JOINT STIPULATION OF CLASS AND COLLECTIVE ACTION SETTLEMENT, PAGA SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE

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This Joint Stipulation of Class and Collective Action Settlement, PAGA Settlement and Release ("Stipulation of Settlement" or "Settlement Agreement") is made by and between Plaintiffs Kyle Jensen, Christopher Beatty ("Plaintiffs"), individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, and Defendant Secorp Industries ("Defendant"), and their respective counsel of record, subject to the terms and conditions herein and the Court's approval. This Settlement Agreement is intended to fully, finally, and forever compromise, release, resolve, discharge, and settle the released claims subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Settlement Agreement. Upon final approval of this Settlement Agreement by the Court, and any related motions, the instant action shall be dismissed in its entirety with prejudice.

I. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

As used in this Settlement Agreement, the following terms have the meanings specified below:

- 1. "Action" or "Lawsuit" means the case entitled *Kyle Jensen, et al. v. Secorp Industries*, pending in the United States District Court, Central District of California Case No. 2:18-cv-02890-RGK-GJS ("*Jensen I*"), *Kyle Jensen, et al. v. Secorp Industries*, pending in the United States District Court, Central District of California Case No. 2:19-CV-07980-RGK-GJS ("*Jensen II*") and the appeal pending in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (with respect to *Jensen I*) assigned to Case No. 19-56088 (collectively the "Lawsuit") on a class-wide basis.
- 2. "Administration Costs" means the actual and direct costs reasonably charged by the Settlement Administrator, Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions, for its services in administering the Settlement, currently projected by the Parties not to exceed Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$7,950.00).
- 3. "California Class" is defined as "all current and former hourly employees of Defendant, who worked for Defendant on oil platforms on the Outer Continental Shelf off the California coast for shifts of 12 hours or more during the California Class Period. Members of the California Class are referred to herein as "California Class Members."

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- The number of individuals in the California Class at the time of this MOU is approximately 43 individuals.
- 4. "California Class Form" means the form notifying California Class Members of their Individual Shifts and estimated Individual Settlement Payment in substantially the form as **Exhibit 1**, attached hereto.
- "California Class Notice" means the Court-approved form of notice to 5. Class Members, substantially in the form as **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto.
- "California Shifts" is defined as periods of 12 consecutive hours or more 6. worked by members the California Class on oil platforms on the outer continental shelf off the coast of California.
- 7. "California Class Period Shift Estimate" is defined as the number of California Shifts between February 9, 2014 through the date of this settlement agreement and was estimated to be 15,385 as of June 10, 2020.
- 8. "California Class Period" is the period beginning February 9, 2014 through the date of Preliminary Approval.
- "California Class Primary Fund" means the seventy percent (70%) of the California Settlement Allocation that will be distributed to Settlement Class members based on each participating Settlement Class member's proportionate California Shifts worked during the California Class Period.
- 10. "California Class Released Claims" means all claims, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, penalties, guarantees, costs, expenses, attorney's fees, damages, action or causes of action of whatever kind or nature, whether known or unknown, contingent or accrued, that were alleged or that reasonably could have been alleged based on the facts alleged in the Lawsuit, as amended, against the Released Parties or any of them, for violation of the California Labor Code, the California Business & Professions Code, the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders or any similar state or federal law, including, but not limited to, any claims for unpaid overtime, claims for missed meal or rest breaks, claims

for meal or rest break premiums, claims for unreimbursed employee business expenses, claims for liquidated damages, claims for unlawful deductions from wages, claims for conversion of wages, claims for record-keeping violations, wage-statement penalties, "waiting time" penalties, claims for unpaid wages, claims for failure to pay minimum wage, and any claims under California Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 218, 218.5, 218.6, 219, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 256, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2802, 2802(c), 2810.5 and Labor Code section 2698 et seq. based on alleged violations of these Labor Code provisions, as well as claims under California Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, and California Civil Code sections 3288 and 3291, which arose at any time during the California Class Period, to the full extent permitted by law. California Class Members releasing their claims under PAGA shall release the above California Labor Code and other applicable California Class Released Claims from the period beginning February 9, 2017 through the date of Preliminary Approval.

- 11. "California Notice Packet" means the California Class Form (**Exhibit 1**), California Class Notice (**Exhibit 2**), and Exclusion Letter (**Exhibit 3**).
- 12. "California Percentage Share" means each California Class Member's California Shifts divided by the California Total Shifts, as applicable.
- 13. "California Settlement Allocation" means the portion of the Net Settlement Value allocated to the California Class (80% of the Net Settlement Amount).
- 14. "California Total Shifts" means the sum of all California Shifts for all California Class Members.
- 15. "Claimants" means those California Class Members who do not submit an Exclusion Letter and those FLSA Class Members who submit a timely FLSA Opt In Form.
- 16. "Class" means collectively the California Class and FLSA Class.

 Members of the Class are referred to herein as "Class Members."

- 17. "Class Counsel" means Plaintiffs' counsel, Michael A. Strauss, Aris E. Karakalos, and Andrew C. Ellison of Strauss & Strauss, APC.
- 18. "Complaints" collectively mean the Second Amended Complaint, filed in *Jensen I*, and the Complaint filed in *Jensen II*.
- 19. "Court" means the United States District Court for the Central District of California.
 - 20. "Defendant" means Defendant Secorp Industries.
 - 21. "Defendant's Counsel" means the law firm of Schickman Law.
- 22. "Exclusion Letter" means the Court-approved form, substantially in the form as **Exhibit 3**, attached hereto, which California Class Members who wish to opt-out must timely and fully complete and send to the Settlement Administrator. The Exclusion Letter must be postmarked by the Objection/Exclusion Deadline and it must include the California Class Member's full name, the date, address, telephone number, last four digits of his or her Social Security Number, and signature.
- 23. "Fee and Expense Award" means such award of fees and expenses as the Court may authorize to be paid to Class Counsel for the services they have rendered and will render to Plaintiffs and the Class in the Lawsuit. The Fee and Expense Award will not exceed 35% of the Gross Settlement Value, which is Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000), plus Class Counsel's actual out-of-pocket expenses in prosecuting this Lawsuit, which will not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).
- 24. "Final Approval" means that the Final Approval Order and Judgment have been entered by the Court.
- 25. "Final Approval Order" means the Order Granting Final Approval of Class Settlement, which shall be submitted with the motion for final approval.
- 26. "FLSA Class" means all participating FLSA Collective members who consent to become party plaintiffs to the Fair Labor Standards Act collective action by submitting a form so indicating. Twenty (20) percent of the Net Settlement Amount will be allocated the FLSA Class.

- 27. "FLSA Class Period" is the period beginning September 13, 2016 through the date of Preliminary Approval.
- 28. "FLSA Collective" is defined as "Each and every current and former hourly employee, who, at any time between September 13, 2016 and the date of preliminary approval, worked a multi-day hitch on an oil platform on the Outer Continental Shelf off any coast of the United States." The number of individuals in the FLSA Collective at the time of this MOU is approximately 50 individuals.
- 29. "FLSA Collective Form" means the form notifying FLSA Collective members of their Individual Shifts and estimated Individual Settlement Payment in substantially the same form attached as **Exhibit 4**.
- 30. "FLSA Collective Action Notice" means the Court-approved form of notice to FLSA Class Members, substantially in the form as **Exhibit 5**, attached hereto.
- 31. "FLSA Shifts" is defined as the number of overnights spent (adding one 12-hour shift per multiday hitch) by members the FLSA Collective on oil platforms on the outer continental shelf off the coast of the United States.
- 32. "FLSA Collective Shifts Estimate" is defined as the number of FLSA shifts between September 13, 2016 and the date of preliminary approval and was estimated to be 9,288 as of June 10, 2020.
- 33. "FLSA Class Released Claims" means all claims, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, penalties, guarantees, costs, expenses, attorney's fees, damages, action or causes of action of whatever kind or nature, whether known or unknown, contingent or accrued, that were alleged or that reasonably could have been alleged based on the facts alleged in the Lawsuit, as amended, against the Released Parties or any of them, for violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. section 201 et seq. and the corresponding Department of Labor Regulations, 29 C.F.R. section 785 et seq. and 778 et seq., including, but not limited to, any claims for unpaid wages, economic damages, non-economic damages, liquidated damages, punitive damages, restitution, penalties, other monies, or other relief arising out of, relating to, or in connection with

- 34. "FLSA Opt In Form" means a proof of claim and release, and consent to join in substantially the form as **Exhibit 6**, attached hereto.
- 35. "FLSA Collective Form" means the form notifying FLSA Class Members of their Individual Shifts and estimated Individual Settlement Payment in substantially the form as **Exhibit 4**, attached hereto.
- 36. "FLSA Percentage Share" means each FLSA Class Member's Individual Shifts divided by the FLSA Total Shifts, as applicable.
- 37. "FLSA Settlement Allocation" means the portion of the Net Settlement Value allocated to the FLSA Class.
- 38. "FLSA Total Shifts" means the sum of all Individual Shifts for all FLSA Collective Members.
- 39. "Gross Settlement Value" means the maximum amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) that Defendant shall pay because of this Stipulation of Settlement. This amount will not, however, include the employer's share of Payroll Taxes, as defined below. This amount is also subject to increase pursuant to the Escalator Clause set forth below. The amounts listed in this paragraph shall be the total amount for which defendant will be liable under any aspect of this Agreement or settlement.
- 40. The Gross Settlement Value will be used to cover all payments to or for Plaintiffs, Claimants, Class Counsel, the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the Settlement Administrator, any Cy Pres payments approved by the Court, and any other payments approved herein
- 41. "Individual Settlement Payment" means the portion of the Net Settlement Value distributable to each Claimant.

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44. "Mediator" means Circuit Mediator for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals,

oil platforms for each Class Member as reflected by Defendant's corporate and business

"Individual Shifts" means periods of 12 hours or more spent working on

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 45. "Net Settlement Value" means the Gross Settlement Value less the Fee and Expense Awards, the two Service Awards, 75% of the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 ("PAGA") Payment to be delivered to the LWDA, and Administration Costs, as approved and awarded by the Court. At this time, the Net Settlement Value is estimated
- to pay participating members of the FLSA Class. Eighty (80) percent of the Net Settlement Amount will be allocated to pay participating members of the California

to be \$99,050.00. Twenty (20) percent of the Net Settlement Amount will be allocated

- Class. The California Class Primary fund (consisting of 70% of the California Settlement
- Allocation) will be distributed to Settlement Class members based on each participating
- Settlement Class member's proportionate SHIFTS worked during the Class Period as
- defined above. Twenty percent (20%) of the California Settlement Allocation will be
- distributed to the Waiting Time Subclass. Ten percent (10%) of the California Settlement
- Allocation will be allocated to the Wage Statement and PAGA Subclass.
- 46. "Notice Packet" means the Notice, California Class Form and FLSA Opt In Form, as applicable.
- 47. "Notice Period" means the forty-five (45) day period following the date on which the Settlement Administrator first mails the Notice Packet to the Class Members.
- 48. "Objection/Exclusion Deadline" means the date forty-five (45) days following the date on which the Settlement Administrator first mails the Notice Packet to the Class Members.

- 49. "Opt In Deadline" means the date forty-five (45) days following the date on which the Settlement Administrator first mails the Notice Packet to the FLSA Collective Members.
- 50. "PAGA Payment" means the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00)(2% of the Gross Settlement Amount), which shall be allocated from the Gross Settlement Value to pay all applicable penalties under PAGA to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA"). 75% of the PAGA Payment shall be paid to the LWDA (i.e., \$3,000.00) ("PAGA LWDA Payment"), and 25% of the PAGA Payment (i.e., \$1,000.00) ("PAGA Class Payment") shall be paid to the California Class Members who worked between February 9, 2017 and the date of preliminary approval. Plaintiffs will submit this Settlement Agreement and proposed settlement to the LWDA as required by Labor Code Section 2699(1)(2) at the same time that it is submitted to the Court for preliminary approval.
- 51. "Parties" means Plaintiffs, the California Class, the FLSA Class and Defendant, collectively.
- 52. "Payment Obligation and Class Release Date" means after all of the following events have occurred: (i) the Court has finally approved the Settlement Agreement and has signed and entered an Order so indicating; (ii) the Court has entered an Approval Order dismissing this Action on the merits and with prejudice, with continuing jurisdiction limited to enforcing the Settlement Agreement; and if any objections have been filed, (iii) the time for appeal of the Approval Order has either run without an appeal being filed or any appeal filed (including any requests for rehearing en banc, petitions for certiorari, or appellate review) has been finally resolved and the Court's Approval has been upheld and (iv) Plaintiffs have dismissed and withdrawn *Jensen I, Jensen II* and all appeals of either. Defendant will not pay any money until after the Settlement Agreement is finally approved by the Court and the time for any appeal (other than related to fees-costs or enhancements, which, as noted above, may be separately appealed) related to the Settlement has expired, if any timely objections have

- 53. "Payroll Taxes" means the employer's portion of FICA, FUTA, and all other state and federal payroll taxes (which are and shall be payable by Plaintiffs, the California Class and the FLSA Class).
 - 54. "Plaintiffs" means Kyle Jensen and Christopher Beatty.
- 55. "Preliminary Approval" means that the Court has entered an order preliminarily approving the terms and conditions of this Stipulation of Settlement, including the manner of providing notice to Class Members.
- 56. "Released Parties" means Defendant Secorp Industries, its past or present successors and predecessors in interest, subsidiaries, affiliates, parents, officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, principals, heirs, representatives, accountants, auditors, consultants, insurers and reinsurers, and their respective successors and predecessors in interest, subsidiaries, affiliates, parents and attorneys.
- 57. "Service Awards" means the sums paid to Plaintiffs Kyle Jensen and Christopher Beatty in recognition of their efforts in obtaining the benefits of the Settlement, which shall be allocated from the Gross Settlement Value. The Service Awards shall not exceed \$6,000 to Plaintiff Jensen and \$4,000 to Plaintiff Beatty.
- 58. "Settlement" means the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation of Settlement or Settlement.
- 59. "Settlement Administrator" means Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions, or a similar Class Action Administrator.

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- 60. "Waiting Time Amount": Twenty Percent (20%) of the California Settlement Allocation shall be designated as the "Waiting Time Amount" and distributed to California Class members whose employment with Defendant ended prior to the date of Preliminary Approval, based on each participating Settlement Class member's proportionate Shifts, as defined above, worked during the statutory period.
- 61. "Waiting Time Subclass" means California Class members whose employment ended between February 9, 2015 and the date of preliminary approval.
- 62. "Wage Statement Amount": Ten Percent (10%) of the California Settlement Allocation shall be designated as the "Wage Statement Amount" and distributed to California Class members based on each participating Settlement Class member's proportionate Shifts worked during the statutory period.
- 63. "Wage Statement and PAGA Subclass" means California Class members who worked for Secorp from February 9, 2017 and the date of preliminary approval.

II. THE INSTANT ACTION

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64. Plaintiff Kyle Jensen commenced this Lawsuit by filing, on February 9, 2018 a complaint against Defendant Secorp Industries which was removed to the United States District Court for Central District of California, Case No. 2:18-cv-02890-RGK-GJS ("Jensen I") asserting claims under California law including overtime wages, failure to provide lawful meal and rest periods, failure to reimburse business expenses, unfair competition, and paystub violations. ECF No. 1. Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint ("FAC") on June 6, 2018, adding a claim for civil penalties under PAGA. ECF No. 21. On June 13, 2018, by stipulation, the parties filed a Second Amended Complaint ("SAC") to correct the erroneously named Defendant entity ECF No. 23. By stipulation, on September 14, 2018, the parties filed a Third Amended Complaint, ("TAC") to add a Plaintiff Beatty, and his claim for Waiting Time violations. ECF No. 46. The TAC was dismissed. ECF No. 66. Plaintiffs' appeal is pending in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals assigned to Case No. 19-56088.

- 66. In connection with this Settlement, the Parties agreed to stipulate to a dismissal of *Jensen II* subject to reinstatement in the instance final approval of the proposed settlement is not granted by the District Court. The Parties will concurrently file a notice of settlement in *Jensen II*.
- 67. Defendant denies the allegations in the Complaint and has asserted several meritorious affirmative defenses. Defendant expressly denies all charges of wrongdoing or liability arising out of any of the acts, omissions, facts, matters, transactions, or occurrences alleged, or that could have been alleged, in any of the Actions. Defendant contends that, in compliance with applicable state and federal laws, current and former hourly employees of Secorp Industries have been paid all wages due. Because Defendant contends that it has complied with its obligations under federal and state laws, Defendant contends that Plaintiffs' claims for unpaid wages and related and derivative claims, including overtime wages, are meritless. Defendant also denies that the asserted claims are appropriate for collective action treatment or class treatment under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23, except pursuant to a settlement, due to the intractable management problems and issues of individualized proof that would have been associated with a collective action and classwide trial.
- 68. Class Counsel has conducted an extensive investigation into the facts of the class action and the Plaintiff and Class Members' claims, including through depositions, paper discovery, informal disclosures between the Parties, and other investigations undertaken by counsel for Plaintiff. Furthermore, the Parties engaged in extensive negotiations and exchange of data, documents, information and mediation with the Mediator. As a result, Class Counsel have concluded that the Settlement Agreement, is fair, reasonable, and adequate and is in the best interest of the Class in light of all known

facts and circumstances, including the likely damages, risk of significant delay, risk that the Action would not proceed on a collective or class action basis, defenses asserted by Defendant, and numerous potential appellate issues.

69. Defendant denies each and all the claims in this Action. Nevertheless, Defendant has concluded that further conduct of the Action would be protracted and expensive. Defendant, therefore, has determined that it is desirable and beneficial that the Action be settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement. Neither this Settlement Agreement, nor any document referred to or contemplated herein, nor any action taken to carry out this Settlement Agreement, is, may be construed as, or may be used as an admission, concession, or indication by or against Defendant of any fault, wrongdoing or liability whatsoever.

III. SETTLEMENT OF THE LAWSUIT AND ITS COMPONENTS

- 70. Solely for settlement purposes, Plaintiffs agree to seek, and Defendant consents to, certification by the Court of the FLSA Class as a collective action pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b) and of the California Class as a class action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23. Should, for whatever reason, the Court not ultimately grant Final Approval, the Parties' stipulation to collective and class certification as part of the Settlement shall become null and void ab initio and shall have no bearing on, and shall not be admissible in connection with, the issue of whether or not certification would be appropriate in a non-settlement context. Defendant expressly reserves its right and declares that it intends to oppose class certification vigorously should this Settlement not be granted Final Approval. Also for settlement purposes only, Defendant will stipulate to the certification, for the purpose of transmitting notice, of all claims in the Litigation that are subject to the collective action requirements of 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), with the understanding that, in the event the Court does not grant Final Approval of the settlement or the settlement does not become Final, such stipulation and certification shall be null and void ab initio.
- 71. The Settlement in this Lawsuit shall have five components: (1) the Individual Settlement Payments; (2) the Service Awards; (3) the Fee and Expense Award;

(4) the Administration Costs; and (5) the PAGA Payment. All these components are included in the Gross Settlement Value and shall be deducted prior to the California Settlement Allocation and FLSA Settlement Allocation.

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- a. Payroll Taxes: The Gross Settlement Value does not include the employer portion of Payroll Taxes, which shall be paid by Defendant apart from the Gross Settlement Value. The Payroll Taxes will be computed by the Settlement Administrator based on the amounts paid to the Claimants, in the manner set forth in Paragraph 55(c). The Settlement Administrator shall be responsible for making all necessary payments and government filings in connection with such payments.
- b. Calculation of the Individual Settlement Payments: The Settlement Administrator shall have the authority and obligation to calculate the amounts of Individual Settlement Payments for each Class Member in accordance with the methodology set forth in this Stipulation of Settlement and orders of the Court. The Parties recognize and agree that the claims for relief in the Lawsuit are extremely difficult to determine with any certainty for any given year, or at all, and are subject to myriad differing calculations and formulas. The Parties agree that the formula for allocating the Individual Settlement Payments to Claimants provided herein is reasonable and that the payments provided herein are designed to provide a fair settlement to such persons, in light of the uncertainties of the compensation alleged to be owed to the Class and the calculation of such amounts. It shall be the responsibility of the Settlement Administrator to timely and properly withhold from Individual Settlement Payments payable to Claimants all applicable payroll and employment taxes, but not federal, state, and local income taxes, and to prepare and deliver the necessary tax documentation and, thereafter, to cause the appropriate deposits of withholding taxes and informational and other tax return filing to occur.

Each Claimant's share of all applicable payroll and employment taxes withheld and deposited with the applicable governmental authorities in accordance with this Stipulation of Settlement shall be a part of, and paid out of, the Individual Settlement Payment to each Claimant. Each Claimant will be responsible for paying all applicable state, local, and federal income taxes on all amounts the Claimant receives pursuant to this Stipulation of Settlement.

The Parties have agreed that the Individual Settlement Payments will be calculated based on the number of Individual shifts defined above, as applicable. The Settlement Administrator shall have the authority and obligation to calculate the number Individual Shifts for each Class Member in accordance with this Stipulation of Settlement and orders of the Court. Defendant will supply the Settlement Administrator with dates of employment for each Class Member to calculate the Individual shifts for each Class Member.

The Individual Settlement Payments for the Claimants in the FLSA and the California Class will be calculated as follows:

- *i*. Twenty (20) percent of the Net Settlement Amount will be allocated to pay claims made by participating FLSA Class members.
- *ii.* Eighty (80) percent of the Net Settlement Amount will be allocated to pay participating members of the California Class.
- iii. All FLSA Class members shall share the FLSA Class Allocation on a pro rata basis, based on the number of FLSA Shifts each member worked on an oil platform during the FLSA Period compared to FLSA Total Shifts worked.
- *iv*. The California Class Allocation shall be further divided between the defined Class and two subclasses: (1) the Section 203 Subclass and (2) the Section 226 and PAGA Subclass.

- v. The Section 203 Subclass shall share twenty (20) percent of the California Class Allocation on a pro rata basis, based on the number of Shifts each member worked on an oil platform during the Section 203 Subclass Period compared to all other Shifts worked on an oil platform by all other members of the Section 203 Subclass during that same period.
- vi. The Section 226 and PAGA Subclass shall share ten (10) percent of the California Class Allocation on a pro rata basis, based on the number of Shifts each member worked on an oil platform during the Section 226 and PAGA Subclass Period compared to all other Shifts worked by all other members of the Section 226 and PAGA Subclass during that same period.
- vii. The remaining seventy (70) percent of the California Class Allocation (the California Class Primary Fund) shall be divided between participating Class members on a pro rata basis, based on the number of Shifts each member worked on an oil platform during the Class Period compared to all other Shifts worked on an oil platform by all other members of the California Class during that same period.

The Parties further agree to request that the Settlement Administrator agree to indemnify Defendant for any security breach it suffers or causes relating to the personal information of Defendant's employees contained in data Defendant provides to the administrator for purposes of settlement administration.

- c. <u>Characterization of and Taxes on Individual Settlement Payments:</u> The Individual Settlement Payments for the Claimants in the California Class will be allocated as follows:
 - *i.* FLSA Settlement Allocation: 25% of each share shall be treated as interest and reported on an IRS 1099 form, and 75% shall be considered payment of wages and subject to the withholding of all

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- applicable local, state and federal taxes including payroll taxes, and for which the Settlement Administrator will issue an IRS W-2 form.
- California Settlement Allocation: The California Class Primary ii. Fund - 25% of each share shall be treated as interest and reported on an IRS 1099 form, and 75% shall be considered payment of wages and subject to the withholding of all applicable local, state and federal taxes including payroll taxes, and for which the Settlement Administrator will issue an IRS W-2 form. Wage Statement Amount - Shares of the Wage Statement Amount will be distributed to all members of the California Class and will be treated as 100% penalties and reported on an IRS 1099 form. Waiting time Amount - Shares of the Waiting Time Amount will be distributed to all members of the California Class and will be treated as 100% penalties and reported on an IRS 1099 form. PAGA Class Payment Shares distributed to members of the PAGA subclass will be treated as 100% penalties and reported on an IRS 1099 form.
- d. Allocation of Unclaimed Funds: If there are unclaimed funds due to FLSA Class Members not timely submitting opt-in forms, those unclaimed funds shall be distributed on an equal basis to the FLSA Class Members who did submit timely opt in forms at the time of the settlement is distributed Any settlement checks that remain uncashed after 90 days will be voided and, if the total amount of such unclaimed funds exceeds \$20,000.00, their amounts will be allocated in a second allocation to participating California Class members who cashed their initial checks. Any second allocation checks not cashed after 90 days will be voided or

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- any initially unclaimed funds, if the amount is \$20,000.00 or less will be allocated to the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (www.lafla.org).
- e. <u>Service Awards:</u> Defendant agrees not to challenge Class Counsel's request for the Service Award to the Plaintiffs \$6,000 to Kyle Jensen and \$4,000 to Christopher Beatty. The Service Awards will be paid in addition to Plaintiffs' Individual Settlement Payment. Should the Service Award approved by the Court be less than the amount sought, the difference shall be added to the Net Settlement Value prior to the allocations to the California Class and FLSA Class. An IRS Form 1099 will be issued to Plaintiffs in connection with the Service Award. If the Court reduces or does not approve the requested Service Award, Plaintiffs shall not have the right to revoke the Settlement, and it shall remain binding.
- f. Class Counsel's Fees and Costs: Defendant agrees not to challenge Class Counsel's request for its Fee and Expense Award, which Class Counsel shall seek by motion. Should the Fee and Expense Award approved by the Court be less than the amount sought, the difference shall be added to the Net Settlement Value prior to the allocations to the California Class and FLSA Class. A Form 1099 will be issued to Class Counsel. Payment of the Fee and Expense Award to Class Counsel shall constitute full satisfaction of any obligation to pay any amounts to any person, attorney or law firm for attorneys' fees, expenses or costs in the Lawsuit incurred by any attorney on behalf of Plaintiffs or the Class, and shall relieve Defendant and Defendant's Counsel of any other claims or liability to any other attorney or law firm for any attorneys' fees, expenses and/or costs to which any of them may claim to be entitled on behalf of Plaintiffs and/or the Class. Upon receipt of the Fee and Expense Award, Class Counsel, Plaintiffs and the Class will be deemed to have released Defendant from any and all claims for fees and costs resulting from the Lawsuit. If the Court reduces or does

- g. Escalator Clause: Defendant represents that as of June 10, 2020 there were an estimated 15,385 shifts (California Class) and 9,288 (FLSA Collective), through the date of the MOU signed by the parties. If, at the time of Preliminary Approval, the actual number of either groups of shifts through the date of the MOU has increased by ten percent (10%) or more, then Defendant shall increase the Gross Settlement Value equal to the percentage increase in the actual number of shifts through the date of the MOU. For example, if the actual number of Shifts by the California Class exceeds the Class Period Shifts Estimate by 12 percent, the Gross Settlement Amount shall increase by 12 percent.
- h. <u>Prevailing Party Attorney's Fees:</u> If any action is brought to enforce the provisions of this agreement, or to defend a claim barred herein, the prevailing party will be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

IV. <u>LIMITED RELEASE BY THE CALIFORNIA CLASS</u>

As of the Payment Obligation and Class Release Date, the California Class Members (other than those who submit an Exclusion Letter) will be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Approval Order and Judgment, will have, expressly waived and released the Released Parties of the California Class Released Claims to the fullest extent permitted by the law. California Class Members who do not opt out of the Settlement will be bound by a limited release of claims under California Civil Code Section 1542, which provides: "A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of

executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party." The limited Section 1542 waiver provided for herein releases solely claims against the Released Parties within the definition of California Class Released Claims. To be clear, the scope of the Section 1542 waiver is limited to the California Class Released Claims only. The settlement checks will include an endorsement confirming that by cashing the check, the California Class Members are releasing the claims covered by the California Class Released Claims. The Individual Settlement Payments shall be paid to California Class Claimants specifically in exchange for the release of the Released Parties from the California Class Released Claims and the covenant not to sue concerning the California Class Released Claims.

V. RELEASE BY THE FLSA CLASS

- 73. As of the Payment Obligation and Class Release Date, the FLSA Class Members who submit a timely and valid FLSA Opt In Form will fully release the FLSA Class Released Claims and agree not to sue or otherwise make a claim against any of the Released Parties for the FLSA Class Released Claims. The Individual Settlement Payments shall be paid to FLSA Class Claimants specifically in exchange for the release of the Released Parties from the FLSA Class Released Claims and the covenant not to sue concerning the FLSA Class Released Claims.
- 74. FLSA Class Released Claims include any unknown claims that FLSA Class Members do not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor, which if known by him or her, might have affected this Settlement Agreement with Defendant and release of Released Parties.

VI. RELEASE OF ADDITIONAL CLAIMS & RIGHTS BY PLAINTIFFS

75. <u>General Release By Plaintiffs.</u> As of the Payment Obligation and Class Release Date, in consideration of the consideration set forth in this Settlement Agreement, and the mutual covenants and promises set forth herein, Plaintiffs, for themselves and their heirs, successors, and assigns, waives, releases, acquits, and forever discharges the

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Released Parties from any and all claims, actions, charges, complaints, grievances, and causes of action, to the fullest extent permitted by law, of whatever nature, whether known or unknown, that arose, exist or may have existed on Plaintiffs' behalf as of, or before, the date of full execution of this Settlement Agreement (i.e., the date that this Settlement Agreement is signed by all of the signatories hereto), including but not limited to any and all tort claims, contract claims, wage claims, wrongful-termination claims, disability claims, benefit claims, public-policy claims, retaliation claims, statutory claims, personal-injury claims, emotional-distress claims, invasion-of-privacy claims, defamation claims, fraud claims, quantum meruit claims, and any and all claims arising under any federal, state, or other governmental statute, law, regulation, or ordinance, including but not limited to claims for violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act, the California Labor Code, the Wage Orders of California's Industrial Welfare Commission, other state wage-and-hour laws, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act ("ADEA"), the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, the California Family Rights Act, the Family Medical Leave Act, California's Whistleblower Protection Act, California Business & Professions Code section 17200 et seq., and any and all claims arising under any federal, state, or other governmental statute, law, regulation, or ordinance. Plaintiffs hereby expressly waives and relinquishes any and all claims, rights, or benefits that he may have under California Civil Code section 1542, which section provides as follows: "A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party." Plaintiffs may hereafter discover claims or facts in addition to, or different from, those which he now knows or believes to exist, but they expressly agree to fully and finally settle and release any and all claims against the Released Parties, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, that arose, exist or may have existed on behalf of, or against,

the other at or before the time of full execution of this Settlement Agreement (i.e., the date that this Settlement Agreement is signed by all of the signatories hereto), including but not limited to any and all claims relating to, or arising from, Plaintiffs' employment with Defendant. It is Plaintiffs' intention to settle fully and release all of the claims he now has or may have against the Released Parties, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, which arose through the date of full execution of this Settlement Agreement (i.e., the date that this Settlement Agreement is signed by all of the signatories hereto). Plaintiffs further covenant not to sue any of the Released Parties for any claims covered by this general release. The Parties further acknowledge, understand, and agree that this representation and commitment are essential to the Settlement Agreement and that this Settlement Agreement would not have been entered were it not for this representation and commitment.

- ADEA Waiver by Plaintiffs. Without limiting the scope of this Settlement Agreement, Plaintiffs agree that this Settlement Agreement constitutes a knowing and voluntary waiver of any and all rights or claims that exist or that Plaintiffs may claim to have under the ADEA, as amended by the Older Workers' Benefit Protection Act of 1990 (29 U.S.C. § 621 et seq.). Plaintiffs acknowledges all the following:
 - a. The consideration provided pursuant to this Settlement Agreement is in addition to any consideration that he would otherwise be entitled to receive;
 - b. Plaintiffs have been and is advised in writing to consult with an attorney prior to signing this Settlement Agreement;
 - c. Plaintiffs have been provided a full and ample opportunity to study this Settlement Agreement, including a period of at least forty-five (45) calendar days within which to consider it;
 - d. To the extent that Plaintiffs take fewer than forty-five (45) calendar days to consider this Settlement Agreement prior to signing it, Plaintiffs

- acknowledge that he had sufficient time to consider this Settlement Agreement with legal counsel and that he expressly, voluntarily, and knowingly waives the full forty-five (45) calendar-day period;
- e. Plaintiffs agree that any changes made to the Settlement Agreement during the forty-five (45) calendar-day period (whether material or immaterial) do not restart the running of the forty-five (45) calendar-day period; and
- f. Plaintiffs are aware of his right to revoke this waiver of claims under the ADEA any time within the seven (7) calendar-day period following the date of full execution of this Settlement Agreement (i.e., the date that this Settlement Agreement is signed by all of the signatories hereto) and that the waiver of claims under the ADEA shall not become effective or enforceable until the seven (7) calendar-day revocation-period expires. Notwithstanding Plaintiffs' right to revoke the waiver of claims under the ADEA, the remainder of the terms of this Settlement Agreement shall become effective and enforceable as of the date of full execution of this Settlement Agreement (i.e., the date that this Settlement Agreement is signed by all of the signatories hereto).

To be effective, timely notice of revocation of the waiver of ADEA claims must be made in writing and delivered to Defendant through its counsel, Mark Schickman, Schickman Law, either by email to mark@schickmanlaw.com or by delivery to 1019 Euclid Avenue, Berkeley, Ca. 94708, no later than the seventh (7th) calendar day after the date of full execution of this Settlement Agreement (i.e., the date that this Settlement Agreement is signed by all of the signatories hereto). Each Plaintiff agrees to keep written documentation proving that he revoked this Settlement Agreement as provided in this paragraph, either by keeping the documents attesting to the delivery of the revocation, or verification that the email was, in fact, received.

VII. PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

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- 77. Plaintiffs will request that the Court set a hearing as soon as possible to consider preliminary approval of the Settlement. In conjunction with such hearing, Class Counsel shall submit this Stipulation of Settlement, together with the exhibits attached hereto, and any other documents necessary to implement the Settlement.
- 78. Upon full execution of this Settlement Agreement, Class Counsel will draft and file an unopposed motion for preliminary approval of a class and collective action settlement within 21 calendar days, and will share their draft for comments by Defendant's Counsel with reasonable notice before filing (at least 7 calendar days).

VIII. NOTICE AND CLAIM PROCESS

79. Settlement Administrator. By accepting the role as Settlement Administrator, the Settlement Administrator is bound to all the terms, conditions and obligations described in this Settlement Agreement. Among other things, the Settlement Administrator shall have sole and exclusive responsibility for: (a) calculating Individual Shifts; (b) printing and mailing the Notice Packets to the Class Members as directed by the Court; (c) setting up a toll-free number for the purpose of handling inquiries from Class Members concerning the Notice; (d) receiving and reporting the objections, Exclusion Letters, and FLSA Opt-In Forms; (e) deducting all legally required taxes from Individual Settlement Payments; (f) processing and mailing the Individual Settlement Payments; the Service Award; the Fee and Expense Award; and the PAGA Payment; (g) distributing tax forms; (h) processing and mailing tax payments to the appropriate state and federal taxing authorities; (i) providing declaration(s) as necessary in support of preliminary and/or final approval of this Settlement; and (j) other tasks as the Parties mutually agree or the Court orders to Settlement Administrator to perform. The Settlement Administrator shall also be responsible for establishing a website (the address to which will be provided on the Class Notice) where Class Members may review conformed copies of the Complaint, Answer, Stipulation of Settlement, and any and all moving papers submitted in support of or in conjunction with the Parties' efforts to obtain

- 80. Within fourteen (14) calendar days after entry of the order granting Preliminary Approval, Defendant shall provide to the Settlement Administrator a list of all Class Members, including their name, social security number, last known address, telephone number, email address (if available), and employment date information to enable the Settlement Administrator to calculate each Class Member's Individual Shifts.
- 81. Within twenty (20) calendar days after entry of the order granting Preliminary Approval, the Settlement Administrator shall send the Notice Packet via first class mail to all Class Members. Prior to the initial mailing, the Settlement Administrator will check the addresses provided by Defendant through the National Change of Address System.
- 82. If an original Notice Packet is returned as undeliverable with a forwarding address provided by the United States Postal Service, the Settlement Administrator will promptly resend a Notice Packet to that forwarding address, along with a brief letter for FLSA Class Members stating that the recipient of the Notice Packet has until the original deadline set forth on the Notice or seven (7) days after the re-mailing of the Notice Packet (whichever is later) to submit a FLSA Opt In Form. If an original Notice Packet is returned as undeliverable without a forwarding address, the Settlement Administrator will make reasonable efforts to locate forwarding addresses, including a skip trace, and if it obtains a more recent address, will resend a Notice Packet, along with a brief letter for FLSA Collective Members stating that the recipient of the Notice Packet has until the original deadline set forth on the Notice or seven (7) days after the re-mailing of the Notice Packet (whichever is later) to submit a FLSA Opt In Form.
- 83. Every seven (7) days over the course of the forty-five (45) day Notice Period, the Settlement Administrator shall send the following message to Class Members

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via email: "Secorp Industries. has agreed to settlement terms with the representative of a class of current and former hourly employees who worked for Defendant on oil platforms on the Outer Continental Shelf off any coast of the United States relating to allegations of unpaid wages. You have been identified as one of the potential members of the Settlement and you may be one of those entitled to receive a monetary share of the settlement. For information contact [Settlement Administrator] at [1-888-888-888]."

- 84. Within ten (10) days after the Settlement Administrator sends the Class Notice, the Settlement Administrator shall send a follow-up postcard, text message and/or email to each Class Member containing a reminder of the applicable deadlines associated with the Settlement, a brief statement of the actions each Class Member may take with respect to the Settlement, and the contact information for the Settlement Administrator and Class Counsel if the Class Members have any further questions about the Settlement.
- Within ten (10) days after the Settlement Administrator sends the Class 85. Notice, the Settlement Administrator shall conduct a telephonic phone call campaign directed to each member of the FLSA Collective who has not returned the FLSA Opt-In Form in order to confirm his or her receipt of the Class Notice to FLSA Collective Members, to inform the FLSA Collective Member of the deadline to return the opt-in form, and to direct the FLSA Collective Member to contact Class Counsel with any questions he or she may have concerning the Settlement. Every seven (7) days thereafter until the deadlines for FLSA Collective Members to opt in to the Settlement, the Settlement Administrator shall revise its list of those FLSA Collective Members who have not returned the FLSA Opt-In Form and shall again contact such individuals telephonically to provide them with the foregoing information. The Settlement Administrator shall provide copies of its updated list of FLSA Class Members who have timely opted in the Settlement to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel on a weekly basis. No later than fourteen (14) days after the Notice Period ends, the Settlement Administrator shall file with the Court, and serve on Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel, the FLSA Opt-In Form returned by FLSA Class Members.

- 86. At least seven (7) calendar days prior to the final approval hearing, the Settlement Administrator will provide a declaration of due diligence and proof of mailing with regard to the mailing of the Notice Packet to counsel for all Parties.
- 87. If the Settlement Administrator receives a FLSA Opt In Form on or before the Opt In Deadline but it is unsigned by the FLSA Collective Member, then within five (5) calendar days of its receipt of the defective form, the Settlement Administrator shall, after retaining a copy of the defective form, mail the defective form back to the FLSA Collective Member with instructions on how to cure the defect and instructions that the corrected form must be received by the Settlement Administrator by the original deadline set forth on the Notice or seven (7) days after the mailing of the defective form (whichever is later). If the FLSA Collective Member's Opt In Form remains defective after this opportunity to cure, unless the Parties agree otherwise, it shall be rejected by the Settlement Administrator and the Settlement Administrator shall send that person a notice stating the reason the claim was denied.
- 88. To the extent a Claimant disputes the Individual Shifts shown in his or her California Class Form or FLSA Opt In Form, the Claimant may produce evidence to the Settlement Administrator establishing the dates he or she contends to have worked for Defendant on an oil platform on the outer continental shelf as a Class Member. Defendant's records will be presumed determinative. The Settlement Administrator shall notify counsel for the Parties of any disputes. Defendant shall review its records and provide further information to the Settlement Administrator, as necessary. The Settlement Administrator shall resolve any disputes and notify counsel for the Parties of its decision.
- 89. The Settlement Administrator's determination of eligibility for any Individual Settlement Payments under the terms of this Stipulation of Settlement shall be conclusive, final and binding on all Parties and all Class Members, so long as the Settlement Administrator has first consulted with the Parties regarding any disputes or questions as to eligibility.

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- 90. **Exclusions.** The Notice shall provide that California Class Members who wish to exclude themselves from the Settlement must timely submit an Exclusion Letter. Plaintiffs shall not be permitted to submit an Exclusion Letter to exclude himself from this Settlement Agreement. Any California Class Member who properly requests exclusion using this procedure will not be entitled to any payment from the Settlement and will not be bound by the Stipulation of Settlement or have any right to object, appeal or comment thereon. California Class Members who fail to submit an Exclusion Letter shall be bound by all terms of the Stipulation of Settlement and any judgment entered in the Lawsuit if the Settlement is approved by the Court. Any disputes regarding the timeliness, validity or effectiveness of an Exclusion Letter shall be decided by the Settlement Administrator consistent with the terms of this Settlement Agreement, with the Parties' input, if appropriate. The date of the postmark on the mailing envelope for any Exclusion Letter shall be the exclusive means used to determine whether the Exclusion Letter has been timely submitted. 91. Opt Out List. The Settlement Administrator shall promptly log each
 - 91. Opt Out List. The Settlement Administrator shall promptly log each request for exclusion from Settlement that it receives. No later than five (5) business days after the Opt Out Period expires, the Settlement Administrator shall provide to Class Counsel and Defendant a complete Opt Out List together with copies of the opt out requests. Before the hearing on Plaintiffs' motion for final approval of the settlement, the Settlement Administrator shall submit a declaration to the Court attesting to the accuracy of the Opt Out List. To preserve Class Members' privacy, the Opt Out List shall be submitted under seal.
 - 92. Objections by California Class Members. The Class Notice shall inform the California Class Members of their right to object to the Settlement. Only California Class Members who do not exclude themselves from the California Class will be permitted to object. Any Class Member who does not seek to be excluded from the Settlement, and who wishes to object to the Settlement must file a written objection with the Court no later than the Objection/Exclusion Deadline, or seven (7) days after the re-

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mailing of the California Notice Packet to that Class Member, whichever is later. The postmark date of mailing shall be deemed the exclusive means for determining that an objection was served timely. The objection must include: (a) the full name of the Class Member; (b) the case name and number; (c) in clear and concise terms, a statement of the reasons why the objector believes that the Court should find that the Settlement is not in the best interest of the Class and the reasons why the Settlement should not be approved, including the legal and factual arguments supporting the objection. California Class Members who submit a timely objection will have the right to appear at the final approval hearing and may appear through their own attorney at the California Class Member's expense, but such appearance shall not be a prerequisite to the Court's consideration of any timely-filed objection. A copy of any objection must be simultaneously mailed to the Settlement Administrator. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, Class Members shall not be entitled to appear and or object at the final approval hearing unless they have submitted a timely written objection pursuant to this Section. If a California Class Member submits both an Exclusion Letter and an objection, the Exclusion Letter will be valid, while the objection will be invalid.

93. FLSA Collective Members must mail or deliver a completed FLSA Opt In Form, as applicable, to the Settlement Administrator by the Opt In Deadline, or seven (7) days after the re-mailing of the Notice Packet to that Class Member, whichever is later. The timeliness of submitted FLSA Opt In Forms will be determined by valid postmark. If the postmark is illegible or missing, the FLSA Opt In Form shall be deemed timely if it is received within five (5) days after the Opt In Deadline. Within seven (7) days after the expiration of the Opt In Deadline, or seven (7) days after the re-mailing of the Notice Packet to that Class Member, whichever is later, the Settlement Administrator shall, after making a copy, transmit all originals of the FLSA Opt In Forms to Class Counsel. Class Counsel will file all FLSA Opt In Forms received from the Settlement Administrator, with the Court ten (10) court days after receipt of the FLSA Opt In Forms from the Settlement Administrator. Should the Settlement Agreement not receive Final Approval

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such consents will be deemed immediately cancelled ab initio, as if they were never executed or filed.

- 94. Objections by FLSA Class Members. The FLSA Class Notice shall inform the FLSA Class Members, who opt in to the FLSA Class, of their right to object to the Settlement. Only FLSA Class Members who validly opt in to the FLSA Class will be permitted to object. Any FLSA Class Member who opts in, and who wishes to object to the Settlement must file a written objection with the Court no later than the Objection/Exclusion Deadline, or seven (7) days after the re-mailing of the FLSA Notice Packet to that Class Member, whichever is later. The postmark date of mailing shall be deemed the exclusive means for determining that an objection was served timely. The objection must include: (a) the full name and signature of the FLSA Class Member; (b) the case name and number; (c) in clear and concise terms, a statement of the reasons why the objector believes that the Court should find that the Settlement is not in the best interest of the FLSA Class and the reasons why the Settlement should not be approved, including the legal and factual arguments supporting the objection. FLSA Class Members who submit a timely objection will have the right to appear at the final approval hearing and may appear through their own attorney at the FLSA Class Member's expense, but such appearance shall not be a prerequisite to the Court's consideration of any timelyfiled objection. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, FLSA Class Members shall not be entitled to object at the final approval hearing unless they have submitted a timely written objection pursuant to this Section.
- 95. Defendant will provide the Settlement Administrator with sufficient funds to make all payments due to Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, the LWDA, the Settlement Administrator, and the Claimants, plus any owed Payroll Taxes as soon as practicable, but no later than fifteen (15) business days after the Payment Obligation and Class Release Date. The Settlement Administrator will mail or wire all required payments no later than fourteen (14) calendar days after the Payment Obligation and Class Release Date. Class Members will receive a reminder postcard if they have not cashed their

settlement check in 30 days after issuance. If a Claimant's check is returned to the Settlement Administrator, the Settlement Administrator will make all reasonable efforts to re-mail it to the Claimant at his or her correct address. Any checks for the Individual Settlement Payments that remain uncashed after 90 days will be voided and, if the total amount of such unclaimed funds exceeds \$20,000.00, their amounts will be allocated in a second allocation to participating California Class members who cashed their initial checks ("Second Distribution"). Any Second Distribution checks not negotiated after 90 days will be voided — or any initially unclaimed funds, if the amount is \$20,000.00 or less — shall be distributed to the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, or if that entity is not approved by the Court, another appropriate recipient that the Court may designate at the time of final approval. This paragraph regarding the disposition of uncashed checks may be modified by the Court in its discretion. Upon completion of administration of the Settlement, the Settlement Administrator shall provide written certification of such completion to the Court, Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel.

96. No person shall have any claim against Defendant, Defendant's Counsel, Plaintiffs, the Class, Class Counsel or the Settlement Administrator based on mailings, distributions and payments made in accordance with this Stipulation of Settlement.

IX. MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

97. Plaintiffs shall timely file the motion for final approval and request entry of the Final Approval Order and Judgment. Seven (7) calendar days prior to filing the motion for final approval of the Settlement, Class Counsel shall provide a draft of the motion to Defendant's Counsel for review.

X. NO EFFECT ON EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

98. The Individual Settlement Payments and the Service Award shall not have any effect on the eligibility for, or calculation of, any employee benefits (e.g. vacation, retirement plans, etc.) of Claimants or Plaintiffs. No benefit, including but not limited to 401K benefits, shall increase or accrue as a result of any payment made as a result of this Settlement.

XI. PUBLICITY

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99. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel agree not to disclose or publicize this Settlement, including the fact of the Settlement, its terms or contents, and the negotiations underlying the Settlement, in any manner or form, directly or indirectly, to any person or entity, except potential Class Members and as shall be contractually required to effectuate the terms of the Settlement. For the avoidance of doubt, this section means Plaintiffs and Class Counsel agree not to issue press releases, communicate with, or respond to any media or publication entities, publish information in manner or form, whether printed or electronic, on any medium or otherwise communicate, whether by print, video, recording or any other medium, with any person or entity concerning the Settlement, including the fact of the settlement, its terms or contents and the negotiations underlying the Settlement, except as shall be contractually required to effectuate the terms of the Settlement. However, for the limited purpose of allowing Class Counsel to prove adequacy as class counsel in other actions, Class Counsel may disclose the name of the Parties in this action and the venue/case number of this action (but not any other settlement details) for such purposes.

XII. VOIDING THE AGREEMENT

100. If the Court does not approve either preliminarily or finally any material term or condition of the Settlement Agreement, or if the Court effects a material change, then this entire Agreement and the Settlement Agreement will be voidable and unenforceable, subject to the Parties' agreement to the contrary, and the costs of administration shall be paid entirely and exclusively by Defendant. In such a case, this Settlement and the Stipulation of Settlement shall be null and void ab initio and any order or judgment entered by the Court in furtherance of this Settlement shall be treated as withdrawn or vacated by stipulation of the Parties. The court's failure to grant preliminary or final approval, under circumstances that permit the parties to refile amended motions will not be grounds to void the agreement. Class Members and Defendant shall be returned to their respective statuses as of the date immediately prior

- a. Within five (5) business days after written notice is sent by Class Counsel or Defendant to all Parties hereto and the Settlement Administrator, the Notice and Administration Fund, less any funds paid or expenses incurred but not yet paid, and any other cash deposited by Defendant pursuant to this Agreement shall be refunded to Defendant, including all interest earned or accrued;
- b. This Agreement shall be without force and effect upon the rights of the Parties hereto, and none of its terms shall be effective or enforceable, with the exception of this Section, and all of its subparagraphs, which shall remain effective and enforceable;
- c. The Parties shall be deemed to have reverted *nunc pro tune* to their respective status as of the date of the filing of this Agreement in the Central District of California, including with respect to any Court-imposed deadlines.
- d. All orders entered in connection with this Agreement and settlement shall be vacated without prejudice to any Party's position on the issue of consolidation, class certification, and the Parties shall be restored to their litigation positions existing on the date of execution of this Agreement;
- e. The Parties shall proceed in all respects as if this Agreement and related documentation and orders had not been executed, and without prejudice in any way from the negotiation or fact of this Agreement or the terms of the settlement.

XIII. PARTIES' AUTHORITY

101. The signatories hereto represent that they are fully authorized to enter this Stipulation of Settlement and bind the Parties to the terms and conditions hereof. Electronic signatures shall be fully enforceable as if original.

XIV. NO UNALLEGED CLAIMS

102. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel represent that they, as of the date of execution of this Settlement Agreement, are not currently aware of any: (a) unalleged claims in addition to, or different from, those which are finally and forever settled and released against the Released Parties by this Settlement, (b) they have no current intention of asserting any other claims against Defendant or any of the Released Parties in any judicial or administrative forum, and (c) that they do not currently know of or represent any persons who have expressed any interest in pursuing litigation or seeking any recovery against Defendant or any of the Released Parties. Nothing in this Paragraph will be construed as a restraint on the right of any counsel to practice.

XV. MUTUAL FULL COOPERATION

103. The Parties and their counsel agree to fully cooperate with each other to accomplish the terms of this Stipulation of Settlement, including but not limited to, execution of such documents and to take such other action as may reasonably be necessary to implement the terms of this Stipulation of Settlement. The Parties to this Stipulation of Settlement shall use their best efforts, including all efforts contemplated by this Stipulation of Settlement and any other efforts that may become necessary by order of the Court, or otherwise, to effectuate this Stipulation of Settlement and the terms set forth herein. In the event the Parties are unable to reach agreement on the form or content of any document needed to implement the Settlement, or on any supplemental provisions or actions that may become necessary to effectuate the terms of this Stipulation of Settlement, the Parties shall seek the assistance of the Court or the Mediator to resolve such disagreement. The court's refusal to grant preliminary approval, but permitting the parties to refile an amended motion, shall not be cause to void this settlement agreement.

XVI. ADVICE OF COUNSEL

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104. The Parties to this Settlement Agreement are represented by competent counsel, and they have had an opportunity to consult with counsel prior to its execution. The Parties and their counsel are not giving any tax advice in connection with the Settlement or any payments to be made pursuant to the Settlement Agreement. Each Class Member will agree to indemnify and hold harm-less the Parties from any liability for taxes, fees, costs, or assessments resulting from the failure to timely pay taxes, interest, fees, or penalties owed. Neither Class Counsel nor Defendant's Counsel intend anything contained in this Settlement Agreement to constitute legal advice regarding the taxability of any amount paid hereunder, nor shall anything in this Settlement Agreement be relied upon as such.

XVII. CIRCULAR 230 DISCLAIMER

Each party to this Settlement Agreement including the Class Members (for 105. purposes of this section, the "acknowledging party" and each party to this Agreement other than the acknowledging party, an "other party") acknowledges and agrees that: (1) no provision of this Settlement Agreement, and no written communication or disclosure between or among the Parties or their attorneys and other advisers, is or was intended to be, nor shall any such communication or disclosure constitute or be construed or be relied upon as, tax advice within the meaning of United States Treasury Department circular 230 (31 CFR part 10, as amended); (2) the acknowledging party (a) has relied exclusively upon his, her or its own, independent legal and tax counsel for advice (including tax advice) in connection with this Agreement, (b) has not entered into this Settlement Agreement based upon the recommendation of any other party or any attorney or advisor to any other party, and (c) is not entitled to rely upon any communication or disclosure by any attorney or adviser to any other party to avoid any tax penalty that may be imposed on the acknowledging party, and (3) no attorney or adviser to any other party has imposed any limitation that protects the confidentiality of any such attorney's or adviser's tax strategies (regardless of whether such limitation is legally binding) upon disclosure by

the acknowledging party of the tax treatment or tax structure of any transaction, including any transaction contemplated by this Agreement.

XVIII. NO PRIOR ASSIGNMENTS

106. The Parties hereto represent, covenant, and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity any portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action or rights released and dis-charged by this Stipulation of Settlement.

XIX. NO ADMISSION

107. Nothing contained herein, nor the consummation of this Stipulation of Settlement, is to be construed or deemed an admission of liability, culpability, negligence, or wrongdoing on the part of Defendant or any of the other Released Parties. Each of the Parties hereto has entered this Stipulation of Settlement with the intention of avoiding further disputes and litigation with the attendant risk, inconvenience and expenses. This Stipulation of Settlement is a settlement document and shall, pursuant to California Evidence Code section 1152 and/or Federal Rule of Evidence 408 and/or any other similar law, be inadmissible as evidence in any proceeding, except an action or proceeding to approve the settlement, and/or interpret or enforce this Stipulation of Settlement.

XX. CONSTRUCTION

108. The Parties hereto agree that the terms and conditions of this Stipulation of Settlement are the result of lengthy, intensive arms' length negotiations between the Parties and that this Stipulation of Settlement shall not be construed in favor of or against any of the Parties by reason of the extent to which any Party or his or its counsel participated in the drafting of this Stipulation of Settlement.

XXI. JURISDICTION OF THE COURT

109. Except for those matters to be resolved by the Mediator or the Settlement Administrator as expressly stated, any dispute regarding the interpretation or validity of or otherwise arising out of this Stipulation of Settlement, or relating to the Lawsuit or the

Class Released Claims, shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court, and the Plaintiffs, Class Members, and Defendant agree to submit to the personal and exclusive jurisdiction of the Court. The Court shall retain jurisdiction solely with respect to the interpretation, implementation and enforcement of the terms of this Stipulation of Settlement and all orders and judgments entered in connection therewith, and the Parties and their counsel submit to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of interpreting, implementing and enforcing the Settlement embodied in this Stipulation of Settlement and all orders and judgments entered in connection therewith.

XXII. CALIFORNIA LAW GOVERNS

110. All terms of this Stipulation of Settlement and the exhibits hereto shall be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of California, regardless of its conflict of laws.

XXIII. INVALIDITY OF ANY PROVISION

111. The Parties request that before declaring any provision of this Stipulation of Settlement invalid, the Court shall attempt to construe all provisions valid to the fullest extent possible, consistent with applicable precedents.

XXIV. <u>HEADINGS</u>

112. The headings contained herein are inserted as a matter of convenience and for reference, and in no way define, limit, extend, or describe the scope of this Stipulation of Settlement or any provision hereof.

XXV. EXHIBITS

113. The terms of this Stipulation of Settlement include the terms set forth herein and the attached Exhibits 1-6, which are incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein. Any exhibits to this Stipulation of Settlement are an integral part of the Settlement.

XXVI. AMENDMENT OR MODIFICATION

114. This Stipulation of Settlement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument signed by counsel for all Parties or their successors-in-interest.

XXVII. <u>ENTIRE AGREEMENT</u>

115. This Stipulation of Settlement, including **Exhibits 1-6** attached hereto, contains the entire agreement between Plaintiffs and Defendant relating to the Settlement and transactions contemplated hereby, and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, representations, and statements, whether oral or written and whether by a party or such party's legal counsel, are superseded. No rights hereunder may be waived except in writing.

XXVIII. BINDING ON ASSIGNS

116. This Stipulation of Settlement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective heirs, trustees, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

XXIX. NO SOLICITATION REGARDING CLAIMS, OBJECTIONS, EXCLUSIONS OR APPEALS

117. The Parties and their counsel shall not solicit or otherwise encourage Class Members to submit written objections to the Settlement, to request exclusion or to appeal from the Court's Final Approval Order and Judgment.

XXX. INTERIM STAY OF PROCEEDINGS

118. The Parties agree to hold in abeyance all proceedings in the Lawsuit, except such proceedings necessary to implement and complete the Settlement, pending the final approval hearing to be conducted by the Court.

XXXI. COUNTERPARTS

119. This Stipulation of Settlement may be executed in counterparts, and when each of the Parties has signed and delivered at least one such counterpart, each counterpart shall be deemed an original, and, when taken together with other signed counterparts, shall constitute one fully-signed Stipulation of Settlement, which shall be binding upon and effective as to all Parties.

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7	Agreement and proposed settlement to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency		
8	at the time the motion for preliminary approval is filed as required by California Labor		
9	Code Section 2699(1)(2).		
10	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Stipulation of Settlement is executed by the Parties		
11	and their duly authorized attorneys as of the day and year herein set forth.		
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