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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO – NORTHERN BRANCH**

JOSEPH DENHAM, individually, and on  
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MULTI AIR FREIGHT INC., a California  
corporation; and DOES 1 through 10,  
inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. 24-CIV-05394  
Related Case No.: 25-CIV-00434

Assigned for all purposes to the Hon. Mark  
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**CLASS ACTION AND PAGA  
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Complaint filed: August 30, 2024  
Trial date: None set

1 This Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and  
2 between Plaintiff Joseph Denham (“Plaintiff”) and Defendant Multi Air Freight Inc.  
3 (“Defendant”). The Agreement refers to Plaintiff and Defendant collectively as “Parties,” or  
4 individually as “Party.”

5 **1. DEFINITIONS.**

6 1.1 “Action” means Plaintiff’s lawsuit alleging wage and hour violations against  
7 Defendant captioned *Denham v. Multi Air Freight Inc.*, Case No. 24-CIV-05394, initiated on  
8 August 30, 2024, currently pending in the Court.

9 1.2 “Administrator” means ILYM Group, Inc., the neutral entity the Parties have agreed  
10 to appoint to administer the Settlement.

11 1.3 “Administration Costs” means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the  
12 Gross Settlement Amount to reimburse its reasonable fees and expenses in accordance with the  
13 Administrator’s “not to exceed” bid submitted to the Court in connection with Preliminary  
14 Approval of the Settlement.

15 1.4 “Address Search” means the Administrator’s investigation and search for current  
16 Class Member mailing addresses using all reasonably available sources, methods, and means  
17 including, but not limited to, the National Change of Address database, skip traces, and direct  
18 contact by the Administrator with Class Members.

19 1.5 “Aggrieved Employee” means a Class Member who worked for Defendant during the  
20 PAGA Period.

21 1.6 “Class” means all persons employed by Defendant in California and classified as a  
22 hourly-paid, non-exempt employee who worked for Defendant at any time during the Class  
23 Period.

24 1.7 “Class Counsel” means John G. Yslas, Eugene Zinovyev, John Brown, and Gabriella  
25 Solé of the Wilshire Law Firm, PLC.

26 1.8 “Class Counsel Fees” and “Class Counsel Costs” mean the amounts allocated to Class  
27 Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses, respectively, incurred to  
28 prosecute the Action.

1.9 “Class Data” means Class Member identifying information in Defendant’s possession including the Class Member’s name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, and number of Class Period Workweeks and PAGA Period Pay Periods.

1.10 “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 Notice” means the COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL, to be mailed to Class Members in English with a Spanish translation in the form, without material variation, attached as **Exhibit A** and incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

1.12 “Class Period” means the period from August 30, 2020, through August 30, 2026.

1.13 “Class Representative” means the named Plaintiff in the operative complaint in the Action seeking Court approval to serve as a class representative.

1.14 “Class Representative Service Award” means the payment to the Class Representative for initiating the Action and providing services in support of the Action.

1.15 “Court” means the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo.

1.16 “Defendant” means Multi Air Freight Inc., the named defendant in the Action.

1.17 “Defense Counsel” means Carmine J. Pearl, II of Pearl Legal, APC.

1.18 “Effective Date” means the date on which the Judgment becomes 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 (c) if a timely appeal from the Judgment is filed, the day after the appellate court affirms the Judgment and issues a remittitur.

1.19 “Final Approval” means the Court’s order granting final approval of the Settlement.

1.20 “Final Approval Hearing” means the Court’s hearing on the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement.

1.21 “Gross Settlement Amount” means \$ 575,000.00, which is the total amount Defendant

agrees to pay under the Settlement. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual Class Payments, PAGA Penalties, Class Counsel Fees, Class Counsel Costs, Class Representative Service Award, and Administration Costs.

1.22 “Individual Class Payment” means the Participating Class Member’s pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount based on the number of Workweeks worked during the Class Period.

1.23 “Individual PAGA Payment” means the Aggrieved Employee’s pro rata share 35% of the PAGA Penalties calculated according to the number of Pay Periods worked during the PAGA Period.

1.24 “Judgment” means the judgment entered by the Court based upon the Final Approval.

1.25 “LWDA” means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

1.26 “LWDA PAGA Payment” means the 65% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subdivision (m).

1.27 “Net Settlement Amount” means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: PAGA Penalties, Class Representative Service Award, Class Counsel Fees, Class Counsel Costs, and Administration Costs. The remainder is to be paid to Participating Class Members as Individual Class Payments.

1.28 “Non-Participating Class Member” means any Class Member who opts out of the Settlement by sending the Administrator a valid and timely Request for Exclusion.

1.29 “PAGA Period” means the period from November 8, 2023, through August 30, 2026.

1.30 “PAGA” means the Private Attorneys General Act (Lab. Code § 2698, *et seq.*) (West 2024).

1.31 “PAGA Notice” means Plaintiff’s November 8, 2024 letter to the LWDA, Case No. LWDA-CM-1060848-24, providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a).

1.32 “PAGA Penalties” means \$28,750, the total amount of civil penalties to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount in settlement of PAGA claims, allocated 65% to the LWDA and 35% to Aggrieved Employees.

1.33 “Participating Class Member” means a Class Member who does not submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion from the Settlement.

1.34 “Pay Period” means any pay period during which an Aggrieved Employee worked for Defendant for at least one day during the PAGA Period.

1.35 “Plaintiff” means Joseph Denham, the named plaintiff in the Action.

1.36 “Preliminary Approval” means the Court’s order granting preliminary approval of the Settlement.

1.37 “Released Class Claims” means the claims being released, as described in Paragraph 5.2 below.

1.38 “Released PAGA Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.3 below.

1.39 “Released Parties” means Defendant.

1.40 “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.

1.41 “Response Deadline” means 60 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice and shall be the last date on which Class Members may: (a) fax, email, or mail Requests for Exclusion, (b) fax, email or mail objections to the Settlement, or (c) fax, email, or mail a challenge to the number of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods allocated to the Class Member in the Class Notice. Class Members to whom Class Notices are resent after having been returned undeliverable to the Administrator shall have their deadline extended an additional 14 calendar days beyond the Response Deadline.

1.42 “Settlement” means the disposition of the Action effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.

1.43 “Workweek” means any week during which a Class Member worked for Defendant for at least one day, during the Class Period.

## **2. RECITALS.**

2.1 On August 30, 2024, Plaintiff commenced this Action by filing a class action complaint alleging against Defendant the following causes of action: 1) failure to pay minimum and straight time wages; 2) failure to pay overtime wages; 3) failure to provide meal periods; 4) failure to authorized and permit rest periods; 5) failure timely to pay final wages at termination;

6) failure to provide accurate wage statements; 7) failure to indemnify employees for expenditures; 8) failure to produce requested employment records; and 9) unfair business practices under the Unfair Competition Law (“UCL”), Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200, *et seq.* (“Class Action”).

2.2 Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subdivision (a), Plaintiff gave timely written notice to Defendant and the LWDA by sending the PAGA Notice.

2.3 On January 21, 2025, Plaintiff filed a lawsuit pursuant to PAGA captioned *Denham v. Multi Air Freight Inc.*, Case No. 25-CIV-00434, seeking civil penalties from Defendant for the Labor Code violations alleged in the PAGA Notice (“PAGA Action”). Currently pending in the Court, the lawsuit was deemed related to the Action on March 28, 2025.

2.4 For purposes of settlement, the Parties stipulate and agree that, prior to filing any motion for preliminary approval of the Settlement, Plaintiff shall 1) file a First Amended Complaint in the Class Action to add a PAGA cause of action and 2) then dismiss the PAGA Action without prejudice. The First Amended Complaint shall be the operative complaint in the Action (“Operative Complaint”). Defendant denies the allegations in the Operative Complaint, denies any failure to comply with the laws identified in in the Operative Complaint, and denies any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.

2.5 On March 24, 2026, the Parties participated in an all-day mediation presided over by Christopher Barnes, Esq. (“Mediator”), which led to this Agreement.

2.6 Before mediation, Plaintiff obtained, through informal discovery, Plaintiff’s personnel file, Class Members’ timekeeping and payroll records, meal period waivers, and Defendant’s written policies in effect during the Class Period. Plaintiff’s investigation was sufficient to satisfy the criteria for court approval set forth in *Dunk v. Ford Motor Co.* (1996) 48 Cal.App.4th 1794, 1801 and *Kullar v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 116, 129-130 (“*Dunk/Kullar*”).

2.7 The Court has not granted class certification because the Parties engaged in mediation before any motion for class certification was filed.

2.8 The Parties, Class Counsel, and Defense Counsel represent that, other than the PAGA

Action, *supra*, they are not aware of any other pending matters or actions asserting claims that will be extinguished or affected by the Settlement.

### 3. MONETARY TERMS.

3.1 Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant promises to pay \$575,000 and no more as the Gross Settlement Amount and to pay separately any and all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portions (as defined below) of the Individual Class Payments. Defendant has no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount (or any payroll taxes) before the deadline stated in Paragraph 4.2. 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 Defendant.

3.2 Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Administrator will make and deduct the following payments from the Gross Settlement Amount, in the amounts specified by the Court in the Final Approval:

3.2.1 To Plaintiff: Class Representative Service Award of not more than \$15,000 (in addition to any Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment to which Plaintiff may be entitled as a Participating Class Member). Defendant will not oppose Plaintiff's request for a Class Representative Service Award that does not exceed this amount. As part of the Motion for Final Approval, Plaintiff will seek Court approval for any Class Representative Service Award. If the Court approves a Service Award less than the amount requested, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will pay the Class Representative Service Award using IRS Form 1099. Plaintiff assumes full responsibility and liability for employee taxes owed on the Class Representative Service Award.

3.2.2 To Class Counsel: Class Counsel Fees of not more than one-third (1/3), which is currently estimated to be \$191,666.66, and Class Costs of not more than \$30,000. Defendant will not oppose requests for these payments provided they do not exceed these amounts. As part of the Motion for Final Approval, Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel may seek Court approval of Class Counsel Fees and Class Counsel Costs. In

support of Class Counsel Costs, Class Counsel must submit a cost ledger listing each expense incurred during the Action. If the Court approves Class Counsel Fees or Class Counsel Costs less than the amount 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 of any Class Counsel Fees and/or Class Counsel Costs. The Administrator will pay Class Counsel Fees and Class Counsel Costs using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. Class Counsel assumes full responsibility and liability for taxes owed on Class Counsel Fees and Class Counsel Costs and holds Defendant harmless, and indemnifies Defendant, from any dispute or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these payments.

3.2.3 To the Administrator: Administration Costs not to exceed \$7,500 except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent the administration expenses are less than or the Court approves payment less than \$7,500, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount.

3.2.4 To Each Participating Class Member: An Individual Class Payment, which the Administrator shall calculate 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 the settlement of wage claims (the "Wage Portion"). The Wage Portions are subject to tax withholding and will be reported on an IRS W-2 Form. The remaining 80% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to the settlement of claims for interest and statutory 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 employee taxes owed on their Individual Class Payment.

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

3.2.5 To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: PAGA Penalties in the amount of \$28,750 to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 65% (\$18,687.50) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 35% (\$10,062.50) allocated to Aggrieved Employees' Individual PAGA Payments.

3.2.5.1 The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the amount of the Aggrieved Employees' 35% share of PAGA Penalties (\$10,062.50) by the total number of Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Aggrieved Employee's 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 Size Estimates. Based on a review of its records to date, Defendant estimates there are 143 Class Members who worked a total of 18,000 Workweeks and 87 Aggrieved Employees who worked a total of 3,865 Pay Periods.

4.1.1 If the total number of Workweeks as of the end of the Class Period increases by more than 10% (i.e. more than 19,800 Workweeks), Defendant shall have the option

1 either to: (a) increase the GSA proportionally by the number of Workweeks worked  
2 in excess of 10% (e.g., if the final number of total Workweeks increases by 11% over  
3 18,000 Workweeks, the GSA will increase by 1%; or (b) end the Class Period and the  
4 PAGA Period on the date on which the total number of Workweeks reaches, but  
5 doesn't not exceed, 19,800 (18,000 x 1.1). If Defendant elects option (a), the Parties  
6 agree that the portion of the GSA allocated to Class Counsel Fees will increase  
7 proportionally such that the total amount of attorneys' fees remains one third (1/3) of  
8 the GSA after the increase required by this provision is implemented. Defendant must  
9 notify Class Counsel and the Administrator of its election within 7 days after receiving  
10 the final Class Data from the Administrator.

11 4.2 Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant shall fully fund the Gross Settlement  
12 Amount, and also fund the amounts necessary to fully pay Defendant's share of payroll taxes, by  
13 transmitting the funds to the Administrator at least 6 months after Final Approval, and more if  
14 needed and approved by the Court, due to Defendant's financial situation.

15 4.3 Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 14 days after Defendant funds  
16 the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual Class  
17 Payments, all Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Administration Costs,  
18 Class Counsel Fees, Class Counsel Costs, and the Class Representative Service Award.  
19 Disbursement of Class Counsel Fees, Class Counsel Costs, and the Class Representative Service  
20 Award shall not precede disbursement of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA  
21 Payments.

22 4.3.1 The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual Class Payments and/or  
23 Individual PAGA Payments and send them to Class Members and Aggrieved  
24 Employees via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall  
25 prominently state the date (not less than 180 days after the date of mailing) when the  
26 check will be voided. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void  
27 date. The Administrator will send checks for Individual Settlement Payments to all  
28 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 who are also Aggrieved Employees a single check combining the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment. Before mailing any checks, the Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

4.3.2 The Administrator must conduct an Address Search for all Class Members and Aggrieved Employees whose checks are returned undelivered without a United States Postal Service ("USPS") forwarding address. Within 7 days of receiving a returned check the Administrator must re-mail the check to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Class Members or Aggrieved Employees whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Class Member or Aggrieved Employee whose original check was lost or misplaced, as requested by the Class Member or Aggrieved Employee before the void date.

4.3.3 For any Class Member whose Individual Class Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such a check 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 Code of Civil Procedure section 384, subdivision (b).

4.3.4 For any Aggrieved Employee whose Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such check to the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Aggrieved Employee.

4.3.5 The payment of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Defendant to confer any additional benefits or make any additional

1 payments to Class Members or Aggrieved Employees (such as 401(k) contributions  
2 or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

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

7 5.1 Plaintiff's Release. Plaintiff and Plaintiff's respective former and present  
8 representatives, agents, attorneys, administrators, successors and assigns, release and discharge  
9 Released Parties from all claims, transactions or occurrences arising during the Class Period, that  
10 were, or reasonably could have been, alleged based on the facts contained in the Operative  
11 Complaint and the PAGA Notice. ("Plaintiff's Release.") Plaintiff's Release does not extend to  
12 any claims or actions to enforce this Agreement, or to any claims for vested benefits,  
13 unemployment benefits, disability benefits, social security benefits, or workers' compensation  
14 benefits that arose at any time, or based on occurrences outside the Class Period. Plaintiff  
15 acknowledges that Plaintiff may discover facts or law different from, or in addition to, the facts  
16 or law that Plaintiff now knows or believes to be true but agrees, nonetheless, that Plaintiff's  
17 Release shall be and remain effective in all respects, notwithstanding such different or additional  
18 facts or Plaintiff's discovery of them.

19 5.1.1 Plaintiff's Waiver of Rights Under California Civil Code Section 1542. For  
20 purposes of Plaintiff's Release, Plaintiff expressly waives and relinquishes the  
21 provisions, rights, and benefits, if any, of section 1542 of the California Civil Code,  
22 which reads:

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

26 5.2 Release by Participating Class Members: All Participating Class Members, on behalf  
27 of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys,  
28 administrators, successors and assigns, release Released Parties from all claims that were alleged,

1 or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts and allegations in the Operative  
2 Complaint that are alleged to have occurred during the Class Period. Except as set forth in Section  
3 5.3 of this Agreement, Participating Class Members do not release any other claims, including  
4 claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing  
5 Act, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, or workers' compensation or claims  
6 based on events occurring outside the Class Period.

7     5.3     Released PAGA Claims: All Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf  
8 of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys,  
9 administrators, successors and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA Penalties  
10 that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts and allegations in the  
11 Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice that are alleged to have occurred during the PAGA  
12 Period.

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

15     6.1     Defendant's Declaration in Support of Preliminary Approval. Within 5 days of the full  
16 execution of this Agreement, Defendant will prepare and deliver to Class Counsel a signed  
17 declaration from Defendant and Defense Counsel disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or  
18 potential conflicts of interest with the Administrator. In their declarations, Defense Counsel and  
19 Defendant shall aver whether they are aware of any other pending matter or action asserting  
20 claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.

21     6.2     Plaintiff's Responsibilities. Plaintiff will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel all  
22 documents necessary for obtaining Preliminary Approval, including: (i) a draft of the notice and  
23 memorandum in support of the Motion for Preliminary Approval that includes an analysis of the  
24 Settlement under *Dunk/Kullar* and a request for approval of the PAGA Settlement under Labor  
25 Code section 2699, subdivision (f)(2); (ii) a draft proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval  
26 and Approval of PAGA Settlement; (iii) a draft proposed Class Notice; (iv) a signed declaration  
27 from the Administrator attaching its "not to exceed" bid for administering the Settlement and  
28 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; (vi) a signed declaration from each Class Counsel firm attesting to its competency to represent the Class Members; and its timely transmission to the LWDA of all necessary PAGA documents (PAGA Notice (Lab. Code, § 2699.3, subd. (a)), Operative Complaint (Lab. Code, § 2699, subd. (l)(1)), and the Agreement (Lab. Code, § 2699, subd. (l)(2)); and (vii) all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest with Class Members and the Administrator. In their declarations, Plaintiff and Class Counsel shall aver whether they are aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.

6.3 Responsibilities of Counsel. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel are jointly responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the Motion for Preliminary Approval no later than 30 days after the full execution of this Agreement; obtaining a prompt hearing date for the Motion for Preliminary Approval; and appearing in Court to advocate in favor of the Motion for Preliminary Approval. Class Counsel is responsible for delivering the Court's Preliminary Approval to the Administrator.

6.4 Duty to Cooperate. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed Motion for Preliminary Approval and/or the supporting declarations and documents, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel 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, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel 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 ILYM Group, Inc., to

1 serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, ILYM Group, Inc.,  
2 agrees to be bound by this Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this  
3 Agreement in exchange for Administration Costs. The Parties and their Counsel represent that  
4 they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the Administrator other than a  
5 professional relationship arising out of prior experiences administering settlements.

6 7.2 Employer Identification Number. The Administrator shall have and use its own  
7 Employer Identification Number for purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and  
8 providing reports to state and federal tax authorities.

9 7.3 Qualified Settlement Fund. The Administrator shall establish a settlement fund that  
10 meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund under US Treasury Regulation section  
11 468B-1.

12 7.4 Notice to Class Members.

13 7.4.1 Not later than 15 days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval, Defendant  
14 will deliver the Class Data to the Administrator, in the form of a Microsoft Excel  
15 spreadsheet. To protect Class Members' privacy rights, the Administrator must  
16 maintain the Class Data in confidence, use the Class Data only for purposes of this  
17 Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access to the Class Data to  
18 Administrator employees who need access to effect and perform under this  
19 Agreement. Defendant has a continuing duty to immediately notify Class Counsel if  
20 it discovers that the Class Data omitted Class Member identifying information and to  
21 provide corrected or updated Class Data as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any  
22 extension of the deadline by which Defendant must send the Class Data to the  
23 Administrator, the Parties and their counsel will expeditiously use best efforts, in good  
24 faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related to missing or omitted Class  
25 Data. No later than three (3) business days after receipt of the Class Data, the  
26 Administrator shall notify Class Counsel that the list has been received and state the  
27 number of Class Members, Aggrieved Employees, Workweeks and PAGA Pay  
28 Periods in the Class Data.

1           7.4.2   Using best efforts to perform as soon as possible, and in no event later than 14  
2           days after receiving the Class Data, the Administrator will send to all Class Members  
3           identified in the Class Data, via first-class USPS mail, the Class Notice [with Spanish  
4           translation, if applicable] substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as  
5           **Exhibit A**. The first page of the Class Notice shall prominently estimate the dollar  
6           amounts of any Individual Class Payment and Individual PAGA Payment (if  
7           applicable) payable to the Class Member, and the number of Workweeks and PAGA  
8           Pay Periods (if applicable) used to calculate these amounts. Before mailing Class  
9           Notices, the Administrator shall update Class Member addresses using the National  
10          Change of Address database.

11          7.4.3   Not later than 3 business days after the Administrator's receipt of any Class  
12          Notice returned by the USPS as undelivered, the Administrator shall re-mail the Class  
13          Notice using any forwarding address provided by the USPS. If the USPS does not  
14          provide a forwarding address, the Administrator shall conduct a Class Member  
15          Address Search and re-mail the Class Notice to the most current address obtained. The  
16          Administrator has no obligation to make further attempts to locate or send Class  
17          Notice to Class Members whose Class Notice is returned by the USPS a second time.

18          7.4.4   The deadline for Class Members' written objections, challenges to Workweeks  
19          and/or Pay Periods, if applicable, and Requests for Exclusion will be extended for  
20          Class Members whose notices are re-mailed. Class Members to whom Class Notices  
21          are resent after having been returned undeliverable to the Administrator shall have  
22          their deadline extended an additional 14 calendar days beyond the Response Deadline.  
23          The Administrator will inform the Class Member of the extended deadline with the  
24          re-mailed Class Notice.

25          7.4.5   If the Administrator, Defendant, or Class Counsel is contacted by or otherwise  
26          discovers any persons who believe they should have been included in the Class Data  
27          and should have received Class Notice, the Parties will expeditiously meet and confer  
28          in person or by telephone, and in good faith, in an effort to agree on whether to include

1           them as Class Members. If the Parties agree, such persons will be Class Members  
2           entitled to the same rights as other Class Members, and the Administrator will send,  
3           via email or overnight delivery, a Class Notice requiring them to exercise options  
4           under this Agreement not later than 14 days after receipt of Class Notice, or the  
5           deadline dates in the Class Notice, whichever is later.

6       7.5   Requests for Exclusion (Opt-Outs).

7           7.5.1   Class Members who wish to exclude themselves from (opt out of) the Class  
8           Settlement must send the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail, a signed written  
9           Request for Exclusion not later than the Response Deadline. A Request for Exclusion  
10          is a letter from a Class Member or the Class Member's representative that reasonably  
11          communicates the Class Member's election to be excluded from the Settlement and  
12          includes the Class Member's name, address, email address (if any), and telephone  
13          number. To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely faxed, emailed, or  
14          postmarked by the Response Deadline.

15          7.5.2   The Administrator may not reject a Request for Exclusion as invalid because it  
16          fails to contain all the information specified in the Class Notice. The Administrator  
17          shall accept any Request for Exclusion as valid if the Administrator can reasonably  
18          ascertain the identity of the person as a Class Member and the Class Member's desire  
19          to be excluded. The Administrator's determination shall be final and not appealable  
20          or otherwise susceptible to challenge. If the Administrator has reason to question the  
21          authenticity of a Request for Exclusion, the Administrator may demand additional  
22          proof of the Class Member's identity. The Administrator's determination of  
23          authenticity shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.

24          7.5.3   Every Class Member who does not submit a timely and valid Request for  
25          Exclusion is deemed to be a Participating Class Member, entitled to all benefits and  
26          bound by all terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the Participating Class  
27          Members' Release under Paragraph 5.2 of this Agreement, regardless of whether the  
28          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 and/or Pay Periods. Each Class Member shall have until the Response Deadline to challenge the number of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods, if applicable, 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. The Administrator has the authority to address and make final decisions consistent with the terms of this Agreement on all Class Member challenges to the number of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods. In the absence of any contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the Workweeks and/or Pay Periods contained in the Class Notice are correct if they are consistent with the Class Data. The Administrator's determination of allocations of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods is final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. The Administrator shall promptly provide to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel copies of all challenges to calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods 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 this Agreement, including contesting the fairness of the Settlement and the amounts requested for Class Counsel Fees, Class Counsel Costs, Administration Costs, and Class Representative Service Award.

7.7.2 Participating Class Members may send written objections to the Administrator,

1 by fax, email, or mail no later than the Response Deadline. Participating Class  
2 Members may appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court) to present oral  
3 objections at the Final Approval Hearing.

4 7.7.3 Non-Participating Class Members have no right to object to any of the class  
5 action components of the Settlement.

6 7.8 Administrator Duties. The Administrator has a duty to perform all tasks to be  
7 performed by the Administrator set forth in this Agreement or otherwise.

8 7.8.1 Website, Email Address, and Toll-Free Number. The Administrator will  
9 establish, maintain, and use a website to post information of interest to Class Members  
10 including the date, time and location for the Final Approval Hearing and copies of the  
11 Agreement, Motion for Preliminary Approval, the Preliminary Approval, the Class  
12 Notice, the Motion for Final Approval, the Final Approval, and the Judgment. The  
13 Administrator will also maintain and monitor an email address and a toll-free  
14 telephone number to receive Class Member calls, faxes, and emails.

15 7.8.2 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-outs) and Exclusion List. The Administrator will  
16 promptly review on a rolling basis Requests for Exclusion to ascertain their validity.  
17 Not later than 5 days after the expiration of the deadline for submitting Requests for  
18 Exclusion, the Administrator shall email a list to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel  
19 containing (a) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who  
20 have timely submitted valid Requests for Exclusion (“Exclusion List”); (b) the names  
21 and other identifying information of Class Members who have submitted invalid  
22 Requests for Exclusion; and (c) copies of all Requests for Exclusion submitted  
23 (whether valid or invalid).

24 7.8.3 Weekly Reports. The Administrator must, on a weekly basis, provide written  
25 reports to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel that, among other things, tally the  
26 number of: Class Notices mailed or re-mailed, Class Notices returned undelivered,  
27 Requests for Exclusion (whether valid or invalid) received, objections received,  
28 challenges to Workweeks received and/or resolved, and checks mailed for Individual

1 Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments (“Weekly Report”). The Weekly  
2 Reports must include the Administrator’s assessment of the validity of Requests for  
3 Exclusion and attach copies of all Requests for Exclusion and objections received.

4 7.8.4 Administrator’s Declaration. Not later than 14 days before the date by which  
5 Plaintiff is required to file the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, the  
6 Administrator will provide to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel a signed declaration  
7 suitable for filing in Court attesting to its due diligence and compliance with all of its  
8 obligations under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, its mailing of Class  
9 Notice, the Class Notices returned as undelivered, the re-mailing of Class Notices,  
10 attempts to locate Class Members, the total number of Requests for Exclusion it  
11 received (both valid or invalid), and the number of written objections. The declaration  
12 shall attach the Exclusion List. The Administrator will supplement its declaration as  
13 needed or requested by the Parties and/or the Court. Class Counsel is responsible for  
14 filing the Administrator’s declaration(s) in Court.

15 7.8.5 Final Report by Settlement Administrator. Within 10 days after the  
16 Administrator disburses all funds in the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator  
17 will provide Class Counsel and Defense Counsel with a final report detailing its  
18 disbursements by employee identification number only of all payments made under  
19 this Agreement. At least 15 days before any deadline set by the Court, the  
20 Administrator will prepare, and submit to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a  
21 signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its disbursement of all  
22 payments required under this Agreement. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the  
23 Administrator’s declaration in Court.

24 **8. MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL.** Not later than 16 court days before the calendared  
25 Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff will file in Court a motion for final approval that includes a  
26 request for approval of the PAGA settlement under Labor Code section 2699, subdivision (l), a  
27 proposed Final Approval Order and a proposed Judgment (collectively “Motion for Final  
28 Approval”). Plaintiff shall provide drafts of these documents to Defense Counsel not later than 7

1 days before filing the Motion for Final Approval. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will  
2 expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve any  
3 disagreements concerning the Motion for Final Approval.

4 8.1 Response to Objections. Each Party retains the right to respond to any objection raised  
5 by a Participating Class Member, including the right to file responsive documents in Court no  
6 later than 5 court days before the Final Approval Hearing, or as otherwise ordered or accepted by  
7 the Court.

8 8.2 Duty to Cooperate. If the Court does not grant Final Approval or conditions Final  
9 Approval on any material change to the Settlement, including the scope of release to be granted  
10 by Class Members, the Parties will expeditiously work together in good faith to address the  
11 Court's concerns by revising the Agreement as necessary to obtain Final Approval. The Court's  
12 decision to award less than the amounts requested for the Service Award, Class Counsel Fees,  
13 Class Counsel Costs, and/or Administrator Costs shall not constitute a material modification to  
14 the Agreement within the meaning of this paragraph.

15 8.3 Continuing Jurisdiction of the Court. The Parties agree that, after entry of Judgment,  
16 the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, Action, and the Settlement solely for purposes  
17 of (i) enforcing this Agreement or Judgment, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters  
18 and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as are permitted by law.

19 8.4 Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and  
20 conditions of this Agreement, specifically including Class Counsel Fees and Class Counsel Costs,  
21 the Parties, their respective counsel and all Participating Class Members who did not object to the  
22 Settlement, waive all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment  
23 and appellate proceedings, the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial,  
24 extraordinary writs and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to  
25 oppose such motions, writs or appeals. If an objector appeals the Judgment, the Parties'  
26 obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is  
27 finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final, except as to matters that do not affect the Net  
28 Settlement Amount.

8.5 Appellate Court Orders to Vacate, Reverse, or Materially Modify Judgment. If the appellate court vacates, reverses, or modifies the Judgment in a manner that requires a material modification of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), this Agreement shall be null and void. The Parties shall nevertheless expeditiously work together in good faith to address the appellate court's concerns and to obtain Final Approval and entry of Judgment, sharing, on a 50-50 basis, any additional administration expenses reasonably incurred after remittitur. An appellate decision to vacate, reverse, or modify the Court's award of the Class Representative Service Award 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.

**9. 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 a proposed amended judgment.

**10. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.**

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

10.2 Confidentiality Prior to Preliminary Approval. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant,

1 and Defense Counsel separately agree that, until the Motion for Preliminary Approval is filed,  
2 they and each of them will not disclose, disseminate, publicize, or cause or permit another person  
3 to disclose, disseminate, or publicize, any of the terms of the Agreement directly or indirectly,  
4 specifically or generally, to any person, corporation, association, government agency, or other  
5 entity except: (1) to the Parties' attorneys, accountants or spouses, all of whom will be instructed  
6 to keep this Agreement confidential; (2) to counsel in a related matter; (3) to the extent necessary  
7 to report income to appropriate taxing authorities; (4) in response to a court order or subpoena; or  
8 (5) in response to an inquiry or subpoena issued by a state or federal government agency. Each  
9 Party agrees to immediately notify each other Party of any judicial or agency order, inquiry, or  
10 subpoena seeking such information. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant, and Defense Counsel  
11 separately agree not to, directly or indirectly, initiate any conversation or other communication,  
12 before the filing of the Motion for Preliminary Approval, with any third party regarding this  
13 Agreement or the matters giving rise to this Agreement except to respond only that "the matter  
14 was resolved," or words to that effect. This paragraph does not restrict Class Counsel's  
15 communications with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations  
16 owed to Class Members.

17 10.3 No Solicitation. The Parties separately agree that they and their respective counsel and  
18 employees will not solicit any Class Member to opt out of or object to the Settlement or appeal  
19 from the Judgment. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to restrict Class Counsel's ability  
20 to communicate with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations  
21 owed to Class Members.

22 10.4 Integrated Agreement. Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement  
23 together with its attached exhibits shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties  
24 relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral representations, warranties, covenants or  
25 inducements made to or by any Party.

26 10.5 Attorney Authorization. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and  
27 represent that they are authorized by Plaintiff and Defendant, respectively, to take all appropriate  
28 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.

10.6 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 and 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 the Mediator or the Court for resolution.

10.7 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 any portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action, or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.

10.8 No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant, nor Defense Counsel are providing any advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.

10.9 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.

10.10 Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.

10.11 Applicable Law. All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of California, without regard to conflict of law principles.

10.12 Cooperation in Drafting. The Parties have cooperated in drafting and preparing 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.

10.13 Confidentiality. To the extent permitted by law, all agreements made and orders entered during the Action and in this Agreement relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive the execution of this Agreement.

10.14 Use and Return of Class Data. Information provided to Class Counsel pursuant to Evidence Code section 1152, and all copies and summaries of the Class Data provided to Class Counsel by Defendant in connection with the mediation, other settlement negotiations, or the Settlement, may be used only with respect to this Settlement and for no other purpose, and may not be used in any way that violates any existing contractual agreement, statute or the California Rules 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 shall destroy all paper and electronic versions of Class Data received from Defendant unless, before the Court's discharge of the Administrator's obligation, Defendant makes a written request to Class Counsel for the return, rather than the destruction, of Class Data.

10.15 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 the Agreement.

10.16 Calendar Days. Unless otherwise noted, all references 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.

10.17 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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10.18 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.

10.19 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. The Parties further agree that upon the signing of this Agreement that pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 583.330 to extend the date to bring a case to trial under Code of Civil Procedure section 583.310 for the entire period of this settlement process.

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By the Parties:

Dated: 6/10/2026

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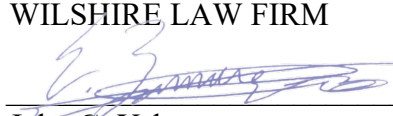
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