from the PAGA Payment (“Eligible Aggrieved Employee”) if you are or were a California non-exempt employee of Defendant at any time during the time period from November 11, 2020, to December 23, 2021 (“PAGA Period”).

The Settlement Administrator shall pay each Eligible Aggrieved Employee according to his or her proportional share of the \$3,750.00 of the PAGA Payment allocated to the Eligible Aggrieved Employees, which will be based upon the total number of pay periods during which the Eligible Aggrieved Employee was employed during the PAGA Period. Each individual share will be calculated by (i) determining the total number of pay periods during the PAGA Period during which the Eligible Aggrieved Employee was employed, (ii) dividing this number by the total number of pay periods during the PAGA Period during which all Eligible Aggrieved Employees were employed (i.e., the sum of all pay periods of employment for all Eligible Aggrieved Employees), and (iii) multiplying this number by the \$3,750.00 allocated to the Eligible Aggrieved Employees.

Based on the total number of pay periods during the PAGA Period during which you were employed, your Individual Settlement Share from the PAGA Payment is \$ [REDACTED]. This is based on Defendant’s records or Defendant’s PEO’s records, which show you worked [REDACTED] pay periods during the PAGA Period. One hundred percent (100%) of this payment will be considered penalties. You are responsible for paying any federal, state or local taxes owed as a result of this payment.

If you believe the number of pay periods with which you have been credited is incorrect, you may dispute this information by mailing a written explanation and/or documentation providing contrary information to the Settlement Administrator at **PO Box 7208, Orange, California 92863** on or before [INSERT DATE]. The Settlement Administrator will evaluate any evidence you submit and will make the initial decision as to the number of pay periods with which you should be credited. The Court will have the right to review the Settlement Administrator’s decision and will make the final determination.

Because these penalties can only be sought by the State of California, you cannot exclude yourself from the PAGA portion of the Settlement if the Court gives final approval.

It is strongly recommended that upon receipt of your Individual Settlement Share check, you immediately cash it or cash it before the 180-day void date shown on each check. If any checks remain uncashed or not deposited by the expiration of the 180-day period after mailing, the Settlement Administrator will, within two hundred (200) calendar days after the checks are mailed, pay the amount of the Individual Settlement Share to the California State Controller in accordance with California Unclaimed Property Law.

If you are not an Eligible Aggrieved Employee, this Section does not apply to you.

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12. *How Will the Attorneys for the Class and the Class Representative Be Paid?*

The attorneys for Plaintiff and the Class will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount. Subject to Court approval, the attorneys for Plaintiff and the Class shall be paid an amount not to exceed 35% of the Gross Settlement Amount (or \$84,000) for attorneys' fees and an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for litigation costs.

Defendant has paid all its own attorneys' fees and costs.

As set forth in Section No. 10 above, Plaintiff will also be paid a Class Representative Enhancement Payment, subject to Court approval.

13. *Final Approval Hearing*

The Court will hold a Final Fairness and Approval Hearing concerning the proposed Settlement on September 15, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., before Judge Peter Wilson, in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, located at 751 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, California 92701, Department CX-102. You are not required to appear at this hearing. Any changes to the hearing date will be available on the website [INSERT WEBSITE ADDRESS].

IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, you may contact Class Counsel, listed above, or the Settlement Administrator at the telephone number listed below, toll free. Please refer to the "Rubber-Cal, Inc. class action settlement."

This Notice does not contain all the terms of the proposed Settlement or all the details of these proceedings. For more detailed information, you may refer to the underlying documents and papers on file with the Orange County Superior Court at 751 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, California 92701 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or by visiting <https://www.occourts.org/> and clicking on the "Online Services" tab, then the "Case Access" subtab, then the link for "Civil Case & Document Access." Once at this screen, you must read the "Information Disclaimer" and click on "Accept Terms." Next, you must input the case number, "30-2020-01176087-CU-OE-CXC," the year the case was filed, which is "2020," confirm that you are not a robot, and click "Search." Next, click on the "Register of Actions" tab and scroll down to the document containing the full Settlement Agreement, titled "Declaration in Support (Declaration of Douglas Han) filed by Dam, Brittany on [INSERT DATE]." Click on the blank box next to this document and then click on the "Cart" tab. Finally, click on "Checkout" to purchase the document.

You may also contact Plaintiff's counsel by visiting Justice Law Corporation at 751 North Fair Oaks Avenue, Suite 101, Pasadena, California 91103 during regular business hours, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., or by calling (818) 230-7502. Plaintiff's counsel will provide you with an electronic copy of the Settlement documents or case documents free of charge.

PLEASE DO NOT TELEPHONE THE COURT OR COURT'S CLERK FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS SETTLEMENT.

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EXHIBIT B

ELECTION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN ("OPT OUT" FROM) CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Superior Court of California, County of Orange

Dam v. Rubber-Cal, Inc.

Case No. 30-2020-01176087-CU-OE-CXC

DO NOT SIGN OR SEND THIS DOCUMENT UNLESS YOU WISH TO EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT. IF YOU EXCLUDE YOURSELF, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY PAYMENT FROM THE SETTLEMENT.

THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN _____, 2022. IT MUST BE SENT VIA REGULAR U.S. MAIL.

PLEASE MAIL THIS EXCLUSION FORM VIA REGULAR U.S. MAIL TO:

**RUBBER-CAL, INC. C/O PHOENIX CLASS ACTION ADMINISTRATION SOLUTIONS
PO Box 7208, Orange, California 92863**

IT IS MY DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLASS ACTION REFERRED TO ABOVE, AND NOT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CLASS OF PLAINTIFFS IN THAT ACTION. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY EXCLUDING MYSELF, I WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY MONEY FROM THE SETTLEMENT, EXCEPT MY PORTION OF THE CIVIL PENALTIES ALLOCATED TO THE CALIFORNIA LABOR CODE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT OF 2004 ("PAGA"), LABOR CODE § 2698, *et seq.*, SETTLEMENT.

I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT IF I ELECT TO OPT OUT OF THIS CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT, ANY CLAIMS I HAVE WILL NOT BE RELEASED; EXCEPT THAT, EVEN IF I ELECT TO OPT OUT, I CANNOT PURSUE ANY ACTION UNDER PAGA AGAINST THE RELEASED PARTIES FOR ANY CLAIMS THAT AROSE BETWEEN NOVEMBER 11, 2020, AND DECEMBER 23, 2021.

I confirm that I worked for Rubber-Cal, Inc. on a non-exempt basis in California during the period from December 23, 2016, to December 23, 2021, and did not previously sign an individual separation agreement. I confirm that I have received and reviewed the Notice of Class Action Settlement in this action. I have decided to be excluded from the class, and I have decided **not** to participate in the proposed settlement.

Dated: _____

(Signature)

(Last four digits of Social Security number)

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 751 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Ste. 101 Pasadena, California 91103. My electronic service address is manderson@justicelawcorp.com

On April 4, 2022, I served the foregoing document described as

AMENDED JOINT STIPULATION OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT

for the following case: **Dam v. Rubber-Cal, Inc.**
LWDA/Court Case No.: **LWDA-CM-852055-21**
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 Orange County Superior Court

on interested parties in this action by electronically submitting as follows:

State of California
Labor & Workforce Development Agency
800 Capitol Mall, MIC-55
Sacramento, California 95814

[X] BY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Pursuant to California Senate Bill No. 836, I caused the documents described above to be electronically submitted by and through the procedure stated on the website of the State of California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

[X] STATE

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed on April 4, 2022, at Pasadena, California.


Mariah Anderson