

CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND CLASS NOTICE

This Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between Plaintiff Ana Ferrer (“Plaintiff”) on the one hand and Defendants South Bay Safety, Inc. (“SBS”) and Cosmetix West, Inc. (“Cosmetix”) (collectively, “Defendants”) on the other hand. The Agreement refers to Plaintiff and Defendants collectively as “Parties,” or individually as “Party.”

1. DEFINITIONS:

- 1.1. “Action” means the Plaintiff’s lawsuit alleging wage and hour violations against Defendants, captioned *Ana Ferrer v. Cosmetix West, Inc.; South Bay Safety, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 22STCV01006, initiated on January 10, 2022, and pending in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles.
- 1.2. “Administrator” means Simpluris, Inc., the neutral entity the Parties have agreed to appoint to administer the Settlement.
- 1.3. “Administration Expenses Payment” means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount to reimburse its reasonable fees and expenses in accordance with the Administrator’s “not to exceed” bid submitted to the Court in connection with Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.4. “Aggrieved Employee” means (1) all individuals who were employed by Cosmetix in California, as hourly, non-exempt employees of Cosmetix at any time during the PAGA Period; and (2) all individuals who were employed by SBS in California as non-exempt, hourly employees, placed at Cosmetix, any time during the PAGA Period.
- 1.5. “Business and Professions Code” means the California Business and Professions Code §17200, et seq.
- 1.6. “Class” means (1) all individuals who were employed by Cosmetix in California, as hourly, non-exempt employees of Cosmetix at any time during the Class Period; and (2) all individuals who were employed by SBS in California as non-exempt, hourly employees placed at Cosmetix, any time during the Class Period.
- 1.7. “Class Counsel” means Lavi & Ebrahimian, LLP.
- 1.8. “Class Counsel Fees Payment” and “Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment” mean the amounts to be paid to Class Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses, respectively, as approved by the Court, to compensate Class Counsel for their legal work and related litigation expenses incurred to prosecute the

Action.

- 1.9. "Class Data" means Class Member identifying information in Defendants' possession including the Class Member's name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, and number of Class Period Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods.
- 1.10. "Class Member" or "Settlement Class Member" means a member of the Class, as either a Participating Class Member or Non-Participating Class Member (including a Non- Participating Class Member who qualifies as an Aggrieved Employee).
- 1.11. "Class Member Address Search" means the Administrator's investigation and search for current Class Member mailing addresses using all reasonably available sources, methods and means including, but not limited to, the National Change of Address database, skip traces, and direct contact by the Administrator with Class Members.
- 1.12. "Class Notice" means the COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL, to be mailed to Class Members in English with a Spanish translation, if applicable in the form, without material variation, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference into this Agreement.
- 1.13. "SBS Class Period" means the period from January 10, 2018, through December 21, 2023. The "Cosmetix Class Period" means the period from October 28, 2020 to January 10, 2025.
- 1.14. "Class Representative" means the named Plaintiff in the operative Complaint in the Action seeking Court approval to serve as the Class Representative.
- 1.15. "Class Representative Service Payment" means the payment to the Plaintiff as Class Representative in acknowledgment of the risks and burden of initiating the Action and providing services in support of the Action in the interests of the Class Members, and for the general release of all claims by the Plaintiff..
- 1.16. "Cosmetix Payment" means One Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$100,000), which is the portion of the Gross Settlement Amount to be paid by Cosmetix under this Agreement, excluding employer-side taxes, and which shall not be increased except pursuant to Paragraph 8 below.
- 1.17. "Court" means the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.
- 1.18. "Defendants" means named Defendants South Bay Safety, Inc. ("SBS") and Defendant Cosmetix West, Inc. ("Cosmetix").

- 1.19. "Defense Counsel" means Eric v. Luedtke of the Law Offices of Eric V. Luedtke, representing SBS, and Amber S. Healy and Hailey N. Oberst of Buchalter, A Professional Corporation, representing Cosmetix.
- 1.20. "Effective Date" means the date by when both of the following have occurred: (a) the Court enters a Judgment on its Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement; and (b) the Judgment is final. The Judgment is final as of the latest of the following occurrences: (a) if no Participating Class Member objects to the Settlement, the day the Court enters Judgment; (b) if one or more Participating Class Members objects to the Settlement, the day after the deadline for filing a notice of appeal from the Judgment; or if a timely appeal from the Judgment is filed, the day after the appellate court affirms the Judgment and issues a remittitur.
- 1.21. "Final Approval" means the Court's order granting final approval of the Settlement.
- 1.22. "Final Approval Hearing" means the Court's hearing on the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.23. "Final Judgment" means the Judgment Entered by the Court upon Granting Final Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.24. "Gross Settlement Amount" means Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$300,000.00) paid by SBS (the "SBS Payment"), and One Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$100,000.00) paid by Cosmetix (the "Cosmetix Payment"), totaling Four Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$400,000.00) which is the total amount Defendants, respectfully, agree to pay under the Settlement except as provided in Paragraphs 8 and 9 below. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Counsel Fees, Class Counsel Expenses, Class Representative Service Payment and the Administrator's Expenses.
- 1.25. "Individual Class Payment" means the Participating Class Member's pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount calculated according to the number of Workweeks worked during the Class Period.
- 1.26. "Individual PAGA Payment" means the Aggrieved Employee's pro rata share of 25% of the PAGA Penalties calculated according to the number of Workweeks worked during the PAGA Period.
- 1.27. "Judgment" means the judgment entered by the Court based upon the Final Approval.
- 1.28. "Labor Code" means the California Labor Code.

- 1.29. "LWDA" means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency entitled, under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.30. "LWDA PAGA Payment" means 75% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.31. "Net Settlement Amount" means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Administration Expenses Payment. The remainder is to be paid to Participating Class Members as Individual Class Payments.
- 1.32. "Non-Participating Class Member" means any Class Member who validly opts out of the Settlement by sending the Administrator a valid and timely Request for Exclusion.
- 1.33. "PAGA" means the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698. et seq.).
- 1.34. "PAGA Notice" means Plaintiff's January 25, 2022, letter to Cosmetix West, Inc. and South Bay Safety, Inc. and the LWDA providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a).
- 1.35. "PAGA Pay Period" means (1) any Pay Period during which an Aggrieved Employee of Cosmetix worked for Cosmetix, in California for at least one day during the PAGA Period; and (2) any Pay Period during which an Aggrieved Employee of SBS worked at Cosmetix in California for at least one day during the PAGA Period.
- 1.36. "PAGA Penalties" means the total amount of PAGA civil penalties to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees (\$2,500.00) and the 75% to the LWDA (\$7,500) in settlement of PAGA claims.
- 1.37. "PAGA Period" means the period from January 25, 2021, through January 10, 2025.
- 1.38. "Participating Class Member" means a Class Member who does not submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion from the Settlement.
- 1.39. "Plaintiff" means Ana Ferrer, the named Plaintiff in the Action.
- 1.40. "Preliminary Approval" means the Court's Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.41. "Preliminary Approval Order" means the proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of PAGA Settlement.

- 1.42. "Released Class Claims" means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.2 below.
- 1.43. "Released PAGA Claims" means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.3 below.
- 1.44. "Released Parties" means: Defendants and each of their respective former and present directors, officers, shareholders, owners, governing boards, members, employees, agents, representatives, consultants, attorneys, insurers, predecessors, successors, and assigns.
- 1.45. "Request for Exclusion" means a Class Member's submission of a written request to be excluded from the Class Settlement signed by the Class Member.
- 1.46. "Response Deadline" means sixty (60) calendar days after the Administrator mails Notice to Class Members and Aggrieved Employees, and shall be the last date on which Class Members may: (a) fax, email, or mail Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement, or (b) fax, email, or mail his or her Objection to the Settlement. Class Members to whom Notice Packets are resent after having been returned undeliverable to the Administrator shall have an additional fourteen (14) calendar days beyond the Response Deadline has expired.
- 1.47. "SBS Payment" means Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$300,000), which is the portion of the Gross Settlement Amount to be paid by SBS under this agreement, excluding employer-side taxes, and which shall not be increased except pursuant to Paragraph 8 below.
- 1.48. "Settlement" means the disposition of the Action effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.
- 1.49. "Workweek" means (1) any week during which a Class Member, employed by Cosmetix, worked for Cosmetix, in California for at least one day during the Class Period; and (2) any week during which a Class Member employed by SBS, worked at Cosmetix in California for at least one day during the Class Period.

2. RECITALS

- 2.1. On January 10, 2022, Plaintiff commenced the Action by filing a Complaint alleging causes of action against Defendants for: (1) failure to pay minimum wages in violation of Labor Code Sections 1194 and 1197; failure to pay overtime wages in violation of Labor Code Sections 510 and 1194; (3) failure to authorize or permit meal periods in violation of Labor Code sections 512 and 226.7; (4) failure to authorize or permit rest

periods in violation of Labor Code section 226.7; (5) failure to timely pay earned wages during employment in violation of Labor Code section 204; (6) failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements in violation of Labor Code section 226; (7) failure to timely pay all earned wages and final paychecks due at the time of separation of employment in violation of Labor Code sections 201, 202, and 203; and (8) unfair business practices in violation of Business and Professions Code. On May 14, 2024, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint alleging causes of action against Defendants for civil penalties pursuant to the Private Attorney General Act of 2004, Labor Code Sections 2698, et seq. ("PAGA"). The Second Amended Complaint is the operative complaint in the Action (the "Operative Complaint"). The Second Amended Complaint will be submitted to the Court as part of this settlement and Plaintiff will dismiss the pending separately filed PAGA action entitled *Ferrer v. Cosmetix West, et al.*, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV26609 and the associated AAA proceeding which is AAA Case No. 012300020534. In the event that the settlement does not receive final approval, the Parties may re-initiate arbitration.

- 2.2. Defendants deny the allegations in the Operative Complaint, deny any failure to comply with the laws identified in the Operative Complaint and deny any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.
- 2.3. Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a), Plaintiff gave written notice to Defendants and the LWDA by sending the PAGA Notice.
- 2.4. On December 21, 2023, the Parties participated in an all-day mediation presided over by the Hon. Steven R. Denton. Plaintiff and SBS were able to reach an agreement in principle following a mediator's proposal. Following the mediation, the Parties represented by their respective counsel, engaged in ongoing settlement discussions..
- 2.5. Prior to mediation, Plaintiff obtained, through formal and informal discovery, information and documents relating to Defendants' policies, practices, and procedures regarding paying non-exempt employees all hours worked, meal period policies, payroll, and timekeeping. Plaintiff also obtained and reviewed a sampling of the available time records, pay records, and information relating to the size and scope of the Class, as well as data permitting Plaintiff to understand the number of weeks worked during the Class Period. The Parties agree that the above-described investigation and evaluation, as well as the information exchanged during the settlement negotiations, was sufficient to satisfy the criteria for court approval set forth in *Dunk v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (1996) 48 Cal.App.4th 1794, 1801 and *Kullar v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 116, 129-130 ("*Dunk/Kullar*")
- 2.6. On May 14, 2024, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint in the Action, adding consolidating PAGA Claims against SBS.

- 2.7. On or around January 28, 2025, following mediation and after engaging in ongoing settlement discussions, the Parties reached a settlement in principle, ultimately leading to this Agreement to settle the Action as to all Defendants.
- 2.8. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or will be construed as an admission by Defendants that the claims in the Action of Plaintiff or the Class have merit or that Defendants bears any liability to Plaintiff or the Class or Aggrieved Employees on those claims or any other claims, or as an admission by Plaintiff that Defendants' defenses in the Action have merit. The Parties agree to certification of the Class for purposes of this Settlement only. If for any reason the Settlement does not become effective, Defendants reserve the right to contest certification of any class for any reason and reserve all available defenses to the claims in the Action.
- 2.9. The Parties represent that they are not aware of any other pending matters or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or affected by the Settlement.

3. MONETARY TERMS.

- 3.1. Gross Settlement Amount. Except as otherwise provided by Paragraphs 8 and 9 below, the Gross Settlement Amount to be paid shall be \$400,000; Defendant SBS promises to pay the SBS Payment totaling \$300,000.00, and Defendant Cosmetix promises to pay the Cosmetix Payment totaling \$100,000.00, and no more as the Gross Settlement Amount, excluding any employer payroll taxes on the portion of the Individual Class Payments allocated to wages which shall be separately paid by Defendants on their respective payments to the Administrator. Defendants have no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount (or any payroll taxes) prior to the deadline stated in Paragraph 4.3 of this Agreement. The Administrator will disburse the entire Gross Settlement Amount without asking or requiring Participating Class Members or Aggrieved Employees to submit any claim as a condition of payment. None of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Defendants.
- 3.2. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Administrator will make and deduct the following payments from the Gross Settlement Amount, in the amounts specified by the Court in the Final Approval:
 - 3.2.1 To Plaintiff: Class Representative Service Payment to the Class Representative of not more than \$7,500 (in addition to any Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment the Class Representative is entitled to receive as a Participating Class Member). Defendants will not oppose Plaintiff's request for a Class Representative Service Payment that does not exceed this amount. As part of the motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses

Payment, Plaintiff will seek Court approval for any Class Representative Service Payments no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Representative Service Payment less than the amount requested, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will pay the Class Representative Service Payment using IRS Form 1099. Plaintiff assumes full responsibility and liability for employee taxes owed on the Class Representative Service Payment.

3.2.2 To Class Counsel: A Class Counsel Fees Payment of not more than one third (1/3) of the Gross Settlement Amount, which is currently estimated to be \$133,333.33, and a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than \$15,000.00. Defendants will not oppose requests for these payments provided that they do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will file a motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment less than the amounts requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. Released Parties shall have no liability to Class Counsel or any other Plaintiff's Counsel arising from any claim to any portion any Class Counsel Fee Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. Class Counsel assumes full responsibility and liability for taxes owed on the Class Counsel Fees Payment and the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment.

3.2.3 To the Administrator: An Administrator Expenses Payment not to exceed \$20,000.00 except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent the Administration Expenses are less or the Court approves payment less than \$20,000.00, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members.

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

3.2.4.1. Tax Allocation of Individual Class Payments. 20% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment

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

3.2.4.2. Effect of Non-Participating Class Members on Calculation of Individual Class Payments. Non-Participating Class Members will not receive any Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will retain amounts equal to their Individual Class Payments in the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members on a pro rata basis.

3.2.5 To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: PAGA Penalties in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 75% (\$7,500.00) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (\$2,500.00) allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments.

3.2.5.1. The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the amount of the Aggrieved Employees' 25% share of PAGA Penalties \$2,500.00 by the total number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Aggrieved Employee's PAGA Period Pay Periods. Aggrieved Employees assume full responsibility and liability for any taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment.

3.2.5.2. If the Court approves PAGA Penalties of less than the amount requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

4. SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS.

4.1. Class Workweeks and Aggrieved Employee Pay Periods. Based on a review of its records to date, Defendant SBS estimates there are approximately 1,341 Class Members who were employed by SBS and placed at Cosmetix who collectively worked a total of approximately 30,000 qualifying Workweeks during the Class Period. Based on a review of its records to date, Defendant Cosmetix estimates that there are approximately 85 Class Members who were employed by Cosmetix who

collectively worked a total of approximately 10,000 Workweeks during the Class Period.

- 4.2. Class Data. Not later than 15 days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, Defendants will deliver the Class Data to the Administrator, in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Class Members' privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Class Data in confidence, use the Class Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access to the Class Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Class Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Defendants have a continuing duty to immediately notify Class Counsel if it discovers that the Class Data omitted class member identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Class Data as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which Defendants must send the Class Data to the Administrator, the Parties and their counsel will expeditiously use best efforts, in good faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related to missing or omitted Class Data.
- 4.3. Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant SBS shall fully fund the SBS Payment and Defendant Cosmetix shall fully fund the Cosmetix Payment (Defendants thereby fully funding the Gross Settlement Amount) and each Defendant shall also fund the amounts necessary to fully pay each Defendants' respective share of payroll taxes by transmitting the funds to the Administrator no later than 30 days after the Effective Date. Under no circumstance will Cosmetix be responsible for the settlement payment due by SBS; likewise, SBS shall under no circumstance be responsible for the settlement payment due by Cosmetix.
- 4.4. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 14 days after Defendants fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual Class Payments, all Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the Administration Expenses Payment, the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Class Representative Service Payment. Disbursement of the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and the Class Representative Service Payment shall not precede disbursement of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments.
 - 4.4.1 The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual Class Payments and/or Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Class Members via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall prominently state the date (not less than 180 days after the date of mailing) when the check will be voided. The Administrator will cancel

all checks not cashed by the void date. The Administrator will send checks for Individual Settlement Payments to all Participating Class Members (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator will send checks for Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees including Non-Participating Class Members who qualify as Aggrieved Employees (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator may send Participating Class Members a single check combining the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment. Before mailing any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

- 4.4.2 The Administrator must conduct a Class Member Address Search for all other Class Members whose checks are returned undelivered without USPS forwarding address. Within 7 days of receiving a returned check the Administrator must re-mail checks to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Class Member Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Class Members whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Class Member whose original check was lost or misplaced, requested by the Class Member prior to the void date.
- 4.4.3 For any Class Member whose Individual Class Payment check or Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Class Member thereby leaving no "unpaid residue" subject to the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 384, subd. (b).
- 4.4.4 The payment of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Defendants to confer any additional benefits or make any additional payments to Class Members (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

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

- 5.1. **Plaintiff's Release.** Plaintiff and her respective former and present spouses, representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns generally, release and discharge Released Parties from all claims, transactions, or occurrences that occurred during the Class Period, including, but not limited to: (a) all claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged based on the facts contained in the Operative Complaint and (b) all PAGA claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged based on facts contained in the Operative Complaint or Plaintiff's PAGA Notice. ("Plaintiff's Release.") Plaintiff's Release does not extend to any claims or actions to enforce this Agreement, or to any claims for vested benefits, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, social security benefits, workers' compensation benefits that arose at any time, or based on occurrences outside the Class Period. Plaintiff acknowledges that Plaintiff may discover facts or law different from, or in addition to, the facts or law that Plaintiff now knows or believes to be true but agrees, nonetheless, that Plaintiff's Release shall be and remain effective in all respects, notwithstanding such different or additional facts or Plaintiff's discovery of them.

- 5.1.1 **Plaintiff's Waiver of Rights Under California Civil Code Section 1542.** For purposes of Plaintiff's Release, Plaintiff expressly waives and relinquishes the provisions, rights, and benefits, if any, of section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

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

- 5.2. **Release by Participating Class Members:** All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Released Parties from (i) all claims that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint which occurred during the Class Period during employment in a non-exempt position in California with Defendant Cosmetix or Defendant SBS ("Released Class Claims"). Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, Participating Class Members do not release any other claims, including claims for

vested benefits, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers' compensation, claims based on facts occurring outside the Class Period.

- 5.3. Release by Aggrieved Employees: All Aggrieved Employees and the LWDA are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the PAGA Period facts stated in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice, which occurred during the PAGA Period during employment in a non-exempt position in California ("Released PAGA Claims").

6. **MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL.** The Parties agree to jointly prepare and file a motion for preliminary approval ("Motion for Preliminary Approval") that complies with the Court's current checklist for Preliminary Approvals.

- 6.1. Responsibilities of Defendants. Within 10 days of the full execution of this Agreement Defense Counsel and Defendants will disclose all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with the Administrator to Class Counsel.
- 6.2. Responsibilities of Plaintiff. Plaintiff will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel all documents necessary for obtaining Preliminary Approval, including: (i) a draft of the notice and memorandum in support of the Motion for Preliminary Approval that includes an analysis of the Settlement under *Dunk/Kullar* and a request for approval of the PAGA Settlement under Labor Code Section 2699, subd. (f)(2)); (ii) a draft proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of PAGA Settlement; (iii) a draft proposed Class Notice; (iv) a signed declaration from the Administrator attaching its "not to exceed" bid for administering the Settlement and attesting to its willingness to serve; competency; operative procedures for protecting the security of Class Data; amounts of insurance coverage for any data breach, defalcation of funds or other misfeasance; all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members; and the nature and extent of any financial relationship with Plaintiff, Class Counsel or Defense Counsel; (v) a signed declaration from Plaintiff confirming willingness and competency to serve and disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members or the Administrator; (v) a signed declaration from each Class Counsel firm attesting to its competency to represent the Class Members; its timely transmission to the LWDA of all necessary PAGA documents (initial notice of violations (Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a)), Operative Complaint (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(1)), this Agreement (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(2)); (vi) a redlined version of the parties' Agreement showing all modifications made to the Model Agreement ready for filing with the

Court; and (vii) all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest with Class Members, or the Administrator. Plaintiff shall provide Defendants' Counsel at least three (3) business days to review the Motion for Preliminary Approval and supporting documents. In their Declarations, Plaintiff and Class Counsel Declaration shall aver that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.

- 6.3. Responsibilities of the Parties. The Parties are jointly responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the Motion for Preliminary Approval no later than thirty (30) days after the full execution of this Agreement; obtaining a prompt hearing date for the Motion for Preliminary Approval; and for appearing in Court to advocate in favor of the Motion for Preliminary Approval. Plaintiff is responsible for delivering the Court's Preliminary Approval to the Administrator.
- 6.4. Duty to Cooperate. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed Motion for Preliminary Approval and/or the supporting declarations and documents, the Parties will expeditiously work together by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve the disagreement. If the Court does not grant Preliminary Approval or conditions Preliminary Approval on any material change to this Agreement, the Parties will expeditiously work together by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to modify the Agreement and otherwise satisfy the Court's concerns.

7. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

- 7.1. Selection of Administrator. The Parties have jointly selected Simpluris to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, Simpluris agrees to be bound by this Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this Agreement in exchange for payment of Administration Expenses. The Parties and their Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the Administrator other than a professional relationship arising out of prior experiences administering settlements.
- 7.2. Employer Identification Number. The Administrator shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number for purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and providing reports state and federal tax authorities.
- 7.3. Qualified Settlement Fund. The Administrator shall establish a settlement fund that meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") under US Treasury Regulation section 468B-1.
- 7.4. Notice to Class Members.

7.4.1 No later than three (3) business days after receipt of the Class Data, the

Administrator shall notify Class Counsel that the list has been received and state the number of Class Members, PAGA Members, Workweeks, and Pay Periods in the Class Data.

- 7.4.2 Using best efforts to perform as soon as possible, and in no event later than fourteen (14) days after receiving the Class Data, the Administrator will send to all Class Members identified in the Class Data, via first-class United States Postal Service ("USPS") mail, the Class Notice with Spanish translation, if applicable substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit A. The first page of the Class Notice shall prominently estimate the dollar amounts of any Individual Class Payment and/or Individual PAGA Payment payable to the Class Member, and the number of Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if applicable) used to calculate these amounts. Before mailing Class Notices, the Administrator shall update Class Member addresses using the National Change of Address database.
- 7.4.3 Not later than three (3) business days after the Administrator's receipt of any Class Notice returned by the USPS as undelivered, the Administrator shall re-mail the Class Notice using any forwarding address provided by the USPS. If the USPS does not provide a forwarding address, the Administrator shall conduct a Class Member Address Search, and re-mail the Class Notice to the most current address obtained. The Administrator has no obligation to make further attempts to locate or send Class Notice to Class Members whose Class Notice is returned by the USPS a second time. The Administrator shall retain details regarding all address searches and remailings that occur, including, but not limited to retaining copies of all addresses used for mailing, all re-mailings, all return to senders or undeliverable notices received.
- 7.4.4 The deadlines for Class Members' written objections, Challenges to Workweeks and/or Pay Periods, and Requests for Exclusion will be extended an additional fourteen (14) days beyond the sixty (60) days otherwise provided in the Class Notice for all Class Members whose notice is re-mailed. The Administrator will inform the Class Member of the extended deadline with the re-mailed Class Notice.
- 7.4.5 If the Administrator, Defendants or Class Counsel is contacted by or otherwise discovers any persons who believe they should have been included in the Class Data and should have received Class Notice, the Parties will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and

in good faith, in an effort to agree on whether to include them as Class Members. If the Parties agree, such persons will be Class Members entitled to the same rights as other Class Members, and the Administrator will send, via email or overnight delivery, a Class Notice requiring them to exercise options under this Agreement not later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of Class Notice, or the deadline dates in the Class Notice, whichever is later.

7.5. Requests for Exclusion (Opt-Outs).

- 7.5.1 Class Members who wish to exclude themselves (opt-out of) the Class Settlement must send the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail, a signed written Request for Exclusion not later than sixty (60) days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional fourteen (14) days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed). A Request for Exclusion is a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative that reasonably communicates the Class Member's election to be excluded from the Settlement and includes the Class Member's name, address and email address or telephone number. To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely faxed, emailed, or postmarked by the Response Deadline.
- 7.5.2 The Administrator may not reject a Request for Exclusion as invalid because it fails to contain all the information specified in the Class Notice. The Administrator shall accept any Request for Exclusion as valid if the Administrator can reasonably ascertain the identity of the person as a Class Member and the Class Member's desire to be excluded. The Administrator's determination shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. If the Administrator has reason to question the authenticity of a Request for Exclusion, the Administrator may demand additional proof of the Class Member's identity. The Administrator's determination of authenticity shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.
- 7.5.3 Every Class Member who does not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion is deemed to be a Participating Class Member under this Agreement, entitled to all benefits and bound by all terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the Participating Class Members' Releases under Paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of this Agreement, regardless of whether the Participating Class Member actually receives the Class Notice or objects to the Settlement.

7.5.4 Every Class Member who submits a valid and timely Request for Exclusion is a Non-Participating Class Member and shall not receive an Individual Class Payment or have the right to object to the class action components of the Settlement. Because future PAGA claims are subject to claim preclusion upon entry of the Judgment, Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release the claims identified in Paragraph 5.3 of this Agreement and are eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment.

7.6. Challenges to Calculation of Workweeks. Each Class Member shall have sixty (60) days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional fourteen (14) days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed) to challenge the number of Class Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if any) allocated to the Class Member in the Class Notice. The Class Member may challenge the allocation by communicating with the Administrator via fax, email or mail. The Administrator must encourage the challenging Class Member to submit supporting documentation. In the absence of any contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the Workweeks contained in the Class Notice are correct so long as they are consistent with the Class Data. The Administrator's determination of each Class Member's allocation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. The Administrator shall promptly provide copies of all challenges to calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel and the Administrator's determination of the challenges.

7.7. Objections to Settlement.

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

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

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

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

7.8.1 Website, Email Address and Toll-Free Number. The Administrator will establish and maintain and use an internet website to post information of interest to Class Members including the date, time and location for the Final Approval Hearing and copies of the Settlement Agreement, Motion for Preliminary Approval, the Preliminary Approval, the Class Notice, the Motion for Final Approval, the Motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and Class Representative Service Payment, the Final Approval and the Judgment. The Administrator will also maintain and monitor an email address and a toll-free telephone number to receive Class Member calls, faxes and emails.

7.8.2 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-outs) and Exclusion List. The Administrator will promptly review on a rolling basis Requests for Exclusion to ascertain their validity. Not later than five (5) days after the expiration of the deadline for submitting Requests for Exclusion, the Administrator shall email a list to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel containing (a) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have timely submitted valid Requests for Exclusion ("Exclusion List"); (b) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have submitted invalid Requests for Exclusion; (c) copies of all Requests for Exclusion from Settlement submitted (whether valid or invalid).

7.8.3 Weekly Reports. The Administrator must, on a weekly basis, provide written reports to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel that, among other things, tally the number of: Class Notices mailed or re-mailed, Class Notices returned undelivered, Requests for Exclusion (whether valid or invalid) received, objections received, challenges to Workweeks and/or Pay Periods received and/or resolved, and checks mailed for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments ("Weekly Report"). The Weekly Reports must include provide the Administrator's assessment of the validity of Requests for Exclusion and attach copies of all Requests for Exclusion and objections received.

- 7.8.4 Workweek and/or Pay Period Challenges. The Administrator has the authority to address and make final decisions consistent with the terms of this Agreement on all Class Member challenges over the calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods. The Administrator's decision shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.
- 7.8.5 Administrator's Declaration. Not later than fourteen (14) days before the date by which Plaintiff is required to file the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, the Administrator will provide to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its due diligence and compliance with all of its obligations under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, its mailing of Class Notice, the Class Notices returned as undelivered, the re-mailing of Class Notices, attempts to locate Class Members, the total number of Requests for Exclusion from Settlement it received (both valid or invalid), the number of written objections and attach the Exclusion List. The Administrator will supplement its declaration as needed or requested by the Parties and/or the Court. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration(s) in Court.
- 7.8.6 Final Report by Settlement Administrator. Within ten (10) days after the Administrator disburses all funds in the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will provide Class Counsel and Defense Counsel with a final report detailing its disbursements by employee identification number only of all payments made under this Agreement. At least fifteen (15) days before any deadline set by the Court, the Administrator will prepare, and submit to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its disbursement of all payments required under this Agreement. Plaintiff is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration in Court.

8. **CLASS SIZE ESTIMATES and ESCALATOR CLAUSE**

- a. Based on its records, Defendant SBS estimates that, through of the date of this Settlement Agreement, there are about 1,341 Class Members who worked approximately 30,000 total workweeks during the Class Period. To the extent the number of workweeks in the SBS Class Period is found to exceed the estimated total workweeks of 30,000 by more than 10%, Defendant SBS may, at its discretion, end the SBS Class Period when the total workweeks worked by Class Members who were employed by SBS exceeds 33,000 or increase the SBS Payment proportionally for any Workweek above the 10%, and such increase shall be paid only by SBS.

- b. Based on its records, Defendant Cosmetix estimates that, through the date of this Settlement Agreement, that there are approximately 85 Class Members who were employed by Cosmetix who worked a total of approximately 10,000 Workweeks during the Cosmetix Class Period. To the extent the number of workweeks in the Cosmetix Class Period is found to exceed the estimated total workweeks of 10,000 by more than 10%, Defendant Cosmetix may, at its discretion, end the Cosmetix Class Period when the total workweeks worked by Class Members who were employed by Cosmetix, exceeds 11,000 or increase the Cosmetix Payment proportionally for any Workweek above the 10%, and such increase shall be paid only by Cosmetix.

9. **DEFENDANTS' RIGHT TO WITHDRAW.** If the number of valid Requests for Exclusion identified in the Exclusion List exceeds 10% of the total of all Class Members, either Defendant may, but is not obligated, to elect to withdraw from the Settlement. The Parties agree that, if either Defendant withdraws, the Settlement shall be void ab initio, have no force or effect whatsoever, and that neither Party will have any further obligation to perform under this Agreement; provided, however, the withdrawing Defendant will remain responsible for paying all Settlement Administration Expenses incurred to that point. If both Defendants withdraw, then Defendants shall bear such expenses equally. Defendants must notify Class Counsel and the Court of its election to withdraw not later than seven (7) days after the Administrator sends the final Exclusion List to Defense Counsel; late elections will have no effect on this threshold for an election.

10. **MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL.** Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, not later than sixteen (16) court days before the calendared Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff will file in Court, a motion for final approval of the Settlement that includes a request for approval of the PAGA settlement under Labor Code section 2699(l), a Proposed Final Approval Order and a proposed Judgment (collectively "Motion for Final Approval"). Plaintiff shall provide drafts of these documents to Defense Counsel not later than seven (7) days prior to filing the Motion for Final Approval. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve any disagreements concerning the Motion for Final Approval.

10.1. **Response to Objections.** Each Party retains the right to respond to any objection raised by a Participating Class Member, including the right to file responsive documents in Court no later than five (5) court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, or as otherwise ordered or accepted by the Court.

10.2. **Duty to Cooperate.** If the Court does not grant Final Approval or conditions Final Approval on any material change to the Settlement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), the Parties will expeditiously work together in good faith to address the Court's concerns by revising the Agreement as necessary to obtain Final Approval. The Court's decision to award less than the

amounts requested for the Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Administrator Expenses Payment shall not constitute a material modification to the Agreement within the meaning of this paragraph.

- 10.3. Continuing Jurisdiction of the Court. The Parties agree that, after entry of Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, Action, and the Settlement under C.C.P. section 664.6 solely for purposes of (i) enforcing this Agreement and/or Judgment, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters, and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as are permitted by law.
- 10.4. Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Parties, their respective counsel, and all Participating Class Members who did not object to the Settlement as provided in this Agreement, waive all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment and appellate proceedings, the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial, extraordinary writs, and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose such motions, writs or appeals. If an objector appeals the Judgment, the Parties' obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final, except as to matters that do not affect the amount of the Net Settlement Amount.
- 10.5. Appellate Court Orders to Vacate, Reverse, or Materially Modify Judgement. If the reviewing Court vacates, reverses, or modifies the Judgment in a manner that requires a material modification of this Agreement this Agreement shall be null and void. The Parties shall nevertheless expeditiously work together in good faith to address the appellate court's concerns and to obtain Final Approval and entry of Judgment, sharing, on an equal basis, any additional Administration Expenses reasonably incurred at the time of remittitur. An appellate decision to vacate, reverse, or modify the Court's award of the Class Representative Service Payment or any payments to Class Counsel shall not constitute a material modification of the Judgment within the meaning of this paragraph, as long as the Gross Settlement Amount remains unchanged.

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

12. **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.**

12.1. **No Admission of Liability, Class Certification or Representative Manageability for Other Purposes.** This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as an admission by Defendants that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint have merit or that Defendants have any liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended or construed as an admission by Plaintiff that Defendants' defenses in the Action have merit. The Parties agree that class certification and representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If, for any reason the Court does grant Preliminary Approval, Final Approval or enter Judgment, Defendants reserve the right to contest certification of any class for any reasons, and Defendants reserve all available defenses to the claims in the Action, and Plaintiff reserves the right to move for class certification on any grounds available and to contest Defendants' defenses. The Settlement, this Agreement and Parties' willingness to settle the Action will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, any litigation (except for proceedings to enforce or effectuate the Settlement and this Agreement).

12.2. **Confidentiality Prior to Preliminary Approval.** The Parties separately agree that, until the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement is filed, they and each of them will not disclose, disseminate and/or publicize, or cause or permit another person to disclose, disseminate or publicize, any of the terms of the Agreement directly or indirectly, specifically or generally, to any person, corporation, association, government agency, or other entity except: (1) to the Parties' attorneys, accountants, or spouses, all of whom will be instructed to keep this Agreement confidential; (2) counsel in a related matter; (3) to the extent necessary to report income to appropriate taxing authorities; (4) in response to a court order or subpoena; or (5) in response to an inquiry or subpoena issued by a state or federal government agency. Each Party agrees to immediately notify each other Party of any judicial or agency order, inquiry, or subpoena seeking such information. The Parties further agree not to, directly or indirectly, initiate any conversation or other communication, before the filing of the Motion for Preliminary Approval, with any third party regarding this Agreement or the matters giving rise to this Agreement except to respond only that "the matter was resolved," or words to that effect. The Parties will cause their respective counsel to comply with this Section 12.2 as though such counsel is party to this agreement, provided, that nothing in this paragraph will restrict Class Counsel's communications with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to

Class Members.

- 12.3. No Solicitation. The Parties separately agree that they and their respective counsel and employees will not solicit any Class Member to opt out of or ~~not~~ object to the Settlement, or appeal from the Judgment. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to restrict Class Counsel's ability to communicate with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.
- 12.4. Integrated Agreement. Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement together with its attached exhibits shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements made to or by any Party.
- 12.5. Attorney Authorization. The Parties separately warrant and represent that Class Counsel and Defense Counsel are authorized by Plaintiff and Defendants, respectively, to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents reasonably required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement including any amendments to this Agreement.
- 12.6. Cooperation. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts, in good faith, to implement the Settlement by, among other things, modifying the Settlement Agreement, submitting supplemental evidence and supplementing points and authorities as requested by the Court. In the event the Parties are unable to agree upon the form or content of any document necessary to implement the Settlement, or on any modification of the Agreement that may become necessary to implement the Settlement, the Parties will seek the assistance of a mediator and/or the Court for resolution.
- 12.7. No Prior Assignments. The Parties separately represent and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity and portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action, or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.
- 12.8. No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendants nor Defense Counsel are providing any advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.
- 12.9. Modification of Agreement. This Agreement, and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed, or waived only by an express written instrument signed by all

Parties or their representatives, and approved by the Court.

- 12.10. Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.
- 12.11. Applicable Law. All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be governed by and interpreted according to the internal laws of the state of California, without regard to conflict of law principles.
- 12.12. Cooperation in Drafting. The Parties have cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement. This Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was the drafter or participated in the drafting.
- 12.13. Confidentiality. To the extent permitted by law, all agreements made, and orders entered during Action and in this Agreement relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive the execution of this Agreement.
- 12.14. Use and Return of Class Data. Information provided to Class Counsel pursuant to Cal. Evid. Code §1152, and all copies and summaries of the Class Data provided to Class Counsel by Defendants in connection with the mediation, other settlement negotiations, or in connection with the Settlement, may be used only with respect to this Settlement, and no other purpose, and may not be used in any way that violates any existing contractual agreement, statute, or rule of court. Not later than 90 days after the date when the Court discharges the Administrator's obligation to provide a Declaration confirming the final pay out of all Settlement funds, Plaintiff and Class Counsel will destroy, all paper and electronic versions of Class Data received from Defendants.
- 12.15. Headings. The descriptive heading of any section or paragraph of this Agreement is inserted for convenience of reference only and does not constitute a part of this Agreement.
- 12.16. Calendar Days. Unless otherwise noted, all reference to "days" in this Agreement shall be to calendar days. In the event any date or deadline set forth in this Agreement falls on a weekend or federal legal holiday, such date or deadline shall be on the first business day thereafter.
- 12.17. Notice. All notices, demands or other communications between the Parties in connection with this Agreement will be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the third business day after mailing by United States mail, or the day sent by email or messenger, addressed as follows:

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- 12.18. Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by facsimile, electronically (i.e. DocuSign), or email which for purposes of this Agreement shall be accepted as an original. All executed counterparts and each of them will be deemed to be one and the same instrument if counsel for the Parties will exchange between themselves signed counterparts. Any executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.
- 12.19. Stay of Litigation. The Parties agree that upon the execution of this Agreement the litigation shall be stayed, except to effectuate the terms of this Agreement.
- 12.20. Fair Settlement. The Parties, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel believe that this

Agreement reflects a fair, reasonable, and adequate settlement of the Action and have arrived at this Agreement through arms-length negotiations, taking into account all relevant factors, both current and potential.

Dated: 06/13/2025

Ana Ferrer
Plaintiff ANA FERRER

Dated: 6/6/2025

Sandra Romero
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For Defendant SOUTH BAY SAFETY, INC.

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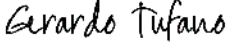
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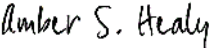
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“EXHIBIT A”

**COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND
HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL**

Ana Ferrer v. Cosmetix West, Inc.; South Bay Safety, Inc.; Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No.: 22STCV01006

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

You may be eligible to receive money from an employee class action lawsuit (the “Action”) against South Bay Safety, Inc. and Cosmetix West, Inc. (“SBS and Cosmetix” is used herein as a placeholder) (SBS and Cosmetix collectively referred to herein as “Defendants”) for alleged wage and hour violations. The Action was filed by a former employee of SBS who was placed at Cosmetix, Ana Ferrer (“Plaintiff”). Plaintiff seeks payment of (1) back wages and other relief for the Class of hourly paid, non-exempt employees of Cosmetix in California at any time during the Class Period October 28, 2020 through January 10, 2025; and hourly paid, non-exempt employees of SBS in California during the Class Period January 10, 2018, through December 21, 2023; and (2) civil penalties under the California Private Attorneys General Act (“PAGA”) for all hourly paid, non-exempt employees who were employed by SBS and placed at Cosmetix, and all hourly paid, non-exempt employees of Cosmetix, who worked in California during the PAGA Period January 25, 2021 through January 10, 2025 (“Aggrieved Employees”).

The proposed Settlement has two main parts: (1) a Class Settlement requiring SBS and Cosmetix to fund Individual Class Payments to Class Members, and (2) a PAGA Settlement requiring SBS and Cosmetix to fund the PAGA penalties to pay penalties to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”) and to Aggrieved Employees.

Based on SBS’s and Cosmetix’s records, and the Parties’ current assumptions, **your Individual Class Payment is estimated to be \$_____ (less withholding) and your Individual PAGA Payment is estimated to be \$_____**. The actual amount you may receive likely will be different and will depend on a number of factors. (If no amount is stated for your Individual PAGA Payment, then according to SBS’s and Cosmetix’s records you are not eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment under the Settlement because you did not work for SBS or Cosmetix during the PAGA Period.)

The above estimates are based on SBS’s and Cosmetix’s records showing that **you worked _____workweeks** in California during the Class Period and **you worked _____pay periods** in California during the PAGA Period. If you believe that you worked more workweeks and/or pay periods in California during either period, you can submit a challenge by the deadline date. See Section 4 of this Notice.

The Court has preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement and approved this Notice. The Court has not yet decided whether to grant final approval to the proposed Settlement. Your legal rights are affected whether you act or do not act. Read this Notice carefully. You will be deemed to have carefully read and understood this Notice. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will decide whether to finally approve the Settlement and how much of the Settlement will be paid to Plaintiff and Plaintiff’s attorneys (“Class Counsel”). The Court will also decide whether to enter a judgment that requires SBS and Cosmetix to make payments under the Settlement and in exchange requires Class Members and Aggrieved Employees to give up their rights to assert certain claims against

SBS and Cosmetix. The Court has not made any determination on the merits of the claims being alleged, all of which are strenuously denied by SBS and Cosmetix.

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

- (1) **Do Nothing.** You don't have to do anything to participate in the proposed Settlement and be eligible for an Individual Class Payment and/or an Individual PAGA Payment. As a Participating Class Member, though, you will give up your right to assert Class Period wage claims and PAGA Period penalty claims against SBS and Cosmetix.
- (2) **Opt-Out of the Class Settlement.** You can exclude yourself from the Class Settlement (opt-out) by submitting the written Request for Exclusion or otherwise notifying the Administrator in writing. If you opt-out of the Settlement, you will not receive an Individual Class Payment. If you are an Aggrieved Employee, you will receive your Individual PAGA Payment even if you elect to opt-out from the class portion of the settlement. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement.

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

SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT

You Don't Have to Do Anything to Participate in the Settlement	If you do nothing, you will be a Participating Class Member, eligible for an Individual Class Payment and an Individual PAGA Payment (if any). In exchange, you will give up your right to assert the wage claims against SBS and Cosmetix that are covered by this Settlement (Released Claims).
You Can Opt-out of the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement The Opt-out Deadline is 	If you don't want to fully participate in the proposed Settlement, you can opt-out of the Class Settlement by sending the Administrator a written Request for Exclusion. Once excluded, you will be a Non-Participating Class Member and no longer eligible for an Individual Class Payment. Non-Participating Class Members cannot object to any portion of the proposed Settlement. See Section 6 of this Notice. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement. If you are an Aggrieved Employee and exclude yourself, you will still be paid your Individual PAGA Payment stated above and will remain subject to the release of the Released PAGA Claims (defined below) regardless of whether you submit a request for exclusion.

Participating Class Members Can Object to the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement Written Objections Must be Submitted by 	All Class Members who do not opt-out (“Participating Class Members”) can object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement. The Court’s decision whether to finally approve the Settlement will include a determination of how much will be paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff who pursued the Action on behalf of the Class. You are not personally responsible for any payments to Class Counsel or Plaintiff, but every dollar paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff reduces the overall amount paid to Participating Class Members. You can object to the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff if you think they are unreasonable. See Section 7 of this Notice.
You Can Participate in the _____ Final Approval Hearing	The Court’s Final Approval Hearing is scheduled to take place on [date] [time], at [address] in [Department []] before Judge [[]]. The hearing may change as explained below in Section 8, below. You do not have to attend but you do have the right to appear (or hire an attorney to appear on your behalf at your own cost), in person, by telephone or by using the Court’s virtual appearance platform. Participating Class Members can verbally object to the Settlement at the Final Approval Hearing. See Section 8 of this Notice.
You Can Challenge the Calculation of Your Workweeks/Pay Periods Written Challenges Must be Submitted by 	The amount of your Individual Class Payment and PAGA Payment (if any) depend on how many workweeks you worked at least one day during the Class Period in California and how many Pay Periods you worked at least one day during the PAGA Period in California, respectively. The number of California-based Class Period Workweeks and number of PAGA Period Pay Periods you worked according to SBS’s and Cosmetix’s records is stated on the first page of this Notice. If you disagree with either of these numbers, you must challenge it by . See Section 4 of this Notice.

1. WHAT IS THE ACTION ABOUT?

Plaintiff is a former SBS employee who was placed at Cosmetix during her employment. On January 10, 2022, Plaintiff filed a class action complaint (the “Action”) against Defendants SBS and Cosmetix. Plaintiff asserted the following class claims against SBS and Cosmetix: failure to pay overtime wages, minimum wages, wages due upon termination; and failure to provide meal periods, rest breaks and accurate itemized wage statements. Plaintiff also asserted a claim against SBS and Cosmetix, alleging violation of the California Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698, et seq.) (“PAGA”). Plaintiff is represented by attorneys in the Action: Lavi & Ebrahimian, LLP (“Class Counsel”).

SBS and Cosmetix strongly deny that they have done anything wrong and dispute all the claims in

the Action. Specifically, SBS and Cosmetix contend that Plaintiff and the Class Members were, at all times, properly compensated for wages under California law; that Plaintiff and the Class Members were provided with meal and rest periods in compliance with California law; that SBS and Cosmetix did not fail to pay to Class Members any wages allegedly due at the time of their termination; that SBS and Cosmetix complied with California wage statement requirements; that SBS and Cosmetix did not violate California Business and Professions Code section 17200 et seq.; that SBS and Cosmetix are not liable for any of the penalties sought or that could be sought in the Action; and that this Action cannot be maintained as a class or representative action. The Court has not made any determination of the merits of the claims of Plaintiff or the defenses of SBS or Cosmetix. This means there has been no determination that SBS or Cosmetix did not comply with California law and SBS and Cosmetix maintain that they complied with the law at all times.

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

By signing a lengthy written settlement agreement (“Agreement”) and agreeing to jointly ask the Court to enter a judgment ending the Action and enforcing the Agreement, Plaintiff and SBS and Cosmetix have negotiated a proposed Settlement that is subject to the Court’s Final Approval. The Court has not ruled on the merits of Plaintiff’s claims. However, to avoid additional expense, inconvenience, and interference with the business operations of SBS and Cosmetix, the Parties concluded that it is in their best interests and the interests of the Class to settle the Action now on the terms summarized in this Class Notice. The Settlement was reached after mediation and arm’s-length negotiations between the Parties. Plaintiff and Class Counsel think the settlement is in the best interest of all Class Members.

Accordingly, the Settlement constitutes a compromise of disputed claims and should not be construed as an admission of liability on the part of SBS or Cosmetix, who expressly deny all liability.

The Court granted preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement on <<INSERT PRELIMINARY APPROVAL DATE>> and scheduled a hearing on <<DATE>> to determine Final Approval of the Settlement.

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

- a. SBS and Cosmetix Will Pay \$400,000.00 as the Gross Settlement Amount (Gross Settlement). SBS and Cosmetix have agreed to deposit the Gross Settlement into an account controlled by the Administrator of the Settlement. The Administrator will use the Gross Settlement to pay the Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel’s attorney’s fees and expenses, the Administrator’s expenses, and penalties to be paid to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”). Assuming the Court grants Final Approval, SBS and Cosmetix will fund the Gross Settlement not more than 30 days after the Judgment entered by the Court is final. The Judgment

will be final on the date the Court enters Judgment, or a later date if Participating Class Members object to the proposed Settlement or the Judgment is appealed.

- b. Court Approved Deductions from Gross Settlement. The proposed payments, subject to Court approval, will be deducted from the Gross Settlement Amount before payments of Individual Class Payments are made to Class Members who do not request exclusion (“Participating Class Members”). At the Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve the following deductions from the Gross Settlement, the amounts of which will be decided by the Court at the Final Approval Hearing:
- i. Up to \$133,333.33 (one-third of the Gross Settlement) to Class Counsel for attorneys’ fees and up to \$15,000.00 for their litigation expenses. To date, Class Counsel have worked and incurred expenses on the Action without payment.
 - ii. Up to \$7,500.00 to Plaintiff as a Class Representative Award for filing the Action, working with Class Counsel and representing the Class. A Class Representative Award will be the only monies Plaintiff will receive other than Plaintiff’s Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment.
 - iii. Up to \$20,000.00 to the Administrator for services administering the Settlement.
 - iv. Up to \$10,000.00 for PAGA Penalties, allocated 75% (\$7,500.00) to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (\$2,500.00) in Individual PAGA Payments to the Aggrieved Employees based on their PAGA Period Pay Periods.

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

- a. Net Settlement Distributed to Class Members. After making the above deductions in amounts approved by the Court, the Administrator will distribute the rest of the Gross Settlement (the “Net Settlement”) by making Individual Class Payments to Participating Class Members based on their Class Period Workweeks.
- b. Taxes Owed on Payments to Class Members. Plaintiff, SBS and Cosmetix are asking the Court to approve an allocation of twenty percent (20%) of each Individual Class Payment to settlement of wage claims (“Wage Portion”); and eighty percent (80%) of each Individual Class Payment to settlement of claims for alleged non-wages, interest, and penalties, etc. (collectively the “Non-Wage Portion”). The Wage Portion is subject to withholdings and will be reported on IRS W-2 Forms (SBS and Cosmetix will separately pay employer payroll taxes it owes on the Wage Portion). The Non-Wage Portion shall not be subject to wage withholdings and shall be reported on IRS Form 1099. The Individual PAGA Payments are counted as penalties rather than wages for tax purposes. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments (and the Non-Wage Portions) of the Individual Class Payments on IRS

Form 1099.

Although the Parties have agreed to these allocations, neither Plaintiff, SBS, Cosmetix, Class Counsel, nor Defense Counsel, are giving you any advice on whether your Payments are taxable or how much you might owe in taxes.

The employee portion of all applicable income and payroll taxes will be the responsibility of the Participating Class Members. Neither Class Counsel nor Defendant's Counsel intend anything contained in this Class Notice to constitute advice regarding taxes or taxability. The tax issues for each Participating Class Member are unique to him/her, and each Participating Class Member may wish to consult a tax advisor concerning the tax consequences of the payments received under the Settlement.

- c. Need to Promptly Cash Payment Checks. The front of every check issued for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments will show the date when the check expires (the void date). If you don't cash it by the void date, your check will be automatically cancelled, and the monies will be deposited with the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in your name.

If the monies represented by your check is sent to the Controller's Unclaimed Property, you should consult the rules of the Fund for instructions on how to retrieve your money.

- a. Requests for Exclusion from the Class Settlement (Opt-Outs). You will be treated as a Participating Class Member, participating fully in the Class Settlement, unless you notify the Administrator in writing, not later than, <<DATE>> that you wish to opt-out. The easiest way to notify the Administrator is to send a written and signed Request for Exclusion by the Response Deadline. The Request for Exclusion should be a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative setting forth a Class Member's name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement electing to be excluded from the Settlement. Excluded Class Members (i.e., Non-Participating Class Members) will not receive Individual Class Payments, but will preserve their rights to personally pursue wage and hour claims against SBS and Cosmetix.
- b. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the Settlement. Class Members who exclude themselves from the Class Settlement (Non-Participating Class Members) remain eligible for Individual PAGA Payments and are required to give up their right to assert PAGA claims against SBS and Cosmetix based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action.
- c. The Proposed Settlement Will be Void if the Court Denies Final Approval. It is possible the Court will decline to grant Final Approval of the Settlement or decline enter a Judgment. It is also possible the Court will enter a Judgment that is reversed on appeal. Plaintiffs and SBS and Cosmetix have agreed that, in either case, the Settlement will be void: SBS and Cosmetix will not pay any money and Class

Members will not release any claims against SBS and Cosmetix.

- d. Administrator. The Court has appointed a neutral company, Simpluris, Inc. (the “Administrator”) to send this Notice, calculate and make payments, and process Class Members’ Requests for Exclusion. The Administrator will also decide Class Member Challenges over Workweeks, mail and re-mail settlement checks and tax forms, and perform other tasks necessary to administer the Settlement. The Administrator’s contact information is contained in Section 9 of this Notice.
- e. Participating Class Members’ Release. After the Judgment is final and SBS and Cosmetix have fully funded the Gross Settlement (and separately paid all employer payroll taxes), Participating Class Members will be legally barred from asserting any of the claims released under the Settlement. This means that unless you opted out by validly excluding yourself from the Class Settlement, you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against SBS or Cosmetix or related entities for wages based on the Class Period facts and PAGA penalties based on PAGA Period facts, as alleged in the Action and resolved by this Settlement.

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

All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Released Parties from (i) all claims that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint which occurred during the Class Period during employment in a non-exempt hourly position in California (the “Released Class Claims”). Except as set forth in Section 5.2 of the Settlement Agreement, Participating Class Members do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers’ compensation, claims based on facts occurring outside the Class Period.

- f. Aggrieved Employees’ PAGA Release. After the Court’s judgment is final, and SBS and Cosmetix have paid the Gross Settlement (and separately paid the employer-side payroll taxes), all Aggrieved Employees will be barred from asserting PAGA claims against SBS and Cosmetix, whether or not they exclude themselves from the Settlement. This means that all Aggrieved Employees, including those who are Participating Class Members and those who opt-out of the Class Settlement, cannot sue, continue to sue, or participate in any other PAGA claim against SBS and Cosmetix or their related entities based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action and resolved by this Settlement.

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

All Participating and Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former

and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties, from all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the PAGA Period facts stated in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice (the “Released PAGA Claims”).

4. HOW WILL THE ADMINISTRATOR CALCULATE MY PAYMENT?

- a. Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual Class Payments by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members, and (b) multiplying the result by the number of Workweeks worked by each individual Participating Class Member.
- b. Individual PAGA Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual PAGA Payments by (a) dividing \$ [REDACTED] by the total number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees and (b) multiplying the result by the number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by each individual Aggrieved Employee.
- c. Workweek/Pay Period Challenges. The number of Class Workweeks you worked during the Class Period and the number of PAGA Pay Periods you worked in California during the PAGA Period, as recorded in SBS’s and Cosmetix’s records, are stated in the first page of this Notice. You have until <<DATE>> to challenge the number of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods credited to you. You can submit your challenge by signing and sending a letter to the Administrator via mail, email or fax. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator’s contact information.

You need to support your challenge by sending copies of pay stubs or other records. The Administrator will accept SBS’s and Cosmetix’s calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods based on SBS’s and Cosmetix’s records as accurate unless you send copies of records containing contrary information. You should send copies rather than originals because the documents will not be returned to you. The Administrator will resolve Workweek and/or Pay Period challenges based on your submission and on input from Class Counsel (who will advocate on behalf of Participating Class Members) and SBS’s and Cosmetix’s Counsel. The Administrator’s decision is final. You cannot appeal or otherwise challenge its final decision.

5. HOW WILL I GET PAID?

- a. Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single check to every Participating Class Member (i.e., every Class Member who does not opt-out) including those who also qualify as Aggrieved Employees. The single check will combine the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment.
- b. Non-Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single Individual PAGA Payment check to every Aggrieved Employee who opts out of the Class Settlement (i.e., every Non-Participating Class Member).

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

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

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

7. HOW DO I OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT?

Only Participating Class Members have the right to object to the Settlement. Before deciding whether to object, you may wish to see what Plaintiff and SBS and Cosmetix are asking the Court to approve. At least 16 court days before the [REDACTED] Final Approval Hearing, Class Counsel and/or Plaintiff will file in Court (1) a Motion for Final Approval that includes, among other things, the reasons why the proposed Settlement is fair, and (2) a Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Service Award stating (i) the amount Class Counsel is requesting for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses; and (ii) the amount Plaintiff is requesting as a Class Representative Service Award. Upon reasonable request, Class Counsel (whose contact information is in Section 9 of this Notice) will send you copies of these documents at no cost to you. You can also view them on the Administrator's Website [REDACTED] or the Court's website [REDACTED].

A Participating Class Member who disagrees with any aspect of the Agreement, the Motion for Final Approval and/or Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Service Award may wish to object, for example, that the proposed Settlement is unfair, or that the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff are too high or too low. **The deadline for sending written objections to the Administrator is [REDACTED].** Be sure to tell the Administrator what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. Make sure you identify the Action *Ana Ferrer v. Cosmetix West, Inc.; South Bay Safety, Inc.* and include your name, current address, telephone number, and approximate dates of employment for SBS and Cosmetix and sign the objection. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

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

8. CAN I ATTEND THE FINAL APPROVAL HEARING?

You may, but you do not have to attend, the Final Approval Hearing on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] in Department 12 of the Los Angeles Superior Court, located at 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. At the Hearing, the judge will decide whether to grant Final Approval of the Settlement and how much of the Gross Settlement will be paid to Class Counsel, Plaintiff, and the Administrator. The Court will invite comment from objectors, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel before making a decision. You can attend (or hire a lawyer to attend) either personally or virtually via LACourtConnect (<https://www.lacourt.org/lacc/>). Check the Court's website for the most current information.

It's possible the Court will reschedule the Final Approval Hearing. You should check the Administrator's website [REDACTED] beforehand or contact Class Counsel to verify the date and time of the Final Approval Hearing.

9. HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The Agreement sets forth everything SBS, Cosmetix and Plaintiff have promised to do under the proposed Settlement. The easiest way to read the Agreement, the Judgment or any other Settlement documents is to go to [REDACTED]'s website at [REDACTED]. You can also telephone or send an email to Class Counsel or the Administrator using the contact information listed below, or consult the Superior Court website by going to <http://www.lacourt.org/casesummary/ui/index.aspx> and entering the Case Number for the Action, Case No. 22STCV01006. You can also make an appointment to personally review court documents in the Clerk's Office at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse by calling (213) 830-0800.

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

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10. WHAT IF I LOSE MY SETTLEMENT CHECK?

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

check is already void you should consult the Unclaimed Property Fund for instructions on how to retrieve the funds.

11. WHAT IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS?

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