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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE

KIMBERLY JIMENEZ, an individual, on behalf of herself and others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

QUADIENT, INC., a Delaware corporation; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 30-2024-01408972-CU-OE-CXC

JOINT STIPULATION OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE

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JOINT STIPULATION OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE

This Joint Stipulation of Class Action and PAGA Settlement and Release ("Settlement" or "Settlement Agreement") is made and entered into by and between Plaintiff Kimberly Jimenez ("Plaintiff" or "Class Representative"), as an individual and on behalf of all others similarly situated, and Defendant Quadient, Inc. ("Defendant") (collectively with Plaintiff, the "Parties").

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are applicable to this Settlement Agreement. Definitions contained elsewhere in this Settlement Agreement will also be effective:

1. "Action" means *Jimenez v. Quadient, Inc.*, No. 30-2024-01408972-CU-OE-CXC (Orange County Superior Court).

2. "Attorneys' Fees and Costs" means attorneys' fees agreed upon by the Parties and approved by the Court for Class Counsel's litigation and resolution of the Action, and all out-of-pocket costs incurred and to be incurred by Class Counsel in the Action, including but not limited to expert/consultant fees, investigation costs, and costs associated with documenting the Settlement, providing any notices required as part of the Settlement or Court order, securing the Court's approval of the Settlement, administering the Settlement, and obtaining entry of a Judgment terminating the Action. Class Counsel will request attorneys' fees not in excess of one-third (1/3) of the Gross Settlement Amount, or One Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Dollars ($168,333). The Attorneys' Fees and Costs will also mean and include the additional reimbursement of any costs and expenses associated with Class Counsel's litigation and settlement of the Action, up to Twenty -Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000), subject to the Court's approval. The costs issued to class counsel shall be paid out of the GSA. Defendant has agreed not to oppose Class Counsel's request for fees and reimbursement of costs as set forth above. No greater than twenty percent (20%) of the GSA shall be attributable to wages.

3. "Class Counsel" means D.Law, Inc.

4. "Class List" means a complete list of all Class Members that Defendant will diligently and in good faith compile from its records and provide to the Settlement Administrator and Class Counsel within twenty-one (21) calendar days after Preliminary Approval of this Settlement. The Class

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List will be formatted in Microsoft Office Excel and will include each Class Member's full name; most recent mailing address and telephone number; Social Security number; dates of employment; the respective number of Workweeks that each Class Member worked during the Class Period and PAGA Period; and any other relevant information needed to calculate settlement payments.

5. "Class Member(s)" or "Settlement Class" means "all hourly, non-exempt employees who work/worked for Defendants in California during the class release and PAGA release periods." There were approximately 246 Class Members as of the date of mediation.

6. "Class Notice" means the Notice of Class Action Settlement, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A.

7. "Class Period" means the period from June 21, 2020, through August 31, 2025.

8. "Class Representative Enhancement Payment" means the amount to be paid to Plaintiff in recognition of his effort and work in prosecuting the Action on behalf of Class Members, and for his general release of claims. Subject to the Court granting final approval of this Settlement Agreement and subject to the exhaustion of any and all appeals, Plaintiff will request Court approval of a Class Representative Enhancement Payment of up to Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($7,500).

9. "Court" means the Orange County Superior Court.

10. "Defendant" means Defendant Quadient, Inc.

11. "Effective Date" means the date on which the following events have occurred: (a) this Settlement Agreement has been executed by all Parties and their counsel; (b) the Court has entered an order granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement; (c) the Class Notice has been mailed to the Class Members, and the Response Deadline has passed; (d) the Court has entered a Judgment approving the Settlement; (e) the period for filing any appeal, writ or other appellate proceeding opposing the Settlement has elapsed without any appeal, writ or other appellate proceeding having been filed; i.e., within 60 calendar days after entry of the Judgment; or (f) when any appeal, writ or other appellate proceeding opposing the Settlement has been dismissed finally and conclusively with no right to pursue further remedies or relief; or (g) when any appeal, writ or other appellate proceeding has upheld the Court's Judgment with no right to pursue further remedies or relief.

12. "Final Approval" means the date on which the Court enters an order granting final

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approval of the Settlement Agreement.

13. "Gross Settlement Amount" means the Gross Settlement Amount of Five Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars ($505,000), to be paid by Defendant in full satisfaction of all Released Class Claims and Released PAGA Claims, which includes all Individual Settlement Payments, Attorneys' Fees and Costs, the Class Representative Enhancement Payment, the PAGA Settlement Amount, and Settlement Administration Costs. This Gross Settlement Amount has been agreed to by Plaintiff and Defendant based on the aggregation of the agreed-upon settlement value of individual claims. In no event will Defendant be liable for more than the Gross Settlement Amount except as otherwise explicitly set forth herein. There will be no reversion of the Gross Settlement Amount to Defendant. Defendant will be separately responsible for any employer payroll taxes required by law, including the employer FICA, FUTA, and SDI contributions, which shall not be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount.

14. "Individual Settlement Payment" means each Participating Class Member's and PAGA Member's respective shares of the Net Settlement Fund and PAGA Fund.

15. "Net Settlement Fund" means the portion of the Gross Settlement Amount remaining after deducting the Attorneys' Fees and Costs, the Class Representative Enhancement Payment, the PAGA Settlement Amount, and Settlement Administration Costs. The Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Participating Class Members. There will be no reversion of the Net Settlement Fund to Defendant.

16. "Notice of Objection" means a Class Member's valid and timely written objection to the Settlement Agreement. For the Notice of Objection to be valid, it must include: (a) the objector's full name, signature, address, and telephone number, (b) a written statement of all grounds for the objection accompanied by any legal support for such objection; (c) copies of any papers, briefs, or other documents upon which the objection is based; and (d) a statement whether the objector intends to appear at the final fairness hearing.

17. "PAGA Members" means all persons who were employed by Defendant in the State of California in non-exempt positions at any time during the PAGA Period.

18. "PAGA Period" means the period from June 21, 2023 through August 31, 2025.

19. "PAGA Settlement Amount" means the amount that the Parties have agreed to pay to

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the Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") and PAGA Members in connection with Plaintiff's claim under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (Cal. Lab. Code §§ 2698, *et seq.*, "PAGA") ("PAGA Settlement"). The Parties have agreed that One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($50,000) of the Gross Settlement Amount will be allocated to the PAGA Settlement. Pursuant to PAGA, Sixty-Five Percent (65%), or Thirty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($32,500), of the PAGA Settlement Amount will be paid to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA Payment"), and Twenty-Five Percent (35%), or Seventeen Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars ($17,500) ("PAGA Fund"), of the PAGA Settlement will be disbursed to PAGA Members, and regardless whether they request to be excluded from the Settlement Class.

20. "Parties" means Plaintiff and Defendant collectively.

21. "Participating Class Members" means all Class Members who do not submit timely and valid Requests for Exclusion.

22. "Plaintiff" means Plaintiff Kimberly Jimenez.

23. "Preliminary Approval" means the date on which the Court enters an order granting preliminary approval of the Settlement Agreement.

24. "Released Class Claims" means any and all claims, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, guarantees, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, action or causes of action, known and unknown, contingent or accrued for, that were alleged or could have been alleged based on the facts and matters alleged in the First Amended Complaint and notice to the LWDA, including without limitation to, any and all claims for unreimbursed business expenses, alleged unpaid wages (including but not limited to overtime and minimum wages, and premiums), failure to provide meal periods and rest breaks and alleged unpaid meal period and rest break premiums, itemized wage statement penalties, sick pay, failure to maintain payroll records, waiting time penalties, failure to timely pay wages during employment, failure to maintain records, , or relief under Business & Professions Code (including Section 17200 *et seq.*) based on the preceding claims, and claims for restitution and other equitable relief, liquidated damages, punitive damages, or penalties (but not including PAGA penalties) based on the facts and matters alleged in the First Amended Complaint and notice to the LWDA.

25. "Released PAGA Claims" means all claims for civil penalties under PAGA that that

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were alleged or could have been alleged based on the facts and matters alleged in the First Amended Complaint and notice to the LWDA.

26. "Released Parties" means Defendant as well as its/their past or present officers, directors, shareholders, agents, principals, heirs, representatives, accountants, auditors, consultants, insurers and reinsurers, attorneys, and its/their respective successors and predecessors in interest, subsidiaries, affiliates, parents and attorneys, if any.

27. "Request for Exclusion" means a timely letter submitted by a Class Member indicating a request to be excluded from the Settlement Class. The Request for Exclusion must: (a) set forth the name, address, telephone number and last four digits of the Social Security Number of the Class Member requesting exclusion; (b) be signed by the Class Member; (c) be returned to the Settlement Administrator; (d) clearly state that the Class Member does not wish to be included in the Settlement; and (e) be postmarked on or before the Response Deadline.

28. "Response Deadline" means the deadline by which Class Members must postmark or fax to the Settlement Administrator Requests for Exclusion, postmark or fax disputes concerning the calculation of Individual Settlement Payments, or postmark Notices of Objection to the Settlement Administrator. The Response Deadline will be sixty-five (65) calendar days from the initial mailing of the Class Notice by the Settlement Administrator, unless the sixty-fifth (65th) calendar day falls on a Sunday or State holiday, in which case the Response Deadline will be extended to the next day on which the U.S. Postal Service is open.

29. "Settlement Administration Costs" means the costs payable from the Gross Settlement Amount to the Settlement Administrator for administering this Settlement, including, but not limited to, printing, distributing, and tracking documents for this Settlement, tax reporting, distributing the Gross Settlement Amount, and providing necessary reports and declarations, as requested by the Parties. The Settlement Administration Costs will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, including, if necessary, any such costs in excess of the amount represented by the Settlement Administrator as being the maximum costs necessary to administer the Settlement Administration Costs are currently estimated to be Seven thousand four hundred and ninety dollars ($7,490).

30. "Settlement Administrator" means Apex Class Action Administration, or any other

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third-party class action settlement administrator agreed to by the Parties and approved by the Court for the purposes of administering this Settlement. The Parties each represent that they do not have any financial interest in the Settlement Administrator or otherwise have a relationship with the Settlement Administrator that could create a conflict of interest.

31. "Workweeks" means the number of weeks a Class Member was actively employed and performed at least one day of work in a Workweek during the Class Period. Defendant's payroll records shall control, but Settlement Class Members will have the right to challenge their number of workweeks. All Class Members will be credited with at least one Workweek during the Class Period, and all PAGA Members will be credited with at least one Workweek during the PAGA Period.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

The Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and the Settlement Class, and Defendant agree as follows:

32. Funding of the Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant will make a one-time deposit of the Gross Settlement Amount ("GSA") of Five Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars ($505,000) into a Qualified Settlement Account to be established by the Settlement Administrator. The Defendant shall fund the GSA by paying $505,000 within 30 days after the court issues it's final approval order approving the motion for final approval of the settlement. Defendant will pay the employer's share of payroll taxes separately. After the Effective Date, the Gross Settlement Amount will be used for: (a) Individual Settlement Payments; (b) the LWDA Payment; (c) the Class Representative Enhancement Payment; (d) Attorneys' Fees and Costs; and (e) Settlement Administration Costs. Defendant will deposit the Gross Settlement Amount and the employer's share of payroll taxes within thirty (30) calendar days of the Effective Date ("Funding Date").

33. Attorneys' Fees and Costs. Defendant agrees not to oppose or impede any application or motion for attorneys' fees and costs by Class Counsel for Attorneys' Fees and Costs of not more than One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars ($168,333), plus the reimbursement of all out-of-pocket costs and expenses associated with Class Counsel's litigation and settlement of the Action (including expert/consultant fees, investigations costs, etc.), not to exceed Twenty - Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000), both of which will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount.

34. Class Representative Enhancement Payment. In exchange for a general release, and in

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recognition of his effort and work in prosecuting the Action on behalf of Class Members, Defendant agrees not to oppose or impede any application or motion for a Class Representative Enhancement Payment of up to Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($7,500). The Class Representative Enhancement Payment will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount and will be in addition to Plaintiff's Individual Settlement Payment paid pursuant to the Settlement. Plaintiff will be solely and legally responsible to pay any and all applicable taxes on the Class Representative Enhancement Payment. Plaintiff understands and agrees that this Settlement Agreement shall remain in full force and effect even if the full amount of Class Representative Enhancement Payment sought by Plaintiff is not ultimately awarded by the Court. Plaintiff will not release her individual claims as set forth in her EEOC Charge of Discrimination that is now pending against Defendant as part of this settlement. That is, Plaintiff's individual claims are "carved out" from this agreement.

35. Settlement Administration Costs. The Settlement Administrator will be paid for the reasonable costs of administration of the Settlement and distribution of payments from the Gross Settlement Amount, which is currently estimated to be Seven thousand four hundred and ninety dollars ($7,490). These costs, which will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, will include, *inter alia*, the required tax reporting on the Individual Settlement Payments, the issuing of 1099 and W-2 IRS Forms, distributing Class Notices, calculating and distributing the Gross Settlement Amount, calculating Defendant's payroll tax obligations, and providing necessary reports and declarations.

36. PAGA Settlement Amount. Subject to Court approval, the Parties agree that the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($50,000) from the Gross Settlement Amount will be designated for satisfaction of Plaintiff's PAGA claim. Pursuant to PAGA, Seventy-Five Percent (65%), or Thirty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($32,500), of this sum will be paid to the LWDA and Twenty-Five Percent (35%), or Seventeen Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars ($17,500), will be paid to PAGA Members in proportion to the number of Workweeks worked during the PAGA Period.

37. No Right to Exclusion or Objections to the PAGA Settlement. Because this settlement resolves claims and actions brought pursuant to PAGA by Plaintiff acting as a proxy and as a Private Attorney General of, and for, the State of California and the LWDA, the Parties agree that no PAGA Member has the right to exclude himself or herself from the release of the Released PAGA Claims, and

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all PAGA Members will receive their shares of the PAGA Fund. The Parties also agree that no PAGA Member has the right to object to the PAGA Settlement Amount.

38. Net Settlement Fund. The entire Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Participating Class Members. No portion of the Net Settlement Fund will revert to or be retained by Defendant.

39. PAGA Fund. The entire PAGA Fund will be distributed to all PAGA Members. No portion of the PAGA Fund will revert to or be retained by Defendant.

40. Individual Settlement Payment Calculations. Individual Settlement Payments will be calculated and apportioned from the Net Settlement Fund and PAGA Fund based on the number of Workweeks a Class Member worked during the Class Period and PAGA Period. Specific calculations of Individual Settlement Payments will be made as follows:

40(a) Payments from the Net Settlement Fund. Defendant will calculate the total number of Workweeks worked by each Class Member during the Class Period and the aggregate total number of Workweeks worked by all Class Members during the Class Period. To determine each Class Member's estimated "Individual Settlement Payment" from the Net Settlement Fund, the Settlement Administrator will use the following formula: The Net Settlement Fund will be divided by the aggregate total number of Workweeks during the Class Period, resulting in the "Workweek Value." Each Class Member's "Individual Settlement Payment" will be calculated by multiplying each individual Class Member's total number of Workweeks by the Workweek Value. The Individual Settlement Payment will be reduced by any required deductions for each Participating Class Member as specifically set forth herein, including employee-side tax withholdings or deductions. The entire Net Settlement Fund will be disbursed to all Class Members who do not submit timely and valid Requests for Exclusion. If there are any valid and timely Requests for Exclusion, the Settlement Administrator shall proportionately increase the Individual Settlement Payment for each Participating Class Member according to the number of

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Workweeks worked, so that the amount actually distributed to the Settlement Class equals 100% of the Net Settlement Fund.

40(b) Payments from the PAGA Fund. Defendant will calculate the total number of Workweeks worked by each PAGA Member during the PAGA Period and the aggregate total number of Workweeks worked by all PAGA Members during the PAGA Period. To determine each PAGA Member's estimated "Individual Settlement Payment," the Settlement Administrator will use the following formula: The PAGA Fund will be divided by the aggregate total number of Workweeks during the PAGA Period, resulting in the "PAGA Workweek Value." Each PAGA Member's "Individual Settlement Payment" will be calculated by multiplying each individual PAGA Member's total number of Workweeks by the PAGA Workweek Value. The entire PAGA Fund will be disbursed to all PAGA Members.

41. No Credit Toward Benefit Plans. The Individual Settlement Payments made to Participating Class Members under this Settlement, as well as any other payments made pursuant to this Settlement, will not be utilized to calculate any additional benefits under any benefit plans to which any Class Members may be eligible, including, but not limited to profit-sharing plans, bonus plans, 401(k) plans, stock purchase plans, vacation plans, sick leave plans, PTO plans, and any other benefit plan. Rather, it is the Parties' intention that this Settlement Agreement will not affect any rights, contributions, or amounts to which any Class Members may be entitled under any benefit plans.

42. Administration Process. The Parties agree to cooperate in the administration of the settlement and to make all reasonable efforts to control and minimize the costs and expenses incurred in administration of the Settlement.

43. Delivery of the Class List. Within fourteen (14) calendar days of the Court granting Preliminary Approval, Defendant will provide the Class List to the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator will keep the Class List strictly confidential and not divulge any Class Member identities or contact information to Class Counsel.

44. Notice by First-Class U.S. Mail. Within seven (7) calendar days after receiving the Class

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List from Defendant, the Settlement Administrator will mail a Class Notice to all Class Members via regular First-Class U.S. Mail, using the most current, known mailing addresses identified in the Class List.

45. Confirmation of Updated Contact Information in the Class Lists. Prior to mailing, the Settlement Administrator will perform a search based on the National Change of Address Database for information to update and correct for any known or identifiable address changes. Any Class Notices returned to the Settlement Administrator as non-deliverable on or before the Response Deadline will be sent promptly via regular First-Class U.S. Mail to the forwarding address affixed thereto and the Settlement Administrator will indicate the date of such re-mailing on the Class Notice. If no forwarding address is provided, the Settlement Administrator will promptly attempt to determine the correct address using a skip-trace, or other search using the name, address and/or Social Security Number of the Class Member involved, and will then perform a single re-mailing. Those Class Members who receive a re-mailed Class Notice, whether by skip-trace or by request, will have either (a) an additional fifteen (15) calendar days or (b) until the Response Deadline, whichever is later, to submit a Request for Exclusion or an objection to the Settlement.

46. Class Notices. All Class Members will be mailed a Class Notice. Each Class Notice will provide: (a) information regarding the nature of the Action; (b) a summary of the Settlement's principal terms; (c) the Settlement Class and PAGA Member definitions; (d) the total number of Workweeks each respective Class Member and PAGA Member worked for Defendant during the Class Period and PAGA Period; (e) each Class Member's and PAGA Member's estimated Individual Settlement Payment and the formula for calculating Individual Settlement Payments; (f) the dates which comprise the Class Period and PAGA Period; (g) instructions on how to submit Requests for Exclusion or Notices of Objection; (h) the deadlines by which the Class Member must postmark or fax Request for Exclusions, or postmark Notices of Objection to the Settlement; and (i) the claims to be released.

47. Disputed Information on Class Notices. Class Members will have an opportunity to dispute the information provided in their Class Notices. To the extent Class Members dispute their employment dates or the number of Workweeks on record, Class Members may produce evidence to the Settlement Administrator showing that such information is inaccurate. Defendant's records will be

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presumed correct, but the Settlement Administrator shall contact the Parties regarding the dispute, without divulging Class Member identity or contact information to Class Counsel, and the Parties will work in good faith to resolve it. All disputes must be submitted by the Response Deadline and will be decided by the Settlement Administrator within ten (10) business days after the Response Deadline.

48. Defective Submissions. If a Class Member's Request for Exclusion is defective as to the requirements listed herein, that Class Member will be given an opportunity to cure the defect(s). The Settlement Administrator will mail the Class Member a cure letter within three (3) business days of receiving the defective submission to advise the Class Member that his/her/their submission is defective and that the defect must be cured to render the Request for Exclusion valid. The Class Member will have until (a) the Response Deadline or (b) fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of the cure letter, whichever date is later, to postmark or fax a revised Request for Exclusion. If the revised Request for Exclusion is not postmarked or received by fax within that period, it will be deemed untimely.

49. Request for Exclusion Procedures. Any Class Member wishing to opt-out from the Settlement Agreement must sign and fax or postmark a written Request for Exclusion to the Settlement Administrator within the Response Deadline. In the case of Requests for Exclusion that are mailed to the Settlement Administrator, the postmark date will be the exclusive means to determine whether a Request for Exclusion has been timely submitted. The Settlement Administrator will provide the data and counts of any exclusion requests but will not provide Class Member identity or contact information to Class Counsel.

50. Escalator. Defendant represents that Class Members worked approximately 22,650 Workweeks during the Class Period. If, on final calculation, the total number of workweeks is greater than 10% higher than 22,650 workweeks (i.e., greater than 24,915 workweeks), then the Gross Settlement Amount may, at Defendant's sole option: (1) be increased proportionally by the number of workweeks worked in excess of 24,915 workweeks, multiplied by the per workweek value, or (2) be cut off as of the date the workweeks reach 24,915. Class Counsel's attorney's fees may increase proportionately with the increased Gross Settlement Amount under this clause, if any.

51. Settlement Terms Bind All Class Members Who Do Not Opt-Out. Any Class Member who does not affirmatively opt-out of the Settlement Agreement by submitting a timely and valid

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Request for Exclusion will be bound by all of its terms, including those pertaining to the Released Class Claims, as well as any Judgment that may be entered by the Court if it grants final approval to the Settlement.

52. Releases by Participating Class Members. Upon the Funding Date, and except as to such rights or claims as may be created by this Settlement Agreement, each Participating Class Member, together and individually, on their behalf and on behalf of their respective heirs, executors, administrators, agents, successors and assigns, and attorneys, shall fully and forever release and discharge all of the Released Parties, or any of them, from each of the Released Class Claims arising during the Class Period.

53. Releases by PAGA Members. Upon the Funding Date, and except as to such rights or claims as may be created by this Settlement Agreement, each PAGA Member, together and individually, on their behalf and on behalf of their respective heirs, executors, administrators, agents, successors and assigns, and attorneys, shall fully and forever release and discharge all of the Released Parties, or any of them, from each of the Released PAGA Claims during the PAGA Period.

54. Defendant's Right to Rescind. Defendant will have, in its sole discretion, the right to void and withdraw from the Settlement if, at any time prior to Final Approval, Ten Percent (10%) or more of Class Members opt out of the settlement. Defendant must exercise this right of rescission in writing to Class Counsel within twenty-one (21) calendar days after the Response Deadline. If the option to rescind is exercised, then Defendant will be solely responsible for all Settlement Administration Costs incurred to the date of rescission. In that event, neither Plaintiff nor Defendant may use this Agreement or the negotiations leading to this Settlement Agreement as evidence of the certifiability of the class, to establish liability, to prove damages, or to substantiate penalties, and the Parties will return to their respective pre-mediation positions without prejudice.

55. Objection Procedures. To object to the Settlement Agreement, a Class Member may either postmark a valid Notice of Objection to the Settlement Administrator on or before the Response Deadline, or appear in person at the Final Approval Hearing. Class Members who fail to object either by submitting a valid Notice of Objection or appearing in person at the Final Approval Hearing will be deemed to have waived all objections to the Settlement and will be foreclosed from making any

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objections, whether by appeal or otherwise, to the Settlement Agreement. At no time will any of the Parties or their counsel seek to solicit or otherwise encourage Class Members to submit written objections to the Settlement Agreement or appeal from the final approval order and judgment. Class Counsel will not represent any Class Members with respect to any such objections to this Settlement. If a Class Member timely submits both a Notice of Objection and a Request for Exclusion, the Request for Exclusion will be given effect and considered valid, the Notice of Objection shall be rejected, and the Class Member shall not participate in or be bound by the Settlement.

56. Certification Reports Regarding Individual Settlement Payment Calculations. The Settlement Administrator will provide Defendant's counsel and Class Counsel a weekly report that certifies the number of Class Members who have submitted valid Requests for Exclusion or objections to the Settlement, and whether any Class Member has submitted a challenge to any information contained in their Class Notice, including those received after the Response Deadline. Additionally, the Settlement Administrator will provide to counsel for both Parties any updated reports regarding the administration of the Settlement Agreement as needed or requested. The Settlement Administrator will not provide Class Members' identities or contact information to Class Counsel.

57. Distribution Timing of Individual Settlement Payments. Within ten (10) calendar days of the Funding Date, the Settlement Administrator will issue payments to: (a) Participating Class Members and PAGA Members; (b) the Labor and Workforce Development Agency; (c) Plaintiff; and (d) Class Counsel. The Settlement Administrator will also issue a payment to itself for Court-approved services performed in connection with the Settlement.

58. Un-cashed Settlement Checks. Proceeds represented by Individual Settlement Payment checks returned as undeliverable and Individual Settlement Payment checks remaining un-cashed for more than one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days after issuance will be tendered to the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Class Member and/or Aggrieved Employee thereby leaving no "unpaid residue" subject to the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 384, subd. (b).

59. Certification of Completion. Upon completion of administration of the Settlement, the Settlement Administrator will provide a written declaration under oath to certify such completion to the

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Court and counsel for all Parties.

60. Treatment of Individual Settlement Payments. All Individual Settlement Payments will be allocated as follows: (a) Twenty Percent (20%) of each Individual Settlement Payment will be allocated as wages for which IRS Forms W-2 will be issued; and (b) Eighty Percent (80%) will be allocated as non-wages for which IRS Forms 1099-MISC will be issued. Payments issued to PAGA Members from the PAGA Fund will be treated as non-wages for which IRS Forms 1099-MISC will be issued.

61. Administration of Taxes by the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator will be responsible for issuing to Plaintiff, Participating Class Members, PAGA Members, and Class Counsel any W-2, 1099, or other tax forms as may be required by law for all amounts paid pursuant to this Settlement. The Settlement Administrator will also be responsible for calculating and providing payroll the amount of taxes owed by Defendant at least thirty (30) days in advance of their being due, and is also responsible for forwarding all payroll taxes and penalties received from Defendant to the appropriate government authorities.

62. Tax Liability. The Parties make no representation as to the tax treatment or legal effect of the payments called for hereunder, and Plaintiff, Participating Class Members, and PAGA Members are not relying on any statement, representation, or calculation by Defendant or by the Settlement Administrator in this regard.

63. Circular 230 Disclaimer. EACH PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT (FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE "ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY" AND EACH PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT OTHER THAN THE ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY, AN "OTHER PARTY") ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT (1) NO PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT, AND NO WRITTEN COMMUNICATION OR DISCLOSURE BETWEEN OR AMONG THE PARTIES OR THEIR ATTORNEYS AND OTHER ADVISERS, IS OR WAS INTENDED TO BE, NOR WILL ANY SUCH COMMUNICATION OR DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTE OR BE CONSTRUED OR BE RELIED UPON AS, TAX ADVICE WITHIN THE MEANING OF UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR 230 (31 CFR PART 10, AS AMENDED); (2) THE ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY (A) HAS RELIED EXCLUSIVELY UPON HIS, HER, OR ITS

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OWN, INDEPENDENT LEGAL AND TAX COUNSEL FOR ADVICE (INCLUDING TAX ADVICE) IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT, (B) HAS NOT ENTERED INTO THIS AGREEMENT BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF ANY OTHER PARTY OR ANY ATTORNEY OR ADVISOR TO ANY OTHER PARTY, AND (C) IS NOT ENTITLED TO RELY UPON ANY COMMUNICATION OR DISCLOSURE BY ANY ATTORNEY OR ADVISER TO ANY OTHER PARTY TO AVOID ANY TAX PENALTY THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON THE ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY; AND (3) NO ATTORNEY OR ADVISER TO ANY OTHER PARTY HAS IMPOSED ANY LIMITATION THAT PROTECTS THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANY SUCH ATTORNEY'S OR ADVISER'S TAX STRATEGIES (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH LIMITATION IS LEGALLY BINDING) UPON DISCLOSURE BY THE ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY OF THE TAX TREATMENT OR TAX STRUCTURE OF ANY TRANSACTION, INCLUDING ANY TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT.

64. No Prior Assignments. The Parties and their counsel represent, covenant, and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity any portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action or right herein released and discharged.

65. Nullification of Settlement Agreement. In the event that: (a) the Court does not finally approve the Settlement as provided herein; or (b) the Settlement does not become final for any other reason, then this Settlement Agreement, and any documents generated to bring it into effect, will be null and void. Any order or judgment entered by the Court in furtherance of this Settlement Agreement will likewise be treated as void from the beginning.

66. Preliminary Approval Hearing. Plaintiff will obtain a hearing before the Court to request the Preliminary Approval of the Settlement Agreement , and the entry of a Preliminary Approval Order for: (a) conditional certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only, (b) preliminary approval of the proposed Settlement Agreement, (c) setting a date for a final fairness hearing. The Preliminary Approval Order will provide for the Class Notice to be sent to all Class Members as specified herein. In conjunction with the Preliminary Approval hearing, Plaintiff will submit this

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Settlement Agreement, which sets forth the terms of this Settlement, and will include the proposed Notice of Class Action Settlement, attached as Exhibit A. Class Counsel will be responsible for drafting all documents necessary to obtain preliminary approval and will work in good faith with Defendant to finalize the documents necessary to obtain preliminary approval.

67. Final Settlement Approval Hearing and Entry of Judgment. Upon expiration of the deadlines to postmark Requests for Exclusion or objections to the Settlement Agreement, and with the Court's permission, a final fairness hearing will be conducted to determine the Final Approval of the Settlement Agreement along with the amounts properly payable for: (a) Attorneys' Fees and Costs; (b) the Class Representative Enhancement Payment; (c) Individual Settlement Payments; (d) the LWDA Payment; (e) all Settlement Administration Costs. Class Counsel will be responsible for drafting all documents necessary to obtain final approval. Class Counsel will also be responsible for drafting the attorneys' fees and costs application to be heard at the final approval hearing.

68. Judgment and Continued Jurisdiction. Upon final approval of the Settlement by the Court or after the final fairness hearing, the Parties will present the Judgment to the Court for its approval. After entry of the Judgment, the Court will have continuing jurisdiction solely for purposes of addressing: (a) the interpretation and enforcement of the terms of the Settlement, (b) Settlement administration matters, and (c) such post-Judgment matters as may be appropriate under court rules or as set forth in this Settlement Agreement. A copy of the Judgment will be posted to the Settlement Administrator's website.

69. Release by Plaintiff. Upon the Funding Date, in addition to the claims being released by all Participating Class Members, Plaintiff will release and forever discharge the Released Parties, to the fullest extent permitted by law, of and from any and all claims, known and unknown, asserted and not asserted, which Plaintiff has or may have against the Released Parties as of the date of execution of this Settlement Agreement. To the extent the foregoing release is a release to which Section 1542 of the California Civil Code or similar provisions of other applicable law may apply, Plaintiff expressly waives any and all rights and benefits conferred upon him by the provisions of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code or similar provisions of applicable law which are as follows:

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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.

70. Exhibits Incorporated by Reference. The terms of this Settlement Agreement include the terms set forth in any attached Exhibits, which are incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein. Any Exhibits to this Settlement Agreement are an integral part of the Settlement.

71. Entire Agreement. This Settlement Agreement and any attached Exhibits constitute the entirety of the Parties' settlement terms. No other prior or contemporaneous written or oral agreements may be deemed binding on the Parties. The Parties expressly recognize California Civil Code Section 1625 and California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1856(a), which provide that a written agreement is to be construed according to its terms and may not be varied or contradicted by extrinsic evidence, and the Parties agree that no such extrinsic oral or written representations or terms will modify, vary or contradict the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

72. Amendment or Modification. No amendment, change, or modification to this Settlement Agreement will be valid unless in writing and signed, either by the Parties or their counsel, and approved by the Court.

73. Authorization to Enter Into Settlement Agreement. Counsel for all Parties warrant and represent they are expressly authorized by the Parties whom they represent to negotiate this Settlement Agreement and to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Settlement Agreement to effectuate its terms and to execute any other documents required to effectuate the terms of this Settlement Agreement. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts to effect the implementation of the Settlement. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement on the form or content of any document needed to implement the Settlement, or on any supplemental provisions that may become necessary to effectuate the terms of this Settlement, the Parties may seek the assistance of the Court to resolve such disagreement.

74. Binding on Successors and Assigns. This Settlement Agreement will be binding upon,

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and inure to the benefit of, the successors or assigns of the Parties hereto, as previously defined.

75. California Law Governs. All terms of this Settlement Agreement and Exhibits hereto will be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of California.

76. Execution and Counterparts. This Settlement Agreement is subject only to the execution of all Parties. However, the Settlement Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts. All executed counterparts and each of them, including electronic (e.g., DocuSign), facsimile, and scanned copies of the signature page, will be deemed to be one and the same instrument.

77. Acknowledgement that the Settlement is Fair and Reasonable. The Parties believe this Settlement Agreement is a fair, adequate and reasonable settlement of the Action and have arrived at this Settlement after arm's-length negotiations and in the context of adversarial litigation, taking into account all relevant factors, present and potential. The Parties further acknowledge that they are each represented by competent counsel and that they have had an opportunity to consult with their counsel regarding the fairness and reasonableness of this Settlement.

78. Invalidity of Any Provision. Before declaring any provision of this Settlement Agreement invalid, the Court will first attempt to construe the provision as valid to the fullest extent possible consistent with applicable precedents so as to define all provisions of this Settlement Agreement valid and enforceable.

79. Waiver of Certain Appeals. The Parties agree to waive appeals and to stipulate to class certification for purposes of this Settlement only; except, however, that Plaintiff or Class Counsel may appeal any reduction to the Attorneys' Fees and Costs below the amount they request from the Court, and either party may appeal any court order that materially alters the Settlement Agreement's terms.

80. Class Action Certification for Settlement Purposes Only. The Parties agree to stipulate to class action certification for purposes of the Settlement only. If, for any reason, the Settlement is not approved, the stipulation to certification will be void. The Parties further agree that certification for purposes of the Settlement is not an admission that class action certification is proper under the standards applied to contested certification motions and that this Settlement Agreement will not be admissible in this or any other proceeding as evidence that either (a) a class action should be certified or (b) Defendant is liable to Plaintiff or any Class Member, other than according to the Settlement's terms.

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81. Non-Admission of Liability. The Parties enter into this Settlement to resolve the dispute that has arisen between them and to avoid the burden, expense and risk of continued litigation. In entering into this Settlement, Defendant does not admit, and specifically denies, that it violated any federal, state, or local law; violated any regulations or guidelines promulgated pursuant to any statute or any other applicable laws, regulations or legal requirements; breached any contract; violated or breached any duty; engaged in any misrepresentation or deception; or engaged in any other unlawful conduct with respect to its employees. Neither this Settlement Agreement, nor any of its terms or provisions, nor any of the negotiations connected with it, will be construed as an admission or concession by Defendant of any such violations or failures to comply with any applicable law. Except as necessary in a proceeding to enforce the terms of this Settlement, this Settlement Agreement and its terms and provisions will not be offered or received as evidence in any action or proceeding to establish any liability or admission on the part of Defendant or to establish the existence of any condition constituting a violation of, or a non-compliance with, federal, state, local or other applicable law.

82. No Public Comment: Prior to Preliminary Approval, the Parties and their counsel agree that they will not issue any press releases, initiate any contact with the press, respond to any press inquiry, or have any communication with the press about the fact, amount or terms of the Settlement.

83. Waiver. No waiver of any condition or covenant contained in this Settlement Agreement or failure to exercise a right or remedy by any of the Parties hereto will be considered to imply or constitute a further waiver by such party of the same or any other condition, covenant, right or remedy.

84. Enforcement Actions. In the event that one or more of the Parties institutes any legal action or other proceeding against any other Party or Parties to enforce the provisions of this Settlement or to declare rights and/or obligations under this Settlement, the successful Party or Parties will be entitled to recover from the unsuccessful Party or Parties reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, including expert witness fees incurred in connection with any enforcement actions.

85. Mutual Preparation. The Parties have had a full opportunity to negotiate the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement. Accordingly, this Settlement Agreement will not be construed more strictly against one party than another merely by virtue of the fact that it may have been prepared by counsel for one of the Parties, it being recognized that, because of the arms'-length negotiations

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between the Parties, all Parties have contributed to the preparation of this Settlement Agreement.

86. Representation By Counsel. The Parties acknowledge that they have been represented by counsel throughout all negotiations that preceded the execution of this Settlement Agreement, and that this Settlement Agreement has been executed with the consent and advice of counsel. Further, Plaintiff and Class Counsel warrant and represent that there are no liens on the Settlement Agreement.

87. All Terms Subject to Final Court Approval. All amounts and procedures described in this Settlement Agreement herein will be subject to final Court approval.

88. Cooperation and Execution of Necessary Documents. All Parties will cooperate in good faith and execute all documents to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

89. Binding Agreement. The Parties warrant that they understand and have full authority to enter into this Settlement Agreement, and further intend that this Settlement Agreement will be fully enforceable and binding on all parties, and agree that it will be admissible and subject to disclosure in any proceeding to enforce its terms, notwithstanding any mediation confidentiality provisions that otherwise might apply under federal or state law.

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READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

PLAINTIFF

Dated: 1/28/2026

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Kimberly Jimenez

DEFENDANT

Dated: 02/01/26

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Dated: January 28, 2026

By: _____
Roman Shkodnik
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Attorneys for Plaintiff Kimberly Jimenez

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EXHIBIT A

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

Kimberly Jimenez v. Quadient, Inc.
Superior Court of California, County of Orange – Case No. 30-2024-01408972-CU-OE-CXC

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 ("Action") against Defendant Quadient, Inc. ("Defendant" or "Quadient" is used herein as a placeholder) for alleged wage and hour violations. The Action was filed by a former Quadient employee Kimberly Jimenez ("Plaintiff") and seeks payment of (1) back wages and other relief for a class of current and former non-exempt employees ("Class Members") who worked for Defendant during the Class Period (June 21, 2020, through August 31, 2025) who did not sign a release or severance agreement during the Class Period ("Class Members"); and (2) penalties under the California Private Attorney General Act ("PAGA") for the State of California and all persons who were employed by Defendant in the State of California in non-exempt positions at any time during the PAGA Period (June 21, 2023 through August 31, 2025.) ("PAGA Members").

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

Based on Defendant'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 Defendant's records you are not eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment under the Settlement because you didn't work during the PAGA Period.)

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

The Court has already preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement and approved this Notice. The Court has not yet decided whether to grant final approval. Your legal rights are affected whether you act or not. Read this Notice carefully. You will be deemed to have carefully read and understood it. 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 Defendant to make payments under the Settlement and requires Class Members and the LWDA to give up their rights to assert certain claims against Defendant.

If you worked for Defendant during the Class Period and/or the PAGA Period, you have

two basic options under the Settlement:

(1) **Do Nothing**. You don't have to do anything to participate in the proposed Settlement and be eligible for an Individual Class Payment and/or Individual PAGA Payment. As a Participating Class Member, though, you will give up your right to assert Class Period wage claims against Defendant.

(2) **Opt-Out of the Class Settlement**. You can exclude yourself from the Class Settlement (opt-out) by submitting the written and signed Request for Exclusion or otherwise notifying the Settlement Administrator in writing. If you opt-out of the Settlement, you will not receive an Individual Class Payment. You will, however, preserve your right to personally pursue Class Period wage claims against Defendant. If you are an PAGA Member, you remain eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement.

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

I. 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 Defendant 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 Settlement 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 **VII** of this Notice. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement. Defendant must pay Individual PAGA Payments to all PAGA Members, and the LWDA must give up its rights to pursue Released Claims (defined below).

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 **VIII** of this Notice.
You Can Participate in the _____, Final Approval Hearing	The Court's Final Approval Hearing is scheduled to take place on _____. You don't 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 **IX** of this Notice.
You Can Challenge the Calculation of Your Workweeks/PAGA Pay Periods **Written Challenges Must be Submitted by _____.**	The amount of your Individual Class Payment and PAGA Payment (if any) depends on how many workweeks you worked at least one calendar day during the Class Period and how many PAGA Pay Periods you worked at least one calendar day during the PAGA Period. The number Class Period Workweeks and number of PAGA Pay Periods you worked according to Defendant's records is stated on the first page of this Notice. If you disagree with this number, you must challenge it by _____. See Section **V** of this Notice.
When is Your Deadline to Opt-Out of or Object to the Class Action Settlement?	You must submit your written and signed Request for Exclusion (to opt-out) or your written objection no later than 65 days after the Settlement Administrator mails this Notice to you or _____, (the "Response Deadline"). If your Notice is re-mailed to you because it was returned as undeliverable, you will have an additional 15 calendar days beyond the original 65-day deadline to submit your Request for Exclusion or objection.

II. WHAT IS THE ACTION ABOUT?

Plaintiff is a former Quadient, Inc. employee. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant violated the

following California wage and hours laws: (1) Failure to Pay Minimum Wages and for All Hours Worked; (2) Failure to Pay Wages and Overtime under Labor Code § 510; (3) Meal Period Liability Under Labor Code § 226.7; (4) Rest Break Liability Under Labor Code § 226.7; (5) Violation of Labor Code §§ 226(a) and 226.2; (6) Violation of Labor Code § 204; (7) Violation of Labor Code § 203; (8) Failure to Maintain Records Required under Labor Code §§ 1174, 1174.5; (9) Failure to Reimburse Necessary Business Expenses Under Labor Code § 2802; (10) Violation of Business & Professions Code 17200 *et seq*; (11) Penalties under PAGA Labor Code § 2698.

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

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

So far, the Court has made no determination whether Defendant or Plaintiff is correct on the merits.

In the meantime, Plaintiff and Defendant hired an experienced, neutral mediator to resolve the Action by negotiating an agreement to settle the case rather than continuing the expensive and time-consuming process of litigation. The negotiations were successful. By signing a settlement agreement ("Agreement") and agreeing to jointly ask the Court to enter a judgment ending the Action and enforcing the Agreement, Plaintiff and Defendant have negotiated a proposed Settlement that is subject to the Court's Final Approval. Both sides agree the proposed Settlement is a compromise of disputed claims.

By agreeing to settle, Defendant does not admit any violations or concede the merit of any claims. Defendant denies all liability or wrongdoing and contends that it made good faith efforts to comply with applicable state and federal wage and hour laws during the Class Period. Defendant agreed to resolve this matter to avoid the expense, burden, and uncertainty of continued litigation.

Plaintiff and Class Counsel believe the Settlement is a good deal for you because they believe that: (1) Defendant has agreed to pay a fair, reasonable and adequate amount considering the strength of the claims and the risks and uncertainties of continued litigation; and (2) Settlement is in the best interests of the Class Members and PAGA Members. The Court preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, authorized this Notice, and scheduled a hearing to determine Final Approval.

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

1. Defendant Will Pay $505,000 as the Gross Settlement Amount ("Gross Settlement"). Defendant has agreed to deposit the Gross Settlement into an account controlled by the Settlement Administrator of the Settlement. The Settlement Administrator will use the Gross Settlement to pay the Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, Class Representative Enhancement Payment, Class Counsel's attorney's fees and costs, the Settlement Administrator's costs, and penalties to be paid to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA").

After the settlement is fully funded, the Settlement Administrator will mail checks for the Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA Payment, the Settlement Administration Costs, Class Counsel's attorney's fees and costs, and the Class Representative Enhancement Payment.

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

2. Court Approved Deductions from Gross Settlement. At the Final Approval Hearing, 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:

    A. Up to $168,333 (one-third of the Gross Settlement to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees) and up to $25,000 for reasonably incurred litigation costs, subject to court approval. To date, Class Counsel have worked and incurred expenses on the Action without payment.

    B. Up to $7,500 as a Class Representative Enhancement Payment to Plaintiff for filing the Action, working with Class Counsel, and representing the Class. A Class Representative Enhancement Payment will be the only monies Plaintiff will receive other than Plaintiff's Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment.

    C. Up to $7,490 to the Settlement Administrator for services administering the Settlement.

    D. Up to $25,000 for PAGA Penalties, allocated 65% to the LWDA PAGA Payment, and 35% in Individual PAGA Payments to the PAGA Members based on their PAGA Period Pay Periods.

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

3. Net Settlement Distributed to Class Members. After making the above deductions in amounts approved by the Court, the Settlement Administrator will distribute the rest of the Gross Settlement (the "Net Settlement") by making Individual Class Payments to Participating Class Members based on their Class Period Workweeks.

4. Taxes Owed on Payments to Class Members. Plaintiff and Defendant are asking the Court to approve an allocation of 20% of each Individual Class Payment to taxable wages ("Wage Portion") and 80% to interest and penalties ("Non-Wage Portion."). The Wage Portion will be subject to withholdings and will be reported on IRS W-2 Forms. Defendant will separately pay employer payroll taxes on the Wage Portion. The Individual PAGA Payments are counted as penalties rather than wages for tax purposes. The Settlement Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments and the Non-

Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

Although Plaintiff and Defendant have agreed to these allocations, neither side is giving you any advice on whether your Payments are taxable or how much you might owe in taxes. You are responsible for paying all taxes (including penalties and interest on back taxes) on any Payments received from the proposed Settlement. You should consult a tax advisor if you have any questions about the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement.

5. Need to Promptly Cash Payment Checks. The front of every 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 your check by the void date, it will be automatically canceled, and the money will be deposited with the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in your name.

6. Requests for Exclusion from the Class Settlement (Opt-Outs). You will be treated as a Participating Class Member, participating fully in the Class Settlement, unless you notify the Settlement Administrator in writing by fax, email, or mail not later than _____ that you wish to opt-out. The easiest way to notify the Settlement Administrator is to send a written and **signed** Request for Exclusion by fax, email, or mail by the_____ Response Deadline. The Request for Exclusion should be a letter from a Class Member or their representative setting forth a Class Member's name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement electing to be excluded from the Settlement. Class Members who opt out (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 Defendant.

   You cannot opt-out of the PAGA Portion of the Settlement. Class Members who opt out of 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 Defendant based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action.

7. The Proposed Settlement Will be Void if the Court Denies Final Approval. It is possible the Court will not grant Final Approval of the Settlement or not enter a judgment. It is also possible the Court will enter a judgment that is reversed on appeal. Plaintiff and Defendant have agreed that, in either case, the Settlement will be void, and Defendant will not pay any money, and Class Members will not release any claims against Defendant.

8. Settlement Administrator. The Court has appointed a neutral company, Apex Class Action Administration, (the "Settlement Administrator") to send this Notice, calculate and make payments, and process Class Members' Requests for Exclusion. The Settlement 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 Settlement Administrator's contact information is contained in **Section X** of this Notice.

9. Participating Class Members' Release. After the Judgment is final and Defendant has fully funded the Gross Settlement and separately paid all employer payroll taxes, Participating Class Members will be legally barred from asserting any of the claims released under the Settlement. 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 Defendant or any other of the related Released Parties as defined in the Agreement for wages or damages 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:

   > Upon the Funding Date, and except as to such rights or claims as may be created by this Settlement Agreement, each Participating Class Member, together and individually, on their behalf and on behalf of their respective heirs, executors, administrators, agents, successors and assigns, and attorneys, shall fully and forever release and discharge all of the Released Parties, or any of them, from each of the Released Class Claims arising during the Class Period.

10. Released PAGA Claims. After the Court's judgment is final, and Defendant has paid the Gross Settlement (and separately paid the employer-side payroll taxes), the LWDA, or any individual on behalf of the LWDA, will be barred from asserting PAGA claims against Defendant and other related Released Parties.

    The Released PAGA Claims is as follows:

    > Released PAGA Claims. Upon the Funding Date, and except as to such rights or claims as may be created by this Settlement Agreement, each PAGA Member, together and individually, on their behalf and on behalf of their respective heirs, executors, administrators, agents, successors and assigns, and attorneys, shall fully and forever release and discharge all of the Released Parties, or any of them, from each of the Released PAGA Claims during the PAGA Period.

V. HOW WILL THE ADMINISTRATOR CALCULATE MY PAYMENT?

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

2. Individual PAGA Payments. The Settlement Administrator will calculate Individual PAGA Payments by (a) dividing $17,500 (35% of the PAGA Penalties) by the total number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by all PAGA Members and (b) multiplying the result by the number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by each individual PAGA Members.

3. Workweek/PAGA Pay Period Challenges. The number of Class Workweeks you worked

during the Class Period and the number of PAGA Pay Periods you worked during the PAGA Period, as recorded in Defendant's records, are stated on the first page of this Notice. You have until _____, 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 Settlement Administrator via mail, email or fax. **Section X** of this Notice has the Settlement Administrator's contact information.

You need to support your challenge by sending copies of pay stubs or other records. The Settlement Administrator will accept Defendant's calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods based on Defendant'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 Settlement 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 Defendant's Counsel. The Settlement Administrator's decision is final. You can't appeal or otherwise challenge its final decision.

VI. HOW WILL I GET PAID?

1. Participating Class Members. The Settlement Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single check to every Participating Class Member (i.e., every Class Member who doesn't opt-out) including those who also qualify as PAGA Members. The single check will combine the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment (if any).

2. Non-Participating Class Members. The Settlement Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single Individual PAGA Payment check to every PAGA Members 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 X of this Notice has the Settlement Administrator's contact information.

VII. 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 to the Settlement Administrator by fax, email, or mail. The Settlement Administrator will exclude you based on any writing communicating your request be excluded. Be sure to personally sign your request, identify the Action as *Kimberly Jimenez v. Quadient, Inc.*, and include your identifying information (full name, address, telephone number, approximate dates of employment, and social security number for verification purposes). **You must send your request to be excluded to the Settlement Administrator by _____, or it will be invalid.** Section **X** of the Notice has the Settlement Administrator's contact information.

VIII. 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 Defendant are asking the Court to approve. At least 16 court days before the _____ 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, Costs and Enhancement Payment stating (i) the amount Class Counsel is requesting for attorneys' fees and litigation costs; and (ii) the amount Plaintiff is requesting as a Class Representative Service Payment. Upon reasonable request, Class Counsel (whose contact information is in Section X 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 ____(url)____ or the Court's website https://www.occourts.org/online-services/case-access

A Participating Class Member who disagrees with any aspect of the Settlement or the Motion for Final Approval and/or Motion for Fees, Costs and Enhancement Payment 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 Settlement Administrator is** _____. Be sure to tell the Settlement Administrator what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. Make sure you identify the Action *Kimberly Jimenez v. Quadient, Inc.* and include your name, current address, telephone number, and approximate dates of employment for Defendant and sign the objection. Section **X** of this Notice has the Settlement 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 **IX** of this Notice (immediately below) for specifics regarding the Final Approval Hearing.

IX. CAN I ATTEND THE FINAL APPROVAL HEARING?

You can, but do not have to, attend the Final Approval Hearing on _____, at _____ a.m./p.m. in Department CX103 of the Orange Superior Court, located at 751 W Santa Ana Blvd. Santa Ana, CA 92701. 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 Settlement Administrator. The Court will invite comments from objectors, Class Counsel, and Defense Counsel before making a decision. You can attend (or hire a lawyer to attend) personally or virtually via the Court's virtual appearance platform. Check the Court's website for the most current information.

It is possible the Court will reschedule the Final Approval Hearing. You should check the Settlement Administrator's website (url)_____ beforehand or contact Class Counsel or Defense Counsel to verify the date and time of the Final Approval Hearing.

X. HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The Settlement Agreement sets forth everything Defendant and Plaintiff have promised to do under the proposed Settlement. The easiest way to read the Settlement Agreement, the

Judgment or any other Settlement documents is to go to the Settlement Administrator's website at (url)_____.

You can also telephone or send an email to Class Counsel, Defense Counsel, or the Settlement Administrator using the contact information listed below or consult the Superior Court website by going to https://www.occourts.org/online-services/case-access entering the Case Number for the Action, Case No. 30-2024-01408972-CU-OE-CXC.

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

XI. WHAT IF I LOSE MY SETTLEMENT CHECK?

If you lose or misplace your Settlement check before cashing it, the Settlement 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 at ucpi.sco.ca.gov or (916) 445-5361 for instructions on how to retrieve the funds.

XII. WHAT IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS?

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