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This Stipulation of Settlement is made and entered into by and among Plaintiffs Harry Dennis and John Koz ("Plaintiffs"), on behalf of themselves and each of the Settlement Class Members, by and through Class Counsel authorized to settle this Litigation on their behalf, and Defendant The Kellogg Company ("Defendant" or "Kellogg") (collectively, the "Parties"), by and through its counsel of record in this Litigation.

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#### I. RECITALS

A. On May 5, 2009, Plaintiff Koz sent a demand letter to Kellogg along
with a proposed Complaint alleging violations of Ohio's Consumer Sales
Practice Act (Ohio Rev. Code §1345, *et. seq.*), Ohio's Deceptive Trade Practices
Act, (Ohio Rev. Code §4165, *et. seq.*) and Breach of Warranty in connection
with Defendant's advertising of Kellogg's® Frosted Mini-Wheats cereals
("Product").

B. On August 17, 2009, Plaintiff Dennis filed a complaint against
Defendant in the United States District Court for the Southern District of
California. On June 22, 2010, a First Amended Complaint (the "Amended
Complaint") was filed by Dennis and Koz.

18 С. In the Amended Complaint, Plaintiffs allege that Kellogg falsely 19 claimed on its Product labels and packages and in its promotional materials and 20 advertisements that ran during the Settlement Class Period that consumption of Kellogg's® Frosted Mini-Wheats cereal for breakfast improved kids' 21 22 attentiveness, memory and other cognitive functions to a degree not supported by 23 any competent clinical evidence. The Amended Complaint alleges: 24 (1) violations of California's Unfair Competition Law ("UCL"), Business & 25 Professions Code §17200, et. seq., and similar laws of the various states, (2) 26 violations of California's Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Civil Code §1750 et 27 seq., and similar laws of the various states and (3) unjust enrichment. The Amended Complaint seeks equitable monetary relief and injunctive relief. 28 No. 3:09-CV-01786-IEG(WMC)

1 Counsel for each of the Plaintiffs conducted separate examinations and 2 evaluations of the relevant law and facts to assess the merits of their respective 3 Plaintiffs' claims and to determine how to best serve the interests of the members 4 of the proposed Class.

D. Kellogg's advertising, marketing and promotional campaigns that consumption of Kellogg's® Frosted Mini-Wheats cereal for breakfast improved 6 7 kids' attentiveness ran nationally from January 28, 2008 to June 16, 2008, from 8 July 28, 2008 to September 15, 2008, and from August 3, 2009 to September 14, 9 Kellogg's advertising, marketing and promotional campaigns that 2009. 10 consumption of Kellogg's® Frosted Mini-Wheats cereal for breakfast improved 11 kids' memory ran nationally from February 9, 2009 to May 11, 2009.

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E. On January 13, 2010, Class Counsel, Defendant and Defendant's 13 Counsel participated in a mediation conducted by Martin Quinn of JAMS in San 14 Francisco, California. Subsequent to that session, the Parties engaged in 15 protracted, extensive, and hard-fought settlement negotiations.

16 F. The Parties agreed to settle the Litigation pursuant to the terms set 17 forth in a Stipulation of Settlement filed with the Court on September 10, 2010 18 (ECF No. 34). On October 14, 2010, Judge Irma Gonzalez entered an Order 19 Granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement (ECF No. 37), and after 20 conducting an open hearing on February 14, 2011 (ECF No. 48), Judge Gonzalez 21 entered an Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement on April 5, 2011 22 (ECF No. 49).

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G. After entry of the Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement, 24 the Parties caused to be initiated the Notice Program set forth in the Stipulation 25 of Settlement to inform potential Settlement Class Members of the settlement of 26 the Litigation and of the availability of possible reimbursement for purchases of 27 the Product upon submission of a valid claim form. More than 48,000 claim 28 forms seeking reimbursements were submitted by Settlement Class Members, No. 3:09-CV-01786-IEG(WMC)

1 but no claims have been paid.

2 H. Objectors to the settlement appealed the Order Granting Final 3 Approval to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Case No. 4 11-55706, and on July 13, 2012, the Ninth Circuit issued an opinion reversing 5 the approval of the settlement, 2012 WL 2870128 (9th Cir. 2012). On 6 September 4, 2012, the Ninth Circuit withdrew that opinion and issued a new 7 opinion reversing the District Court's approval of the settlement, 697 F.3d 858 8 (9th Cir. 2012). The Ninth Circuit remanded the case to Judge Gonzalez.

9 I. Following the issuance of the Ninth Circuit's opinion on September 10 4, 2012, Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel began settlement discussions 11 but were unable to reach a resolution. On December 11, 2012, Class Counsel, 12 Defendant and Defendant's Counsel participated in a mediation conducted by the 13 Honorable Richard Haden of JAMS in San Diego, California. As a result of that 14 mediation session, the Parties have agreed to resolve the Litigation on the terms 15 set forth in this Stipulation of Settlement.

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Based upon Class Counsel's investigation and evaluation of the J. 17 facts and law relating to the matters alleged in the pleadings and having given 18 due consideration to the Ninth Circuit's opinions in the Litigation, Plaintiffs and 19 Class Counsel agreed to settle the Litigation pursuant to the provisions of this 20 Stipulation after considering, among other things: (1) the substantial benefits 21 available to the Class under the terms herein; (2) the attendant risks and 22 uncertainty of litigation, especially in complex actions such as this, as well as the 23 difficulties and delays inherent in such litigation; and (3) the desirability of 24 consummating this Stipulation to provide effective relief to the Class and to end 25 the conduct at issue.

26 K. Kellogg has denied and continues to deny each and all of the claims 27 and contentions alleged by Plaintiffs. Kellogg has expressly denied and continues to deny all charges of wrongdoing or liability against it arising out of 28 No. 3:09-CV-01786-IEG(WMC)

any of the conduct, statements, acts or omissions alleged, or that could have been
 alleged, in the Litigation.

3 Nonetheless, Kellogg has concluded that further defense of the L. 4 Litigation would be protracted and expensive, and that it is desirable that the 5 Litigation be fully and finally settled in the manner and upon the terms and 6 conditions set forth in the Stipulation. Defendant also has taken into account the 7 uncertainty and risks inherent in any litigation. Kellogg, therefore, has 8 determined that it is desirable and beneficial to it that the Litigation be settled in 9 the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation.

M. This Stipulation effectuates the resolution of disputed claims and is
for settlement purposes only.

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## II. DEFINITIONS

A. As used in this Stipulation the following capitalized terms have the
 meanings specified below:

15 1. "Claim Form" means the document to be submitted by
 16 Claimants seeking payment pursuant to this Stipulation that will accompany the
 17 Class Notice and will be available online at the Settlement Website, substantially
 18 in the form of Exhibit A and discussed in §IV.A.5 of this Stipulation.

2. "Claimant" means a Settlement Class Member who submits a
claim for payment as described in §IV of this Stipulation or who previously
submitted a claim for payment in response to the Notice that ran after the District
Court's entry of the Order Granting Final Approval of the Stipulation of
Settlement on April 5, 2011 (ECF No. 49).

3. "Claims Administration Protocols" means the protocols set
forth in the Claim Administration Protocols, attached as Exhibit B.

4. "Class" means all persons or entities in the United States who
purchased the Product during the Settlement Class Period. Excluded from the

Class are Kellogg's employees, officers, directors, agents, and representatives
 and those who purchased the Product for the purpose of re-sale.

5. "Class Action Settlement Administrator" means the company
or companies jointly selected by Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel and
approved by the Court to provide Class Notice and to administer the claims
process.

6. "Class Counsel" means the attorneys of record for Plaintiffs
and means the following individual:

9	Timothy G. Blood
10	Blood Hurst & O'Reardon, LLP
	701 B Street, Suite 1700
11	San Diego, CA 92101
12	Telephone: 619/338-1100

7. "Class Notice" means, collectively, the "Notice of Class
Action Settlement" and the "Publication Notice," substantially in the forms of
Exhibit C and Exhibit D, respectively, and discussed in §V of this Stipulation.

8. "Court" means the United States District Court for the
Southern District of California.

- 9. "Defendant" means the Kellogg Company.
  - 10. "Defendant's Counsel" means the following individuals:

Dean N. Panos Richard P. Steinken Jenner & Block LLP 353 N. Clark Street Chicago, IL 60654-3456

- Telephone: 312/222-9350 Brent L. Caslin
- - 633 West 5th Street, Suite 3500 Los Angeles, CA 90071-2054

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1	11. "Effective Date" means the date on which all of the	
2	conditions of settlement have been satisfied, as discussed in §IX of this	
3	Stipulation.	
4	12. "Judgment" means the "Judgment, Final Order and Decree"	
5	to be entered by the Court, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit E.	
6	13. "Litigation" means <i>Dennis v. Kellogg Company</i> , Case No.	
7	3:09-CV-01786-IEG(WMC) (S.D. Cal.).	
8	14. "Party" or "Parties" means the Plaintiffs and Defendant in	
9	this Litigation.	
10	15. "Person" means a natural person, individual, corporation,	
11	partnership, association, or any other type of legal entity.	
12	16. "Plaintiffs" mean and include the class representatives Harry	
13	Dennis and John Koz.	
14	17. "Plaintiffs' Counsel" means Class Counsel and the following	
15	individuals:	
16	Andrew S. Friedman	
17	Elaine A. Ryan Patricia N. Syverson	
18	Bonnett, Fairbourn, Friedman & Balint, P.C.	
19	2325 E. Camelback Road, Suite 300 Phoenix, AZ 85016	
20	Telephone: 602/274-1100	
21	Frank E. Piscitelli, Jr.	
22	Piscitelli Law Firm 55 Public Square, Suite 1950	
23	Cleveland, OH 44113	
24	Telephone: 216/931-7000	
25	John R. Climaco Patrick Warner	
26	Climaco, Wilcox, Peca, Tarantino & Garofoli Co., L.P.A.	
27	55 Public Square, Suite 1950 Cleveland, OH 44113	
28	Telephone: 216/621-8484	
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Patrick J. Sheehan Whatley, Drake & Kallas, LLC 1540 Broadway, 37<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10036 Telephone: 212/447-7070

18. "Preliminary Approval Order" means the "Order re
Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement," substantially in the form of
Exhibit F attached hereto, preliminarily approving this Stipulation, providing for
notification to the Settlement Class and seeking the scheduling of the Settlement
Hearing.

10 19. "Product" means the Frosted Mini-Wheats® branded cereal
11 that is the subject of the Litigation.

"Released Claims" means, with the exception of claims for 20. 12 personal injury, any and all actions, claims, demands, rights, suits, and causes of 13 action of whatever kind or nature against the Released Persons, including 14 damages, costs, expenses, penalties, and attorneys' fees, known or unknown, 15 suspected or unsuspected, in law or equity arising out of or relating to statements 16 concerning attentiveness, memory or any other cognitive function made in or in 17 connection with Defendant's advertising, marketing, packaging, promotion, sale 18 and distribution of the Product, which have been asserted or which could 19 reasonably have been asserted by the Class in the Litigation. 20

21. "Released Persons" means and includes Defendant and its direct and indirect corporate parent, subsidiaries and affiliates, as well as its distributors, wholesalers, retailers, customers and licensors, including the officers, directors, employees, shareholders, agents, insurers, spokespersons, public relations firms, advertising and production agencies and assigns of all such persons or entities.

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22. "Settlement Class Member(s)" or "Member(s) of the
 Settlement Class" means a member of the Class who has not been properly
 excluded from the Class.

4 23. "Settlement Class Period" means the period from January 28,
5 2008, up to and including October 1, 2009, the dates between which Defendant
6 ran its national advertising, marketing and promotional campaigns for Frosted
7 Mini-Wheats relating to cognitive function.

8 24. "Settlement Fund" means the \$4.0 million common fund
9 discussed in §IV.A.2 of this Stipulation.

10 25. "Settlement Hearing" means the hearing(s) to be held by the
11 Court to consider and determine whether the proposed settlement of this
12 Litigation as contained in this Stipulation should be approved as fair, reasonable,
13 and adequate, and whether the Judgment approving the settlement contained in
14 this Stipulation should be entered.

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15 "Settlement Website" means the website to be created for this 26. settlement that will include information about the Litigation and the settlement, 16 17 relevant documents and electronic and printable forms relating to the settlement, 18 including the Claim Form which can be submitted online or printed and mailed. 19 The Settlement Website shall be activated no later than sixty (60) days before the 20 Settlement Hearing and shall remain active until one hundred and one (101) days 21 after the Court enters the Judgment. A link to the Settlement Website shall also 22 be available on the websites Defendant maintains for United States consumers of 23 the Product during the same time period and, at Class Counsel's option, on Class 24 Counsel's websites.

25 27. "Stipulation" means this Stipulation of Settlement, including
26 its attached exhibits (which are incorporated herein by reference), duly executed
27 by Class Counsel and counsel for Defendant.

B. Other capitalized terms used in this Stipulation but not defined
 above shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Stipulation and the exhibits
 attached hereto.

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## III. CERTIFICATION OF THE NATIONAL SETTLEMENT CLASS

5 Defendant hereby consents, solely for purposes of the settlement set forth 6 herein, to the certification of the national Settlement Class, to the appointment of 7 Class Counsel as counsel for the Settlement Class, and to the conditional 8 approval of Plaintiffs as suitable representatives of the Class; provided, however, 9 that if this Stipulation fails to receive Court approval or otherwise fails to be 10 consummated, including, but not limited to, the Judgment not becoming final as 11 provided in §IX.C of this Stipulation, then Defendant retains all rights it had 12 immediately preceding the execution of this Stipulation to object to the 13 maintenance of this Litigation as a class action by Class Counsel, and in that 14 event, nothing in this Stipulation or other papers or proceedings related to the 15 settlement shall be used as evidence or argument by any Party concerning 16 whether the Litigation may properly be maintained as a class action, whether the 17 purported Class is ascertainable, or whether Class Counsel or the Plaintiffs can 18 adequately represent the Settlement Class Members under applicable law.

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#### IV. SETTLEMENT RELIEF

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**Cash Payments** 

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## 1. Class Members' Cash Recovery

Class members may seek reimbursement of \$5.00 per box of the Product
purchased, with a maximum recovery of \$15.00 per consumer. Claimants may
seek reimbursement by submitting a simplified Claim Form either by mail or
electronically. The actual amount paid to individual Claimants will depend upon
the number of valid claims made. Adequate and customary procedures and

The settlement relief includes cash payments and non-monetary relief.

standards will be used by the Class Action Settlement Administrator to prevent
 the payment of fraudulent claims and to pay only legitimate claims.

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#### 2. Settlement Fund

(a) In accordance with the payment schedule set forth in §IV.A.7, below, Defendant shall pay \$4.0 million in trust to a third party institution (the "Fund Institution") to be selected by Class Counsel and approved by Defendant to establish an interest bearing fund for payments made pursuant to this section.

9 (b) The Settlement Fund shall be applied to pay in full and 10 in order: (i) any necessary taxes and tax expenses; (ii) all costs associated with 11 the Class Action Settlement Administrator, including costs of providing notice to 12 the Class Members and processing claims; (iii) any Fee and Expense Award 13 made by the Court to Class Counsel under §VIII(a); (iv) any class representative 14 incentive award made by the Court to Plaintiffs under §VIII(c); and (v) payments 15 to authorized Claimants and any others as allowed by this Stipulation and to be 16 approved by the Court.

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## 3. Settlement Fund: Insufficient or Excess Funds

(a) If the total amount of eligible claims exceeds the
Settlement Fund, then each claim's award shall be proportionately reduced.

20 (b) If after all valid claims are paid, money remains in the 21 Settlement Fund, the remaining amount shall be used to increase pro rata the 22 recovery on each eligible claim, with total recovery on each claim limited to 23 three times the original value of the claim. Any funds remaining thereafter shall 24 be paid to one or more charities consistent with the Ninth Circuit opinion, chosen 25 by the Parties and approved by the Court pursuant to the cy pres doctrine. 26 Subject to Court approval, the Parties select Consumer Watchdog, Consumers 27 Union and the Center for Science in the Public Interest as the *cy pres* recipients.

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#### 4. **Delivery of Payments to Settlement Class Members**

(a) Payment will be made directly to the Settlement Class 3 Member by first class mail after entitlement to payment to all Claimants is 4 determined, and in no event more than ten (10) days after the close of the Claim-5 In Period, unless Class Counsel permits an extension of time to complete the 6 claims determination process.

7 (b) Failure to provide all information requested in the 8 Claim Form will not result in nonpayment of a claim. Instead, the Class Action 9 Settlement Administrator will take all adequate and customary steps to determine 10 the Settlement Class Member's eligibility for payment and the amount of 11 payment based on the information contained in the Claim Form or otherwise 12 submitted, the amount of money available to pay all valid claims, and such other 13 reasonably available information from which eligibility for payment can be 14 determined.

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#### 5. **Claim Form Availability**

The Claim Form will be part of the Publication Notice and will be 16 17 available for downloading and may be completed and submitted online at the 18 Settlement Website, and the Claim Form will be available for downloading on 19 Class Counsel's websites, at Class Counsel's option. The Claim Form may also 20 be requested by calling the toll-free number provided by the Class Action 21 Settlement Administrator or by writing to the Class Action Settlement 22 Administrator.

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#### 6. **Eligibility for Cash Payment**

24 (a) To be eligible for a cash payment, the Settlement Class 25 Member must timely submit a Claim Form containing his or her name and 26 mailing address. Settlement Class Members who previously submitted a claim 27 for payment in response to the Notice that ran after the District Court's entry of the Order Granting Final Approval of the Stipulation of Settlement on April 5, 28 No. 3:09-CV-01786-IEG(WMC)

2011 (ECF No. 49) do not need to resubmit a Claim Form in order to be eligible 1 2 for and to receive a cash payment. The Settlement Administrator may pay claims 3 that are otherwise valid but untimely filed if there is sufficient money to pay all 4 valid and timely claims in full plus untimely but otherwise valid claims from the 5 Settlement Fund, and payment of any such untimely but valid claims is 6 administratively feasible and otherwise reasonable, taking into account the need 7 to timely pay claims. The determination of the Class Action Settlement 8 Administrator concerning the eligibility and amount of payment shall be final. In 9 the event a Settlement Class Member disagrees with such a determination, the 10 Class Action Settlement Administrator agrees to reconsider such determination, 11 which includes consultation with Class Counsel. 12 (b) To be eligible, Claim Forms must be postmarked or

submitted online no later than 80 days after the date the Court first sets for the
Settlement Hearing ("Claim-In Period").

(c) Timing of Payments. The Class Action Settlement
Administrator shall send payment to eligible Settlement Class Members or, as
applicable, a letter explaining the rejection of the claim, within ten (10) days
from the close of the Claim-In Period.

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## 7. Schedule of Payments into the Settlement Fund

20 (a) Subject to §IV.A.2, above, Defendant shall fund the
21 Settlement Fund thirty (30) days after entry of Judgment by the Court.

(b) In the event the Effective Date does not occur, all
amounts paid into the Settlement Fund, less amounts paid for taxes and tax
expenses and claims administration and notice in accordance with §IV.A.2(b)(i)
and (ii), above, shall be returned to Defendant.

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# B. Other Relief

(a) Within three (3) months of the Effective Date, and for a
 period of three (3) years from the Effective Date, Defendant shall refrain from
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1 using in its advertising and on its labeling for the Product any assertion to the 2 effect that "eating a bowl of Kellogg's® Frosted Mini-Wheats cereal for 3 breakfast is clinically shown to improve attentiveness by nearly 20%." 4 Notwithstanding the foregoing, Defendant may make claims about the impact on 5 attentiveness from eating the Product, but Kellogg will limit and qualify such 6 claims wherever made to "Clinical studies have shown that kids who eat a filling 7 breakfast like Frosted Mini-Wheats have an 11% better attentiveness in school than kids who skip breakfast," or words to the same effect. In the event 8 9 Defendant makes claims about the impact on memory or other cognitive function 10 from eating the Product, Kellogg will similarly limit and qualify any such claims. 11 As used here, advertising includes the packaging of the Product and any type of advertisement or promotion of any kind, including on radio, television, the 12 13 Internet, newspapers, periodicals, point of purchase displays and all other media.

## V. NOTICE TO THE CLASS, COMMUNICATIONS WITH SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBERS AND REDEMPTION OF SETTLEMENT RELIEF

A. Class Notice

The Class Notice shall conform to all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clauses), and any other applicable law, and shall otherwise be in the manner and form agreed upon by the Parties and approved by the Court. Collectively, the Class Notice shall set forth the following information:

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1. General Terms. The Class Notice shall:

(a) inform Settlement Class Members that, if they do not
 exclude themselves from the Class, they may be eligible to receive the relief
 under the proposed settlement;

(b) contain a short, plain statement of the background of
 the Litigation, the Class certification and the proposed settlement;

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1	(c) describe the proposed settlement relief outlined in this	
2	Stipulation;	
3	(d) explain the impact of the proposed settlement on any	
4	existing litigation, arbitration or other proceeding; and	
5	(e) state that any relief to Settlement Class Members is	
6	contingent on the Court's final approval of the proposed settlement.	
7	2. Notice of Exclusion and Objection Rights. The Class Notice	
8	shall inform Settlement Class Members:	
9	(a) that they may exclude themselves from the Class by	
10	submitting a written exclusion request postmarked no later than thirty (30) days	
11	before the date of the Settlement Hearing;	
12	(b) that any Settlement Class Member who has not	
13	submitted a written request for exclusion may, if he or she desires, object to the	
14	proposed settlement by filing and serving a written statement of objections along	
15	with proof of membership in the Class no later than thirty (30) days before the	
16	Settlement Hearing;	
17	(c) that any Settlement Class Member who has filed and	
18	served written objections to the proposed settlement may, if he or she so	
19	requests, enter an appearance at the Settlement Hearing either personally or	
20	through counsel;	
21	(d) that any Judgment entered in the Litigation, whether	
22	favorable or unfavorable to the Class, shall include, and be binding on, all	
23	Settlement Class Members who have not been excluded from the Class, even if	
24	they have objected to the proposed settlement and even if they have any other	
25	claim, lawsuit or proceeding pending against Defendant; and	
26	(e) of the terms of the release.	
27	3. No later than sixty (60) days before the Settlement Hearing,	
28	the Class Notice shall be posted on the Settlement Website and, at their option,	
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on the websites of Class Counsel. The Class Notice shall also be sent via
electronic mail or regular mail to those Class Members who so request. The
Class Notice shall remain available by these means until one hundred and one
(101) days after the Court enters the Judgment.

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4. Class Members who previously submitted a claim shall be sent a statement of the relief they will receive and where they can find out additional information about the settlement. The statement shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit H.

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#### **B.** Publication Notice

No later than sixty (60) days before the Settlement Hearing, the Class
Action Settlement Administrator will cause to be published in accordance with
the media plan, attached as Exhibit G, the Publication Notice, a copy of which is
attached as Exhibit D. The Publication Notice shall also be posted on the
Settlement Website until one hundred and one (101) days after the Effective
Date.

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#### C. Retention of Class Action Settlement Administrator

Defendant shall, subject to the approval of Class Counsel, retain one or
more Class Action Settlement Administrators (including subcontractors) to help
implement the terms of the proposed Stipulation. All costs associated with the
Class Action Settlement Administrator, including costs of providing notice to the
Class Members and processing claims, shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund.

22 1. The Class Action Settlement Administrator(s) shall assist 23 with various administrative tasks, including, without limitation, (a) mailing or 24 arranging for the mailing or other distribution of the Class Notice, Claim Forms 25 to Settlement Class Members, and the statement pursuant to §V.A.4, (b) 26 arranging for publication of the Publication Notice, (c) handling returned mail 27 not delivered to Settlement Class Members, (d) attempting to obtain updated 28 address information for Settlement Class Members and for any Class Notice No. 3:09-CV-01786-IEG(WMC)

1 Packages returned without a forwarding address or an expired forwarding 2 address, (e) making any additional mailings required under the terms of this 3 Stipulation, (f) answering written inquiries from Settlement Class Members 4 and/or forwarding such inquiries to Class Counsel or their designee, (g) receiving 5 and maintaining on behalf of the Court and the Parties any Settlement Class 6 Member correspondence regarding requests for exclusion to the settlement, (h) 7 establishing the Settlement Website that posts notices, Claim Forms and other 8 related documents, (i) receiving and processing claims and distributing payments 9 to Settlement Class Members, and (j) otherwise assisting with administration of 10 the Stipulation.

The contract with the Class Action Settlement Administrator
 shall obligate the Class Action Settlement Administrator to abide by the
 following performance standards:

(a) The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall
accurately and neutrally describe, and shall train and instruct its employees and
agents to accurately and objectively describe, the provisions of this Stipulation in
communications with Settlement Class Members;

(b) The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall
provide prompt, accurate and objective responses to inquiries from Class
Counsel or their designee, Defendant and/or Defendant's Counsel.

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# VI. APPROVAL PROCEDURES AND RELATED PROVISIONS

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## A. Preliminary Approval and Settlement Hearing

Promptly after execution of this Stipulation, the Parties shall submit this
Stipulation to the Court and shall jointly apply for entry of a Preliminary
Approval Order preliminarily approving this Stipulation, providing for the
dissemination of the Class Notice, and scheduling a Settlement Hearing.

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#### **B.** Requests for Exclusion

1. Any potential Settlement Class Member who wishes to be 3 excluded from the Class must mail or deliver a written request for exclusion to 4 the Clerk of the Court, care of the address provided in the Class Notice, 5 postmarked or delivered no later than 30 days before the Settlement Hearing, or 6 as the Court otherwise may direct. The written request for exclusion must 7 request exclusion from the Class, must be signed by the potential Settlement 8 Class Member and include a statement indicating that the requested is a member 9 of the Settlement Class. A list reflecting all requests for exclusion shall be filed 10 with the Court by Defendant at or before the Settlement Hearing.

Any potential Settlement Class Member who does not file a
 timely written request for exclusion as provided in the preceding §VI.B.1 shall
 be bound by all subsequent proceedings, orders and the Judgment in this
 Litigation relating to this Stipulation, even if he or she has pending, or
 subsequently initiates, litigation, arbitration or any other proceeding against
 Defendant relating to the Released Claims.

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## VII. RELEASES

18 As of the Effective Date, Plaintiffs and each Settlement Class Member 19 who has not validly excluded himself or herself from the Settlement Class 20 pursuant to §VI.B of this Stipulation shall be deemed to have, and by operation 21 of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and 22 discharged all Released Claims against the Released Persons. In connection with 23 the Released Claims, each Settlement Class Member shall be deemed as of the 24 Effective Date to have waived any and all provisions, rights, and benefits 25 conferred by §1542 of the California Civil Code and any statute, rule, and legal 26 doctrine similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code §1542, 27 which reads as follows:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.

#### VIII. CLASS COUNSEL'S ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS AND EXPENSES AND CLASS REPRESENTATIVE INCENTIVE AWARDS

6 A. The parties agree that Plaintiffs' Counsel may apply for an award of 7 attorneys' fees and reasonable, actual out-of-pocket expenses from the 8 Settlement Fund ("Fee and Expense Award"). Subject to the terms and 9 conditions of this Stipulation and any order of the Court, the Fee and Expense 10 Award awarded by the Court to Plaintiffs' Counsel shall be paid out of the 11 Settlement Fund within ten (10) days after the Effective Date. In the event the 12 Judgment entered pursuant to this settlement shall not become final, Plaintiffs' 13 Counsel shall return in full the amount of attorneys' fees and expenses paid to 14 them pursuant to this provision.

B. Class Counsel shall allocate and distribute the Court's Fee and
 Expense Award among Plaintiffs' Counsel.

<sup>17</sup> C. Also within ten (10) days after the Effective Date a class
<sup>18</sup> representative incentive award of \$5,000 each shall be paid out of the Settlement
<sup>19</sup> Fund to Harry Dennis and John Koz.

# IX. CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT, EFFECT OF DISAPPROVAL, CANCELLATION OR TERMINATION

**A.** The Effective Date of this Stipulation shall be the first date after which all of the following events and conditions have been met or have occurred:

- 1. The Court has preliminarily approved this Stipulation;
- 2. The Court has entered the Judgment; and

3. Unless the Parties otherwise agree in writing to waive all or
any portion of the following provision, there has occurred: (i) in the event there
is a properly and timely filed objection to entry of the Final Judgment and Order, 18 No. 3:09-CV-01786-IEG(WMC)

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1 the expiration (without the filing or noticing of an appeal) of the time to appeal 2 from the Final Judgment and Order; (ii) the final dismissal of an appeal from the 3 Final Judgment and Order; (iii) affirmance on appeal of the Final Judgment and 4 Order in substantial form; (iv) if a ruling or decision is entered by an appellate 5 court with respect to affirmance of the Final Judgment and Order, the time to 6 petition for a *writ of certiorari* with respect to such ruling or decision has expired; or (v) if a petition for a writ of certiorari with respect to the Final 7 8 Judgment and Order is filed, the petition has been denied or dismissed or, if granted, has resulted in affirmance of the Final Judgment and Order in 9 10 substantial form.

B. If all of the conditions specified in §IX.A of this Stipulation are not
 met, then this Stipulation shall be canceled and terminated unless Class Counsel
 and Defendant mutually agree in writing to proceed with this Stipulation.

14 C. In the event that this Stipulation is not approved by the Court or the 15 settlement set forth in this Stipulation is terminated or fails to become effective 16 in accordance with its terms, the Parties shall be restored to their respective pre-17 settlement positions in the Litigation, including with regard to any agreements 18 concerning tolling and similar agreements, and this entire Stipulation shall 19 become null and void. All administrative and notice costs and expenses, 20 including the costs of notifying the Class and any claims administration costs, 21 shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund before the remaining proceeds of the 22 Fund are returned to Defendant.

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# X. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. The Parties hereto and their undersigned counsel agree to undertake their best efforts and mutually cooperate to promptly effectuate this Stipulation and the terms of the settlement set forth herein, including taking all steps and efforts contemplated by this Stipulation and any other steps and efforts which may become necessary by order of the Court or otherwise.

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B. The undersigned counsel represent that they are fully authorized to
execute and enter into the terms and conditions of this Stipulation on behalf of
their respective clients.

4 C. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement among the Parties 5 hereto and supersedes any prior agreements or understandings between them. 6 Except for §I, all terms of this Stipulation are contractual and not mere recitals 7 and shall be construed as if drafted by all Parties. The terms of this Stipulation 8 are and shall be binding upon each of the Parties, their agents, attorneys, 9 employees, successors and assigns, and upon all other Persons claiming any 10 interest in the subject matter through any of the Parties, including any Settlement 11 Class Member.

D. Whenever this Stipulation requires or contemplates that one Party
 shall or may give notice to the other, notice shall be provided by facsimile, email
 and/or next day (excluding Sunday) express delivery service as follows:

17	and/or next day (	excluding Sunday) express derivery service as follows.
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21	2.	If to Defendant, then to:
22		Dean N. Panos
23		dpanos@jenner.com Jenner & Block LLP
24		353 N. Clark Street
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**E.** All time periods set forth herein shall be computed in business days if seven days or less and calendar days if eight days or more unless otherwise expressly provided. In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by this Stipulation or by order of the Court, the day of the act, event or default from which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. The last day of the period so computed shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday, or, when the act to be done is the filing of a paper in Court, a day in which weather or other conditions have made the Office of the Clerk or the Court inaccessible, in which event the period shall run until the end of the next day as not one of the aforementioned days. As used in this subsection, "legal holiday" includes New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and any other day appointed as a holiday by the President or the Congress of the United States.

**F.** The Parties, their successors and assigns, and their attorneys undertake to implement the terms of this Stipulation in good faith and to use good faith in resolving any disputes that may arise in the implementation of the terms of this Stipulation.

G. This Stipulation may be amended or modified only by a written instrument signed by Class Counsel and any of Defendant's Counsel. Amendments and modifications may be made without additional notice to the Settlement Class Members unless such notice is required by the Court.

H. The exhibits to this Stipulation are an integral part of the Settlement
 and are hereby incorporated and made a part of this Stipulation.

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1 I. Neither this Stipulation nor the settlement, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of this Stipulation or the 2 3 settlement: (i) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, the validity of any Released Claim, or of any wrongdoing or liability 4 of Defendant, or of the propriety of Class Counsel maintaining the Litigation as a 5 class action; or (ii) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, 6 7 or evidence of, any fault or omission of Defendant in any civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal, 8 9 except that Defendant may file this Stipulation or the Judgment in any action that 10 may be brought against any Released Person in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of res judicata, collateral estoppel, release, 11 12 good faith settlement, judgment bar, or reduction or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim. 13

14 J. Court shall retain jurisdiction with The respect to the implementation and enforcement of the terms of this Stipulation, and all Parties 15 hereto submit to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of implementing and 16 17 enforcing the settlement embodied in this Stipulation.

18 This Stipulation shall be deemed to have been executed upon the K. last date of execution by all of the undersigned.

L. This Stipulation may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Stipulation to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

Dated: March 15, 2013 25

BLOOD HURST & O'REARDON, LLP

Bv: Y G. BLOOD

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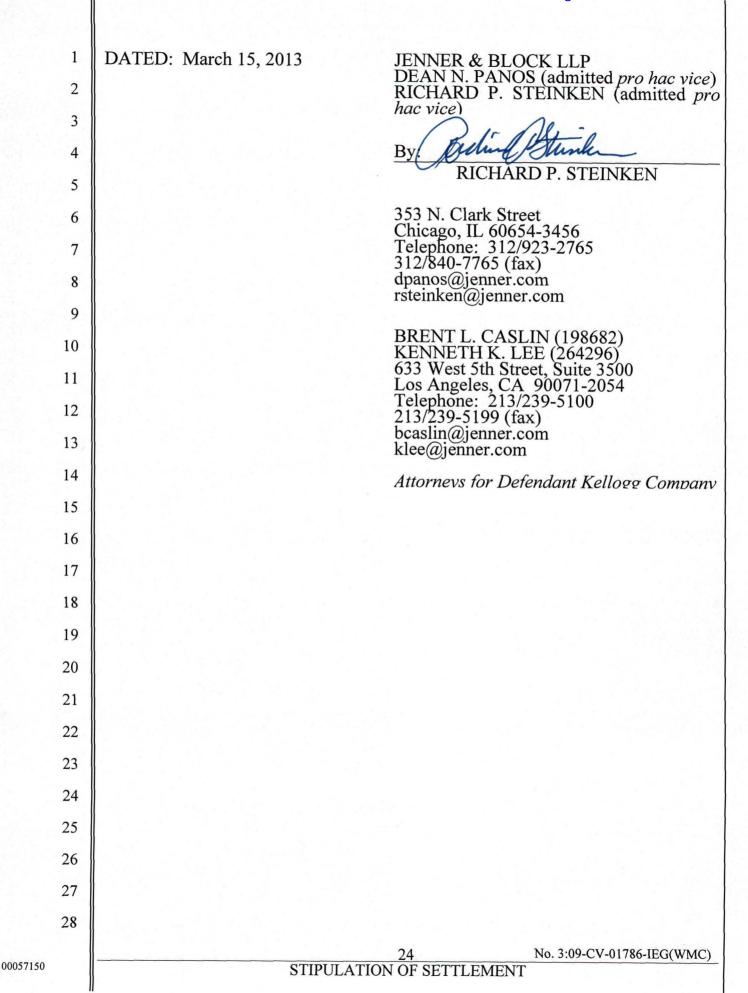
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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on March 15, 2013, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the e-mail addresses denoted on the Electronic Mail Notice List, and I hereby certify that I have mailed the foregoing document or paper via the United States Postal Service to the non-CF/ECF participants indicated on the Electronic Mail Notice List. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on March 15, 2013. s/ Timothy G. Blood TIMOTHY G. BLOOD BLOOD HURST & O'REARDON, LLP 701 B Street, Suite 1700 San Diego, CA 92101 Telephone: 619/338-1100 619/338-1101 (fax) tblood@bholaw.com No. 3:09-CV-01786-IEG(WMC) STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT