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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA**

STEPHEN JARAMILLO, as an individual
and on behalf of all others similarly
situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

USS-UPI, LLC, a Delaware limited
liability company formerly known as
USS POSCO Industries; and DOES 1
through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: C22-00641

(Assigned to the Honorable Charles S. Treat,
Dept. 12)

**DECLARATION OF STEPHEN
JARAMILLO IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO APPROVE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PURSUANT
TO THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL
ACT OF 2004**

Date: TBD
Time: 8:30 A.M.
Dept.: 12

Complaint Filed: April 7, 2022
Trial Date: None Set

DECLARATION OF STEPHEN JARAMILLO

I, Stephen Jaramillo, declare as follows:

1. I am an individual over the age of 18. I am the named Plaintiff in the above-referenced action. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below and if called to testify I could and would do so competently.

2. This declaration is submitted in support of Plaintiff's Motion to Approve the Settlement Agreement Pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004.

3. I was employed by Defendant USS-UPI, LLC ("Defendant") as an Operation Technician from approximately 2006, through 2022.

4. During my employment with Defendant, I allege that I regularly received late payment of wages. For example, during the pay period of August 29, 2021, through September 11, 2021, Defendant paid me my wages on September 21, 2021, which is more than 7 days after the end of the pay period.

5. I understood that this action was also being prosecuted on behalf of the State of California as a private attorney general. During the pendency of this lawsuit, I was required to provide assistance to my attorneys, including speaking with them and providing them with documents and information and reviewing filings and the notice to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency. I estimate that I spent at least 25 hours meeting and/or conferring with my attorneys in assisting to prosecute the claims in this lawsuit, which included providing copies of documents and discussing the proposed settlement and Defendant's policies and procedures.

6. I have spent time assisting my attorneys to gather evidence and to answer questions as necessary. Throughout this case, I have been kept apprised of the status of this case.

7. I believe that the settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable for employees and the State of California. I am proud of the result and accomplishment of this lawsuit.

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1 I feel that it is a positive accomplishment and understand that other people and the State of
2 California will benefit because of the actions that I have taken.

3 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
4 foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 17th day of January 2024, at San Francisco,
5 California.

DocuSigned by:

Stephen Jaramillo

Stephen Jaramillo