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20	and DOES 1-20, inclusive,	Trial Date: None Set
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TO ALL PARTIES AND TO THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD HEREIN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on December 16, 2021, the Honorable Elihu M. Berle in Department SSC-6 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court granted final approval of the class action settlement in this action and issued Judgment.

Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a true and correct copy of the Order of Final Approval and Judgment.

Dated: February 4, 2022

VERUM LAW GROUP, APC

By:_

Sam Kim

Attorney for Plaintiff STEVEN SALDIVAR and all other similarly situated persons

EXHIBIT A

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Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles

12/16/2021

Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer / Clerk of Court M. Fregoso By: Deputy

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

STEVEN D. SALDIVAR, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated Case No. 19STCV41168

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Plaintiff,

Assigned for All Purposes to: The Hon. Elihu M. Berle

v.

Dept.: SSC-6

[PROPOSED] JUDGMENT

W. A. THOMPSON DISTRIBUTING CO. OF MOJAVE, a California corporation;

Hearing Date: December 16, 2021 Time: 9:00 a.m.

and DOES 1-20, inclusive,

Filing Date: November 15, 2019

Trial Date: None Set

Defendants.

[PROPOSED] JUDGMENT

Pursuant to the Order Granting Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement and Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs ("Final Approval Order"), JUDGMENT IS HEREBY ENTERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Judgment is entered in accordance with and incorporates by reference the Court's Order Granting Final Approval of Class Action Settlement and Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs, and the definitions in the Stipulation Re: Settlement of Class Action Settlement

and Addendum to Stipulation Re: Class Action Settlement (collectively, "Settlement" or "Settlement Agreement") attached as Exhibit A to the Declaration of Sam Kim in Support of Plaintiff's Motion For Final Approval of Class Action Settlement filed on October 15, 2021, and all terms defined therein shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Settlement Agreement. Pursuant to Rule 3.769 (h) of the California Rules of Court, the Court hereby enters judgment consistent with and expressly set forth in the Settlement Agreement in the above-entitled case for Plaintiff Steven D. Saldivar and Participating Settlement Class Members.

- 2. Class Counsel shall file this Judgment, and provide the same to the Settlement Administrator, who shall post the Judgment on the Settlement Administrator's website (http://www.phoenixclassaction.com/class-action-lawsuits/judgements/) within seven (7) calendar days after Judgement. The Settlement Administrator shall post a copy of this signed judgment for one hundred eighty (180) calendar days on its website in compliance with Rule 3.771(b) of the California Rules of Court in order to provide notice to the Participating Settlement Class Members of this Judgment.
- 3. The Participating Settlement Class Members bound by this Judgment include "all current and former non-exempt employees, who work or worked for Defendant, from March 10, 2017 to December 31, 2019, who have not previously signed a severance agreement or previously released the Released Claims" and who did not file a timely and proper request for exclusion from the Action. ("Participating Settlement Class Member").
 - 4. There were no valid opt outs by any Class Member to the Settlement Agreement.
- 5. The Individual Settlement Payments to Participating Settlement Class Members shall be made from the Net Settlement Amount according to the terms of the Settlement Agreement. The Net Settlement Amount is equal to the Gross Settlement Amount of \$100,000.00 minus the following payments:
 - a. \$6,000.00 shall be paid to class representative Plaintiff, Steven D. Saldivar;
 - b. \$4,250.00 in settlement administration fees and costs shall be paid to Phoenix Settlement Administrator for the fees and costs of administering the Settlement;

- \$33,333.33 in attorney's fees shall be paid as follows: \$20,000.00 to Verum Law Group, APC ("Class Counsel") and \$13,333.33 to the Law Offices of Anthony Choe;
- d. \$11,000.00 in costs shall be paid as follows: \$10,593.96 to Verum Law Group and \$406.04 to the Law Offices of Anthony Choe;
- 6. Pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 664.6 and Rule 3.769(h) of the California Rules of Court, this Court reserves exclusive and continuing jurisdiction over this action, the Plaintiff, Class Members, and Defendant for the purposes of: (a) supervising the implementation, enforcement, construction, and interpretation of the Settlement Agreement, the Final Approval Order, and this Judgment; and (b) supervising distribution of amounts paid under this settlement.
- 7. The scope of the release for Participating Settlement Class Members is as follows: "all claims alleged in the First Amended Complaint, or that could have been alleged based on the facts alleged in the First Amended Complaint, including, but not limited to: (1) unpaid wages, (2) unpaid minimum wages; (3) unpaid overtime; (4) failure to provide meal periods; (5) failure to pay wages timely during employment; (6) failure to pay final wages timely; (7) failure to give accurate itemized wage statements; (8) failure to maintain payroll records; (9) unreimbursed business expenses; (10) violation of unfair competition law; or any penalties arising under the Labor Code or Wage Order based on the alleged failures set forth in (1) through (10) above; any right or claim for unfair business practices in violation of California Business & Professions Code § 17200 et seq. based on the alleged failures set forth in (1) through (10) above; and any violation of the California Labor Code arising from the alleged facts, or those claims that could have been alleged based on the facts alleged in First Amended Complaint, including, without limitation, violation of Sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 226, 226.7, 510, 512, 1174, 1194, 1197, 2802. ("Released Claims").
- 8. In addition, each Participating Settlement Class Member will release Defendant, and all of its current and former agents, officers, members, owners, shareholders, directors, attorneys, partners, employees, including without limitation, its parent, subsidiary, related and

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

STEVEN D. SALDIVAR, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated

Case No. 19STCV41168 Unlimited Civil

Plaintiff,

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The Hon. Elihu M. Berle

Dept.: SSC-6

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS

W. A. THOMPSON DISTRIBUTING CO. OF MOJAVE, a California corporation; and DOES 1-20, inclusive,

Hearing Date: December 16, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Defendants.

v.

Filing Date: November 15, 2019

Trial Date: None Set

This matter came on for hearing on December 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., in Department SSC-6 of the above-referenced Court, located at 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, on the Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement and Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs (collectively, "Motions"). Plaintiff Steven D. Saldivar appeared through his attorneys of record. Defendant W.A. Thompson Distributing Co. of Mojave ("Defendant"), appeared through its counsel of record.

Having fully reviewed and considered the Motions and moving papers, and having

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND MOTION
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27 28 analyzed the Stipulation Re: Class Action Settlement and Addendum to Stipulation Re: Class Action Settlement (collectively, "Settlement" or "Settlement Agreement") attached as Exhibit A to the Declaration of Sam Kim filed concurrently with the Motions, and the record and proceedings herein, having determined that the Settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable, and otherwise being fully informed, the Court finds, concludes, and hereby orders as follows:

- 1. This Order Granting Final Approval of Class Action Settlement incorporates by reference the definitions set forth in the Settlement Agreement, attached as Exhibit "A" to the Declaration of Sam Kim filed with the Motions, and all terms used herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Settlement Agreement.
- 2. The Court hereby approves the terms set forth in the Settlement Agreement and finds that the Settlement Agreement is, in all respects, fair, adequate, and reasonable, and in the best interests of the Class, and directs the Parties to effectuate the Settlement Agreement according to its terms. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding and over all Parties to this proceeding, including Class Members.
- 2. The Court certifies the class under California Code of Civil Procedure section 382 for purposes of settlement only based on the reasons set forth in this Order, and defined as follows: "all current and former non-exempt employees, who work or worked for Defendant, from March 10, 2017 to December 31, 2019, who have not previously signed a severance agreement or previously released the Released Claims" and who did not file a timely and proper request for exclusion from the Action. ("Participating Settlement Class Member").
- 3. Each Participating Class Member will release Defendant, and all of its current and former agents, officers, members, owners, shareholders, directors, attorneys, partners, employees, including without limitation, its parent, subsidiary, related and affiliated companies, affiliated entities, and owners (the "Released Parties") from the "Released Claims," as defined below.
- 4. The scope of the release for Participating Settlement Class Member is as follows: "all claims alleged in the First Amended Complaint, or that could have been alleged based on the facts alleged in the First Amended Complaint, including, but not limited to: (1)

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5. In addition to the Released Claims, Plaintiff acknowledges that he is aware that he or his attorneys may hereafter discover claims or facts in addition to or different from those now known or believed to be true with respect to the subject matter of this Settlement Agreement and/or the Released Claims. Plaintiff hereby fully release and forever discharges the Released Parties from any and all claims, causes of action, damages, wages, benefits, expenses, penalties, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, attorney's fees, costs, and any other form of relief or remedy in law, equity, or whatever kind or nature, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected (exclusive of any workers' compensation claims), including but not limited to: (1) the Action and any claims arising out of or related to the Action; (2) any claims for wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation; (3) any act, omission, or occurrence arising out of or related to Plaintiff's employment with Defendant occurring on and before the Final Effective Date of the Settlement; and (4) and any other form of relief or remedy of any kind, nature, or description whatsoever, whether premised on statute, contract, tort or other theory of liability under state, federal or local law. Plaintiff hereby agrees that, notwithstanding § 1542 of the California Civil Code, all claims that Plaintiff may have, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, are hereby released. Section 1542 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." Plaintiff expressly waives the provisions of § 1542 with full knowledge and with the specific intent to release all known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected claims arising on or before the Effective Date of the Settlement, and therefore specifically waives the provisions of any statute, rule, decision or other source of law of the United States or of any state of the United States or any subdivision of a state which prevents release of unknown claims.

- 6. The distribution of the Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement ("Class Notice") to the Class as set forth in the Settlement Agreement has been completed in conformity with the Preliminary Approval Order. The Class Notice provided adequate notice of the proceedings and about the case, including the proposed settlement terms as set forth in the Settlement Agreement. The Class Notice fully satisfied due process requirements. The Class Notice was sent via U.S. Mail in English to all persons entitled to such notice and to all Class Members who could be identified through reasonable effort. As executed, the Class Notice as the best notice practicable under the circumstances. Class Members were afforded the opportunity to exclude themselves or object to the Settlement. No Class Member objected to the Settlement, and no Opt-Out Requests were made.
- 3. The Court finds that the Settlement Agreement has been reached as a result of informed and non-collusive arms-length negotiations. Consummation of the Settlement in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Settlement Agreement is therefore approved. The Settlement Agreement shall be binding upon all Participating Settlement Class Members who did not timely opt out.
- 4. The Settlement Agreement is not an admission by Defendant, nor is this Order a finding of the validity of any allegations or of any wrongdoing by Defendant. Neither this Order, the Settlement Agreement, or any document referred to herein, or any action taken to carry out the Settlement Agreement, shall be construed or deemed to be an admission of liability, culpability, negligence, or wrongdoing on the part of Defendant.

- 5. The Gross Settlement Amount is One Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$100,000.00), which shall represent the total consideration to be paid by Defendant pursuant to the terms of the Settlement, and shall be paid as follows: Defendant shall fund the Gross Settlement Amount ("GSA") of \$100,000.00 within 14-calendar days following final approval of the class settlement in the event no objection to the settlement is filed. In the event an objection is filed, the GSA shall be due and paid within 14-days following the expiration of the period to file an appeal, subject to Court approval.
- 6. The Court hereby confirms that Plaintiff Steven D. Saldivar is approved as the Class Representative in this Action. The Court further awards a Service Award of \$6,000.00 to Plaintiff Steven D. Saldivar. The payment of the Service Award to the Class Representative shall be made in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.
- 7. The Court hereby approves Sam Kim and Yoonis Han of Verum Law Group, APC as Class Counsel, and awards attorneys' fees in the amount of \$33,333.33 as follows: \$20,000.00 to Verum Law Group, APC and \$13,333.33 to the Law Offices of Anthony Choe. The Court hereby awards costs in the amount of \$11,000.00 as follows: \$10,593.96 to Verum Law Group, APC and \$406.04 to the Law Offices of Anthony Choe. These amounts shall be final payment for and completely satisfy any and all attorneys' fees and costs incurred by and/or owed to Class Counsel. The Court finds that Class Counsel's requested attorneys' fees and costs fall within the range of reasonableness. The payment of fees and costs to Class Counsel shall be made in accordance with the Settlement Agreement.
- 8. The Court further approves the payment of \$4,250.00 to Phoenix Settlement Administrators for the fees and costs of administering the Settlement as set forth in the Settlement Agreement. The payment authorized by this paragraph shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.
- 9. The Settlement Administrator shall promptly calculate and mail the checks to those Participating Settlement Class Members who have not properly opted out and cause to be paid attorneys' fees, costs, and Service Award, as approved by the Court and in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement. A Class Member must cash his or her Check within One

Hundred Eighty (180) days after it is mailed to him or her. Any Check that is not negotiated within One Hundred Eighty (180) days of mailing to a Participating Settlement Class Member, or that is undeliverable, shall be distributed to CASA of Los Angeles.

- 10. The Court finds that there is good cause pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 384 to transmit unclaimed funds in this manner.
- 11. The Parties agree that, upon final approval of the Settlement, the Court shall enter Judgment on the terms set forth herein. The Court shall have continuing jurisdiction over the construction, interpretation, implementation and enforcement of the Settlement Agreement according to its terms, and over the administration and distribution of the settlement proceeds.
- 12. The Order shall be entered pursuant to the Settlement Agreement and is intended to effectuate the settlement as more fully described in the Settlement Agreement. In the event that the Settlement does not become effective in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement, then this Order shall be rendered null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Settlement Agreement and shall be vacated.
- The court sets a Final Report Hearing for _____ I HFEG 13. (est. 8 months after final approval is granted) at ik-ka a.m./p.m., to confirm that distribution efforts are fully completed, including the distribution of uncashed Class Member checks to CASA of Los Angeles, that the Administrator's work is complete, and that the court's file thus may be closed. All supporting papers must be filed at least two weeks before the Final Report Hearing date.

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The Hon. Elihu M. Berle / Judge
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