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	JAVIER DIAZ and GEORGE MENDEZ,	Case No. 21CV383425
14	individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	Assigned for all purposes to:
15	Plaintiffs,	Hon. Sunil R. Kulkarni, Dept. 1
16	vs.	JOINT STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT
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It is stipulated and agreed by and among the undersigned Parties, subject to the approval of the Court pursuant to the California Rules of Court, that the Settlement of this Action shall be effectuated upon and subject to the following terms and conditions. Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings set forth in Article I or as defined elsewhere in this Joint Stipulation of Settlement ("Agreement" or "Settlement").

This Agreement is made by and between Named Plaintiffs Javier Diaz and George Mendez ("Named Plaintiffs") and the Class Members, on the one hand, and Defendant BGIS Global Integrated Solutions US LLC ("BGIS" or "Defendant"), on the other hand. Named Plaintiffs and Defendant collectively are referred to in this Agreement as "the Parties."

The Parties agree that the Action shall be, and hereby is, ended, settled, resolved, and concluded by agreement of Defendant to pay the settlement amount of One Million Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,275,000.00) as provided in Section 3.07(a) below ("Gross Settlement Amount") pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and for the consideration set forth herein, including but not limited to, a release of all claims by Named Plaintiffs and the Class Members as set forth herein.

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise defined herein, the following terms used in this Agreement shall have the meanings ascribed to them as set forth below:

- a. "Action" means the actions described as follows: Javier Diaz v. BGIS Global Integrated Solutions US, LLC Case No. 21-cv-02804-VKD, commenced on February 16, 2021, in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Santa Clara and currently pending in the United States District Court Northern District of California (herein separately defined as the "Federal Action"); and Javier Diaz and George Mendez v. BGIS Global Integrated Solutions US, LLC, Case No. 21CV383425, commenced on June 22, 2021, in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Santa Clara (herein separately defined as the "State Action").
- b. "Agreement" means this Joint Stipulation of Settlement, including the attached Exhibit(s).

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- c. "AWS Subclass" means all current and former non-exempt employees who are or were employed by Defendant in California at any time during the Class Period and worked a 4 days, 10-hours or a 3 days, 12-hours alternative workweek schedule, except for those non-exempt employees who worked a 3 days, 12-hours alternative workweek schedule and who were paid daily overtime for all hours over eight (8) in a day.
- d. "Class" means all current and former non-exempt employees who are or were employed by Defendant in California at any time during the Class Period.
 - e. "Class Counsel" means the attorneys for the Class and the Class Members, who are:

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- f. "Class List" means a list based on Defendant's business records that identifies each Class Member's name, last known home or mailing address, Social Security number or, as applicable, other taxpayer identification number, their membership in the AWS Subclass, their membership as a PAGA Group Member, and the number of Qualifying Workweeks worked during the Class Period.
 - g. "Class Member(s)" means all members of the Class.
- h. "Class Period" means August 17, 2016 through November 12, 2021, or the date the Court grants preliminary approval, whichever is sooner.
- i. "Court" means the California Superior Court for the County of Santa Clara, where the State Action is currently pending.
- j. "Date of Finality" means the earliest date, following entry by the Court of an order and judgment finally approving the Settlement, upon which one of the following have occurred: (i) if no objection is filed to the settlement and no objector appears at the hearing on final approval, the date of entry of an order in the State Action granting final approval, (ii) if an objection is filed to the

settlement, or an objector appears at the hearing on final approval, then the later of the following: (a) the expiration of all potential appeals periods without a filing of a notice of appeal of the final approval order or judgment; (b) final affirmance of the final approval order and judgment by an appellate court as a result of any appeal(s); or (c) final dismissal or denial of all such appeals (including any petition for review, rehearing, certiorari, etc.) such that the final approval order and judgment is no longer subject to further judicial review.

- k. "Defendant" means BGIS Global Integrated Solutions US LLC.
- 1. "Defense Counsel" means counsel for Defendant:

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- m. "**Disposition**" means the method by which the Court approves the terms of the Settlement and retains jurisdiction over its enforcement, implementation, construction, administration, and interpretation.
- n. "Final Order Approving Settlement of Class Action" or "Final Order" means the final formal court order signed by the Court following the hearing on Named Plaintiffs' Motion for Final Approval, in accordance with the terms herein, approving this Agreement.
- o. "Gross Settlement Amount" means One Million Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,275,000.00) to be paid by Defendant as provided by this Agreement to settle this Action. All payments to the Class, the LWDA Payment, administration costs, attorney's fees and costs, and Incentive Awards, pursuant to Section 3.07(a) below, shall be paid out of the Gross Settlement Amount. The employer's share of payroll taxes arising from the payments made under this settlement shall be paid by Defendant separate from and in addition to the Gross Settlement Amount. The Gross Settlement Amount is subject to a pro rata increase pursuant to Section 3.04(e) below. No part of the Gross Settlement Amount shall revert to Defendant.

- p. "Incentive Awards" means a monetary amount of up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for each of the Named Plaintiffs, subject to Court approval, in recognition of their effort and work in prosecuting the Action on behalf of Class Members, and for their general release of claims.
- q. "Individual Settlement Payment(s)" means each Participating Class Member's respective share of the Net Settlement Amount. Individual Settlement Payments will be determined by the calculations provided in this Agreement.
 - r. "LWDA" means The State of California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.
- s. "LWDA Payment" means 75% of the \$50,000 allocated to the settlement of PAGA claims which, subject to Court approval, will be paid to the LWDA pursuant to Section 3.07(e) of this Agreement, as provided for below.
- t. "Motion for Final Approval" means Named Plaintiffs' submission of a written motion, including any evidence as may be required for the Court to conduct an inquiry into the fairness of the Settlement as set forth in this Agreement, to conduct a final fairness and approval hearing, and to enter a Final Order in this Action. The Motion for Final Approval shall be filed in *Diaz, et al. v. BGIS Global Integrated Solutions US, LLC*, Case No. 21CV383425 (Santa Clara Cty. Super. Ct.)
- u. "Motion for Preliminary Approval" means Named Plaintiffs' submission of a written motion, including any evidence as may be required for the Court to grant preliminary approval of the Settlement as required by Rule 3.769 of the California Rules of Court. The Motion for Preliminary Approval shall be filed in in *Diaz, et al. v. BGIS Global Integrated Solutions US, LLC*, Case No. 21CV383425 (Santa Clara Cty. Super. Ct.)
 - v. "Named Plaintiffs" means Javier Diaz and George Mendez.
- w. "Net Settlement Amount" means the Gross Settlement Amount less Court-approved administration costs, Class Counsels' attorney's fees and costs, Incentive Awards, and the LWDA Payment, pursuant to Section 3.06(a)-(f) below.

	gg.	"Released Parties"	means Defendants	and their predecess	ors, successors,	parents
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- hh. "Response Deadline" means the deadline by which Class Members must postmark or fax to the Settlement Administrator requests for exclusion or written notices of objection. The Response Deadline will be forty-five (45) calendar days after the initial mailing of the Notice Packet by the Settlement Administrator, unless the forty-fifth (45th) calendar day falls on a Sunday or federal holiday, in which case the Response Deadline will be extended to the next day on which the U.S. Postal Service is open. The Response Deadline will be extended as set forth herein if there is a re-mailing.
- ii. "Settlement Administration Costs" means all costs incurred by the Settlement Administrator in administration of the Settlement, including, but not limited to, mailing of notice to the class, calculation of Individual Settlement Payments, generation of Individual Settlement Payment checks and related tax reporting forms, administration of unclaimed checks, and generation of checks to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and costs, to Named Plaintiffs for their Incentive Awards, and to the LWDA. The Settlement Administration Costs shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount.
- jj. "Settlement Administrator" means Phoenix Settlement Administrator, which the Parties have agreed will be responsible for the administration of the Individual Settlement Payments to be made by Defendant from the Gross Settlement Amount and related matters under this Agreement.

ARTICLE II

CONTINGENT NATURE OF THE AGREEMENT

Section 2.01: Stipulation of Class Certification for Settlement Purposes

Because the Parties have stipulated to the certification of the Class with respect to all causes of action alleged in the Action for settlement purposes only, this Agreement requires preliminary and final approval by the Court. Accordingly, the Parties enter into this Agreement on a conditional basis. This Agreement is contingent upon the approval and certification by the Court. If the Date of Finality

does not occur, the fact that the Parties were willing to stipulate for the purposes of this Agreement 1 2 to a Class shall have no bearing on, nor be admissible in connection with, the issue of certification of the Class with respect to all causes of action alleged in the Action. Defendant does not consent to certification of the Class for any purpose other than to effectuate settlement of the Action. If the Date of Finality does not occur, or if Disposition of this Action is not effectuated, any certification of the Class as to Defendant will be vacated and Named Plaintiffs, Defendant, and the Class will be returned to their positions with respect to the Action as if the Agreement had not been entered into. In the event that the Date of Finality does not occur: (a) any Court orders preliminarily or finally approving certification of any class contemplated by this Agreement shall be null, void, and vacated, and shall 10 not be used or cited thereafter by any person or entity; and (b) the fact of the settlement reflected in 11 this Agreement, the fact that Defendant did not oppose the certification of a Class under this Agreement, or that the Court preliminarily approved the certification of the Class, shall not be used 12 or cited thereafter by any person or entity, including in any manner whatsoever, including without 13 limitation any contested proceeding relating to the certification of any class. If the Date of Finality 14 15 does not occur, this Agreement shall be deemed null and void, shall be of no force or effect whatsoever, and shall not be referred to or used for any purpose whatsoever. Defendant expressly 16 reserves the right to challenge the propriety of class certification in the Action for any purpose, if the 17

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Date of Finality does not occur. The Parties and their respective counsel shall take all steps that may be requested by the Court relating to the approval and implementation of this Agreement and shall otherwise use their respective best efforts to obtain Court approval and implement this Agreement. If the Court does not grant the Motion for Preliminary Approval and/or the Motion for Final Approval, the Parties agree to meet and confer to address the Court's concerns. If the Parties are unable to agree upon a resolution, the Parties agree to seek the assistance of mediator Hon. Carl J. West (Ret.) to resolve the dispute.

ARTICLE III

PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SETTLEMENT

The procedure for obtaining Court approval of and implementing this Agreement shall be as 8 of 27

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Section 3.01: Amendment of State Action and Stay of Federal Action

For settlement purposes only, the Parties agree to the filing of an amended complaint in the State Action, which adds all claims asserted in the Federal Action; and a stay of the Federal Action pending approval of the Settlement by the Court in the State Action. A copy of the amended complaint, which Plaintiffs filed on September 30, 2021, is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. With respect to the amended complaint, the Parties specifically agree as follows:

- a. A stipulation to stay the Federal Action pending approval of the Settlement by the Court in the State Action shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days of the Parties fully executing this Agreement;
- b. The Parties agree that Defendant is not required to respond to the amended complaint and that there shall be no waiver argument asserted against Defendant for not responding to a pleading that the Parties agreed could be filed only for purposes of effectuating this Settlement.

Section 3.02: Motion for Conditional Class Certification and Preliminary Approval

Named Plaintiffs will bring a motion before the Court for an order conditionally certifying the Class to include all claims pled in the Action based on the preliminary approval of this Agreement. Such submission shall include a declaration and proof to the Court verifying that Class Counsel has provided any and all notices of the settlement to the LWDA, as set forth in California Labor Code section 2699(1)(2). Class Counsel shall provide the Court and Defense Counsel with proof of compliance with California Labor Code section 2699(1)(2) within seven (7) calendar days of Named Plaintiffs filing their Motion for Preliminary Approval. The date that the Court grants preliminary approval of this Agreement will be the "**Preliminary Approval Date**."

Section 3.03: The Settlement Administrator

The Parties have chosen Phoenix Settlement Administrators to administer this Settlement and to act as the Settlement Administrator, including but not limited to distributing and responding to inquiries about the Notice Packet, determining the validity of exclusions/opt-outs, calculating the Net Settlement Amount and the Individual Settlement Payments, issuing the Individual Settlement

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Payment checks and distributing them to Participating Class Members, generating and filing related tax reporting forms, establishing and maintaining the QSF, and issuing the payment to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and costs, the Incentive Award checks to Named Plaintiffs, and the employer payroll taxes to the appropriate taxing authorities. The Settlement Administrator shall expressly agree to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

All costs of administering the Settlement, including but not limited to all costs and fees associated with preparing, issuing and mailing any and all notices to Class Members and/or Participating Class Members, all costs and fees associated with computing, processing, reviewing, and mailing the Individual Settlement Payments, all costs and fees associated with preparing any tax returns and any other filings required by any governmental taxing authority or agency, all costs and fees associated with preparing any other checks, notices, reports, or filings to be prepared in the course of administering disbursements from the Net Settlement Amount, and any other costs and fees incurred and/or charged by the Settlement Administrator in connection with the execution of its duties under this Agreement ("Settlement Administration Costs"), shall be paid to the Settlement Administrator from the Gross Settlement Amount.

Section 3.04: Notice to Class Members

No later than five (5) business days after the Preliminary Approval Date, Defendant will provide, subject to a mutually agreeable protective order entered by the Court the Settlement Administrator with a "Class List" in electronic format based on its business records, identifying the names of the Class Members, their last known home addresses, Social Security numbers or, as applicable, other taxpayer identification number, their membership in the AWS Subclass, their membership as a PAGA Class Member, and weeks worked during the Class Period.

Within ten (10) business days of receiving a Class List from Defendant, the Settlement Administrator will send Class Members, by first-class mail, at their last known address, the Court approved Notice Packet, including notice of this Settlement and of the opportunity to opt out of the Settlement Class. The Notice Packet will include a calculation of the Class Member's approximate share of the Net Settlement Amount. Class Members will have forty-five (45) days from the date of mailing in which to postmark objections or requests for exclusion. Prior to the initial mailing, the

Settlement Administrator will check all Class Member addresses against the National Change of Address database and shall update any addresses before mailing. The Settlement Administrator will skip trace and re-mail all returned, undelivered mail within five (5) days of receiving notice that a Notice Packet was undeliverable. If a Class Member's notice is re-mailed, the Class Member shall have fifteen (15) calendar days from the re-mailing, or forty-five (45) calendar days from the date of the initial mailing, whichever is later, in which to postmark objections or requests for exclusion. Class Members shall not be required to submit claim forms in order to receive an Individual Settlement Payment.

If the Notice Packet is returned with a forwarding address, the Settlement Administrator shall re-mail the Notice Packet to the forwarding address. With respect to those Class Members whose Notice Packet is returned to the Settlement Administrator as undeliverable, the Settlement Administrator shall promptly attempt to obtain a valid mailing address by performing a skip trace or mass search on LexisNexis or comparable databases based on set criteria and, if another address is identified, shall mail the Notice Packet to the newly identified address. It is the intent of the Parties that reasonable means be used to locate Class Members and that the Settlement Administrator be given discretion to take steps in order to facilitate notice of the Settlement and delivery of the Individual Settlement Payments to all Participating Class Members.

If the Notice Packet is re-mailed, the Settlement Administrator will note for its own records and notify Class Counsel and Defense Counsel of the date of each such re-mailing as part of a weekly status report provided to the Parties.

In the event a Class Member's Notice Packet remains undeliverable sixty (60) calendar days after the Notice Packet was initially mailed, the Settlement Administrator will not mail the Class Member's Individual Settlement Payment. The Settlement Administrator will hold the Class Member's Individual Settlement Payment during the check cashing period on behalf of the Class Member. If at the conclusion of the check cashing period the Class Member's Notice Packet and Individual Settlement Payment remain undeliverable and/or unclaimed and uncashed, the Settlement Administrator will distribute the funds from unclaimed/uncashed checks in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 3.07(g) below.

No later than twenty (20) court days prior to the Final Fairness and Approval Hearing, the Settlement Administrator shall provide Defense Counsel and Class Counsel with a declaration attesting to completion of the notice process, including any attempts to obtain valid mailing addresses for and re-sending of any returned Notice Packets, as well as the number of valid requests for exclusion and objections that the Settlement Administrator received.

Section 3.05: Responses to Notice

a. Class Member Disputes

If any Class Member disagrees with Defendant's records as to his or her Qualifying Workweeks during the Class Period as reflected in the Notice Packet, the Class Member shall set forth in writing the Qualifying Workweeks he/she claims to have worked during the Class Period and submit such writing to the Settlement Administrator by the Response Deadline, along with any supporting documentation. The Notice will also provide a method for the Class Member to challenge the employment data on which his or her Individual Settlement Payment is based. The Settlement Administrator shall contact the Parties regarding the dispute and the Parties will work in good faith to resolve it. If the Parties are unable to resolve the dispute, the Settlement Administrator will be the final arbiter of the Qualifying Workweeks for each Class Member during the Class Period based on the information provided to it.

b. Requests for Exclusion from Class

In order for any Class Member to validly exclude himself or herself from the Class and this Settlement (*i.e.*, to validly opt out), a written request for exclusion must be signed by the Class Member or his or her authorized representative, and must be sent to the Settlement Administrator, postmarked no later than the Response Deadline (or fifteen (15) days after the Settlement Administrator re-mails the Notice to the Class Member, whichever is later). The Notice Packet shall contain instructions on how to validly exclude himself or herself from the Class and this Settlement (*i.e.*, opt out), including the language to be used in a request for exclusion. The date of the initial mailing of the Notice Packet, and the date the signed request for exclusion was postmarked, shall be conclusively determined according to the records of the Settlement Administrator. Any Class Member who timely and validly requests exclusion from the Class and this Settlement will not be

entitled to any Individual Settlement Payment, will not be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and will not have any right to object, appeal, or comment thereon.

Any Class Member who fails to timely submit a request for exclusion shall automatically be deemed a Class Member whose rights and claims with respect to the issues raised in the Action are determined by the Court's Final Order Approving Settlement of Class Action, and by the other rulings in the Action. Thus, said Class Member's rights to pursue any claims covered by the Action and/or released in this Agreement will be extinguished.

If more than fifteen percent (15%) of Class Members validly exclude themselves from the Settlement, Defendant will have the option to void the Settlement.

c. Objections to Settlement

For any Class Member to object to this Agreement, or any term of it, the person making the objection must not submit a request for exclusion (*i.e.*, must not opt out), and should send to the Settlement Administrator, postmarked or faxed no later than the Response Deadline (or fifteen (15) days after the Settlement Administrator re-mails the Notice to the Class Member, whichever is later), a written statement of the grounds of objection, signed by the objecting Class Member or his or her attorney, along with all supporting papers. The date of the initial mailing of the Notice Packet, and the date the signed objection was postmarked, shall be conclusively determined according to the records of the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator shall send any objections it receives to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel within three (3) business days of receipt. Class Members may also appear at the final approval hearing to object. The Court retains final authority with respect to the consideration and admissibility of any Class Member objections.

d. Encouragement of Class Members

The Parties to this Agreement and the counsel representing such Parties shall not, directly or indirectly, through any person, encourage or solicit any Class Member to exclude him or herself from this Settlement (opt out), or to object to it. However, Class Counsel may respond to inquiries from Class Members.

e. Right of Named Plaintiffs to Adjust Gross Settlement Amount

Defendant has estimated the number of Qualifying Workweeks as 5,013. If the number of Class Members increases by more than 10% (approximately 5,515 Qualifying Workweeks) as of the end of the Class Period, there will be a pro rata adjustment to the Gross Settlement Amount, equal to the Net Settlement Amount multiplied by the percentage in excess of 10%. For example, if the number of workweeks increased by 12%, the pro rata adjustment to the Gross Settlement Amount would equal the Net Settlement Amount multiplied by 2%.

Section 3.06: Final Fairness and Approval Hearing

On the date set forth in the Court's order granting Named Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval, and Notice Packet, a final fairness and approval hearing shall be held before the Court in order to (1) review this Agreement and determine whether the Court should give it final approval. and (2) consider any objections made and all responses by the Parties to such objections. At the final fairness and approval hearing, the Parties shall ask the Court to grant final approval to this Agreement and shall submit to the Court a proposed Final Order. Upon granting final approval of the Settlement contained herein, the Parties shall request that final judgment be entered in the State Action and shall request dismissal with prejudice all claims asserted in the Federal Action, and implementing the Releases contained in this Agreement as to Named Plaintiffs and all Participating Class Members. Class Counsel shall also prepare and file all necessary filings needed to dismiss the Federal Action with prejudice, including, without limitation, a stipulation or motion for dismissal of the Federal Action with prejudice. Class Counsel shall further provide, within seven (7) calendar days of the Court entering a final judgment that provides for or denies an award of civil penalties pursuant to the California Labor Code, any and all notices of the final judgment to the LWDA, as set forth in California Labor Code section 2699(1)(3). Further, within seven (7) calendar days of request by Defense Counsel, Class Counsel shall provide Defense Counsel with proof of compliance with California Labor Code section 2699(1)(3).

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Section 3.07: Settlement Payment Procedures

a. Settlement Amount

In exchange for the Released Claims set forth in this Agreement, Defendant agrees to pay the Gross Settlement Amount in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,275,000.00), subject to a pro rata increase under the condition set forth in Section 3.05(e).

Within thirty (30) calendar days after the Date of Finality, Defendant shall transfer the Gross Settlement Amount plus Defendant's share of employer-side payroll taxes, as set forth herein, into a QSF established by the Settlement Administrator either directly or by sending the funds to the Settlement Administer to be deposited and distributed. The Settlement Administrator will use these funds to fund payment of the Individual Settlement Payments to Participating Class Members, Class Counsel's attorneys' fees and costs, the Incentive Awards, the LWDA Payment (taken from the amount allocated for the PAGA Settlement Amount), all employer and employee tax deductions and withholdings in respect of the Individual Settlement Payments, and the Settlement Administration Costs.

Within ten (10) court days after receiving Defendant's final payment, funding the Gross Settlement Amount in full, the Settlement Administrator will pay the Individual Settlement Payments to Participating Class Members, Class Counsel's attorneys' fees and costs, LWDA Payment (taken from the amount allocated for the PAGA Settlement Amount), the Incentive Awards, and employer and employee tax withholdings applicable to the Net Settlement Amount allocated to wages. Prior to this distribution, the Settlement Administrator will perform a search based on the National Change of Address Database to update and correct for any known or identifiable address changes.

b. Payment of Attorneys' Fees and Costs

Class Counsel shall submit an application for an award of attorneys' fees of up to one-third of the current Gross Settlement Amount, which, based on the current Gross Settlement Amount, shall not exceed Four Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$425,000.00). Class Counsel shall submit an application for an award of costs not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00). Such application for attorneys' fees and costs shall be heard by the Court at the Final Fairness and Approval Hearing. Defendant shall not object to or oppose any such application in these

Any attorneys' fees and costs awarded to Class Counsel by the Court shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount and shall not constitute payment to any Class Member(s). The attorneys' fees and costs for Class Counsel approved by the Court shall encompass all work performed, costs, and expenses related to the investigation, prosecution, and settlement of the Action incurred through the Date of Finality. To the extent that the Court approves less than the amount of attorney's fees and/or costs that Class Counsel requests, the difference between the requested and awarded amounts will be reallocated to the Net Settlement Amount.

c. Payment of Settlement Administration Costs

The Settlement Administration Costs shall be paid out of the Gross Settlement Amount and shall not constitute payment to any Participating Class Member(s). The amount shall not exceed Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

d. Payment of Incentive Award to Named Plaintiffs

Subject to Court approval, the Named Plaintiffs shall each receive an Incentive Award of up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), the request for which Defendant will not object to or oppose. The Incentive Awards shall be paid out of the Gross Settlement Amount and shall not constitute payment to any Participating Class Member(s) other than Named Plaintiffs. To the extent that the Court approves less than the amount of incentive award that Class Counsel request, the difference between the requested and awarded amounts will be reallocated to the Net Settlement Amount.

Because it is the intent of the Parties that the Incentive Awards represent payment to Named Plaintiffs for their service to the Class Members, and not wages, the Settlement Administrator will not withhold any taxes from the Incentive Awards. The Incentive Awards will be reported on a Form 1099, which the Settlement Administrator will provide to Named Plaintiffs and to the pertinent taxing authorities as required by law.

e. Payment to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency

In consideration of claims made under PAGA, Class Counsel will request that the Court approve allocation of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) of the Gross Settlement Amount to these 16 of 27

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claims. Seventy-five percent (75%) of this payment will be paid to the LWDA, and twenty-five percent (25%) will be paid to the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to PAGA Group Members. Defendant will not oppose this request. The entire PAGA Settlement Amount will be paid out of the Gross Settlement Amount. The Court's adjustment, if any, of the amount allocated to Named Plaintiffs' PAGA claim in the Action, will not invalidate this Agreement.

f. Payment of Individual Settlement Payments to Participating Class Members

The Parties agree that the Net Settlement Amount shall be used to fund Individual Settlement Payments. The Parties agree that the Net Settlement Amount shall be divided between all Participating Class Members in proportion to the number of individual Qualifying Workweeks for each Class Member. However, for purposes of calculating the Individual Settlement Payment, the individual Qualifying Workweeks for all Participating Class Members shall be weighted, in which the Settlement Administrator shall apply a 2/3 weighted ratio factor to the AWS Subclass Member's Individual Settlement Payment, and a 1/3 weighted ratio factor for all remaining Participating Class Members who are not members of the AWS Subclass. For example, if the data produced by Defendant demonstrates a Participating Class Member, who is also a AWS Subclass member, worked 10 Qualifying Workweeks during the Class Period, their Individual Settlement Payment shall be calculated as follows:

(10 Qualifying Workweeks ÷ Qualifying Workweeks for all Participating Class Members) x Net Settlement Amount x 2/3

As another example, if the data produced by Defendant demonstrates a Class Member (but not an AWS Subclass Member) worked 10 Qualifying Workweeks during the Class Period, their Individual Settlement Payment shall be calculated as follows:

(10 Qualifying Workweeks ÷ Qualifying Workweeks for all Participating Class Members) x Net Settlement Amount x 1/3

This weighting of Individual Settlement Payments is solely for purposes of calculating Individual Settlement Payments, and will not trigger the pro rata increase provision in Section 3.05(e), above. It is the intent of the Parties that the Settlement Administrator be given discretion to take steps to resolve any issues in respect of the application of the formula.

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To calculate the minimum amount each Class Member will receive based on their individual Qualifying Workweeks, the Net Settlement Amount will be divided by the total number of Qualifying Workweeks by all Class Members during the Class Period and then allocated on a pro rata basis (subject to the weighted ratio factors described above). Qualifying Workweeks will be rounded up to the next whole integer. Each Class Member's approximate Individual Settlement Payment amount will be included in his or her Notice Packet. After final approval by the Court, the Net Settlement Amount will be dispersed to Participating Class Members (those who did not exclude themselves) on a pro rata basis based on the individual Qualifying Workweeks worked during the Class Period by each Participating Class Member (subject to the weighted ratio factors described above).

Each Individual Settlement Payment will represent wages and penalties allocated using the following formula: 1/3 allocated to wages; 1/3 allocated to interest, and 1/3 allocated to penalties. The amounts paid as wages shall be subject to all tax withholdings customarily made from an employee's wages and all other authorized and required withholdings and shall be reported by W-2 forms. The employer-side taxes will be paid separate from and in addition to the Gross Settlement Amount. The amounts paid as penalties and interest shall be subject to all authorized and required withholdings other than the tax withholdings customarily made from employees' wages and shall be reported by IRS 1099 forms.

No later than ten (10) business days after receiving the Gross Settlement Amount from Defendant, the Settlement Administrator shall prepare and mail the checks for the Individual Settlement Payments to Participating Class Members. Individual Settlement Payments paid from the Net Settlement Amount allocated to wages will be reduced by applicable employer and employee tax withholdings, and the Settlement Administrator will issue a Form W-2 for the wage portion of the Individual Settlement Payments. The Settlement Administrator will issue a Form 1099 to the extent required by law for the interest and penalty portions of the Individual Settlement Payments. Participating Class Members shall have 180 days from the date their Individual Settlement Payment checks are dated to cash their Settlement checks. Any checks that are not cashed upon the expiration of that 180-day time period will be void, and the uncashed funds shall be paid to the State Controller Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Class Member for whom the funds are designated.

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If a check is returned to the Settlement Administrator as undeliverable, the Settlement Administrator shall promptly attempt to obtain a valid mailing address by performing a skip trace or a mass search on LexisNexis or a comparable databases based on set criteria and, if another address is identified, the Settlement Administrator shall mail the check to the newly identified address. If the Settlement Administrator is unable to obtain a valid mailing address through this process, the Settlement Administrator will tender the funds from the undeliverable checks to the State Controller Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Class Member for whom the funds are designated.

Default on Payment.

Defendant's failure to fund the Gross Settlement Amount within ten (10) calendar days after the date required for funding in accordance with Section 3.07(a) shall be considered a default. In the event Defendant fails to timely fund the Gross Settlement Amount, the Settlement Administrator will provide notice to Class Counsel and Defendant's counsel within three (3) business days of the missed payment. Thereafter, Defendant will have seven (7) days to cure the default and tender payment to the Settlement Administrator. In the event Defendant fails to cure the default within the times set forth herein, Named Plaintiffs may elect to enter judgment against Defendant, on an ex parte basis. for the balance of the unpaid Gross Settlement Amount to date, and Named Plaintiffs will be entitled to recover interest at ten percent (10%) per year from the due date for such payment and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

h. No Credit Toward Benefit Plans.

The Individual Settlement Payments made to Participating Class Members under this Agreement, as well as any other payments made pursuant to this Agreement, will not be utilized to calculate any additional benefits under any benefit plans to which any Class Members may be eligible, including, but not limited to: profit-sharing plans, bonus plans, 401(k) plans, stock purchase plans, vacation plans, sick leave plans, PTO plans, and any other benefit plan. Rather, it is the Parties' intention that this Agreement will not affect any rights, contributions, or amounts to which any Class Members may be entitled under any benefit plans.

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ARTICLE IV

LIMITATIONS ON USE OF THIS SETTLEMENT

Section 4.01: No Admission

Defendant disputes the allegations in the Action and disputes that, but for this Settlement, a Class should not have been certified in the Action. This Agreement is entered into solely for the purpose of settling highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended nor will be construed as an admission of liability or wrongdoing by Defendant.

Section 4.02: Non-Evidentiary Use

Whether or not the Date of Finality occurs, neither this Agreement, nor any of its terms, nor the Settlement itself, will be: (a) construed as, offered, or admitted in evidence as, received as, or deemed to be evidence for any purpose adverse to Defendant or any other of the Released Parties, including but not limited to, evidence of a presumption, concession, indication, or admission by any of the Released Parties of any liability, fault, wrongdoing, omission, concession, or damage, or (b) disclosed, referred to, or offered in evidence against any of the Released Parties in any further proceeding in the Action or any other proceeding alleging the same or similar allegations or facts in the Action, except for the purposes of effectuating the Settlement pursuant to this Agreement or for Defendant to establish that a Class Member has resolved any of his or her claims released through this Agreement.

Section 4.03: Nullification

The Parties have agreed to the certification of the Class encompassing all claims alleged in the Action for the sole purpose of effectuating this Agreement. If (a) the Court should for any reason fail to certify this Class for settlement, or (b) the Court should for any reason fail to approve this Settlement, or (c) the Court should for any reason fail to enter the Final Order, or (d) the Final Order is reversed, or declared or rendered void, or (e) the Court should for any reason fail to dispose of the Action in its entirety, then (i) this Agreement shall be considered null and void; (ii) neither this Agreement nor any of the related negotiations or proceedings shall be of any force or effect; (iii) all Parties to this Agreement shall stand in the same position, without prejudice, as if the Agreement had been neither entered into nor filed with the Court; and (iv) the fact that the Parties were willing to

stipulate to class certification of all causes of action pled in the Action as part of the Settlement will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, the issue of whether the Class should be certified by the Court in a non-settlement context in this Action or any other action, and in any of those events, Defendant expressly reserves the right to oppose certification of the Class.

In the event of a timely appeal from the Final Order, the Final Order shall be stayed and the Gross Settlement Amount shall not be funded pending the completion of the appeal.

ARTICLE V

RELEASES

Section 5.01: Released Claims by Class Members

Upon the date Defendant transfers the Gross Settlement Amount, Named Plaintiffs and Participating Class Members who do not opt out of the Settlement, release the Released Parties from any and all claims alleged or which could have been in alleged based on facts pleaded in Named Plaintiffs' operative complaints in the State Action and Federal Action, during the Class Period, including but not limited to the: (1) failure to pay minimum wages; (2) failure to pay overtime wages; (3) failure to provide meal periods; (4) failure to authorize or permit rest periods; (5) failure to pay wages upon separation of employment and within the required time; (6) failure to furnish accurate itemized wage statements wage statement violations; (7) failure to reimburse necessary business expenses; (8) failure to pay vacation wages in violation of Cal. Lab. Code 227.3; and (9) violation of California Business and Professions Code §§17200, *et seq.*, based on the preceding claims, including claims for violation of California Labor Code sections 201-203, 204, 210, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 227.3, 510, 511, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1198, 2800, and 2802 ("Released Claims").

Section 5.02: Released Claims by PAGA Group Members

Upon the date Defendant transfers the Gross Settlement Amount, the State of California and PAGA Group Members release the Released Parties from all claims exhausted in Plaintiff's notice(s) sent to the LWDA and alleged in the operative complaint, which arose during the PAGA Period, regardless of whether PAGA Group Members opt out of the Class Settlement, including claims for violation of California Labor Code sections 201-203, 204, 210, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 227.3, 510, 511, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1198, 2800, and 2802.

Section 5.03: Named Plaintiffs' Release of Unknown Claims

Upon the date Defendant transfers the Gross Settlement Amount, Named Plaintiffs, waive, release, acquit, and forever discharge the Released Parties from any and all claims, actions, charges, complaints, grievances, and causes of action, of any nature arising from Named Plaintiffs' employment with Defendant, whether known or unknown, which exist or may exist as of the Parties' execution of this Agreement.

Section 1542 of the California Civil Code 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."

Named Plaintiff's general release provided herein is made with an express waiver and relinquishment of any claim, right, or benefit under California Civil Code § 1542.

ARTICLE VI

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 6.01: Amendments or Modification

The terms and provisions of this Agreement may be amended or modified only by an express written agreement that is signed by all the Parties (or their successors-in-interest) and their counsel.

Section 6.02: Assignment

None of the rights, commitments, or obligations recognized under this Agreement may be assigned by any Party, Class Member, Class Counsel, or Defense Counsel without the express written consent of each other Party and their respective counsel. The representations, warranties, covenants, and agreements contained in this Agreement are for the sole benefit of the Parties under this Agreement and shall not be construed to confer any right or to avail any remedy to any other person.

Section 6.03: Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed, construed, and interpreted, and the rights of the Parties shall be determined, in accordance with the laws of the State of California, without regard to conflicts

of laws.

Section 6.04: Entire Agreement

This Agreement, including the Exhibits referred to herein, which form an integral part hereof, contains the entire understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein. In case of any conflict between text contained in Articles I through VI of this Agreement and text contained in the Exhibits to this Agreement, the former (*i.e.*, Articles I through VI) shall be controlling, unless the Exhibits are changed by or in response to a Court order. There are no restrictions, promises, representations, warranties, covenants, or undertakings governing the subject matter of this Agreement other than those expressly set forth or referred to herein. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings among the Parties with respect to the settlement of the Action, including correspondence between Class Counsel and Defense Counsel and drafts of prior agreements or proposals.

Section 6.05: Waiver of Compliance

Any failure of any Party, Defense Counsel, or Class Counsel hereto to comply with any obligation, covenant, agreement, or condition set forth in this Agreement may be expressly waived in writing, to the extent permitted under applicable law, by the Party or Parties and their respective counsel entitled to the benefit of such obligation, covenant, agreement, or condition. A waiver or failure to insist upon strict compliance with any representation, warranty, covenant, agreement, or condition shall not operate as a waiver of, or estoppel with respect to, any subsequent or other failure.

Section 6.06: Counterparts and Fax/PDF Signatures

This Agreement, and any amendments hereto, may be executed in any number of counterparts and any Party and/or their respective counsel may execute any such counterpart, each of which when executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original. All counterparts taken together shall constitute one instrument. A fax or PDF signature on this Agreement shall be as valid as an original signature.

Section 6.07: Meet and Confer Regarding Disputes

Should any dispute arise among the Parties or their respective counsel regarding the implementation or interpretation of this Agreement, a representative of Class Counsel and a 23 of 27

representative of Defense Counsel shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve such disputes prior 1 2 to submitting such disputes to the Court. 3 Section 6.08: Agreement Binding on Successors 4 This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors in interest 5 of each of the Parties. 6 **Section 6.09: Cooperation in Drafting** 7 The Parties have cooperated in the negotiation and preparation of this Agreement. This Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party, or the Party's counsel. was the drafter or participated in the drafting of this Agreement. 10 Section 6.10: Fair and Reasonable Settlement 11 The Parties believe that this Agreement reflects a fair, reasonable, and adequate settlement of 12 the Action and have arrived at this Agreement through arm's-length negotiation and in the context of adversarial litigation, taking into account all relevant factors, current and potential. The Parties 13 14 further believe that the Settlement is and is consistent with public policy, and fully complies with applicable law. 15 **Section 6.11: Headings** 16 17 The descriptive heading of any section or paragraph of this Agreement is inserted for convenience of reference only and does not constitute a part of this Agreement and shall not be 18 considered in interpreting this Agreement. 19 20 **Section 6.12: Notice** 21 Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Agreement, all notices, demands, and other 22 communications under this Agreement must be in writing and addressed as follows: 23 To Named Plaintiffs and the Class: 24 Kashif Haque 25 Samuel A. Wong Jessica L. Campbell 26 Fawn F. Bekam AEGIS LAW FIRM, PC 27 9811 Irvine Center Drive, Suite 100 Irvine, California 92618 28

Telephone: (949) 379-6250 Facsimile: (949) 379-6251

And

To Defendant:

David L. Cheng Paul M. Suh FORD & HARRISON LLP 350 South Grand Avenue, Suite 2300 Los Angeles, CA 90071

Telephone: 213-237-2400 Facsimile: 213-237-2401

Section 6.13: Enforcement of Settlement and Continuing Court Jurisdiction

To the extent consistent with class action procedure, this Agreement shall be enforceable by the Court pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6 and California Rule of Court 3.769(h). The Final Order entered by the Court will not adjudicate the merits of the Action or the liability of the Parties resulting from the allegations of the Action. Its sole purpose is to adopt the terms of the Settlement and to retain jurisdiction over its enforcement. To that end, the Court shall retain continuing jurisdiction over this Action and over all Parties and Class Members, to the fullest extent to enforce and effectuate the terms and intent of this Agreement. In the event that one or more of the Parties institutes any legal action or other proceeding against any other Party or Parties to enforce the provisions of this Settlement, the successful Party or Parties will be entitled to recover from the unsuccessful Party or Parties reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, including expert witness fees incurred in connection with any enforcement actions.

Section 6.14: Mutual Full Cooperation

The Parties agree fully to cooperate with each other to accomplish the terms of this Agreement, including but not limited to the execution of such documents, and the taking of such other action, as may reasonably be necessary to implement the terms of this Agreement. The Parties to this Agreement shall use their best efforts, to effectuate and implement this Agreement and its terms. 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 that may become necessary to effectuate the terms of the Settlement, the Parties agree to seek the assistance of the Court.

Section 6.15: Authorization to Act

Class Counsel warrants and represents that they are authorized by Named Plaintiffs, and Defense Counsel warrants that they are authorized by Defendant, to take all appropriate action required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement, except for signing documents, including but not limited to this Agreement, that are required to be signed by the Parties themselves. Defendant represents and warrants that the individual executing this Agreement on its behalf has the full right, power, and authority to enter into this Agreement and to carry out the transactions contemplated herein.

Section 6.16: No Reliance on Representations

The Parties have made such investigation of the facts and the law pertaining to the matters described herein and to this Agreement as they deem necessary, and have not relied, and do not rely, on any statement, promise, or representation of fact or law, made by any of the other parties, or any of their agents, employees, attorneys, or representatives, with regard to any of their rights or asserted rights, or with regard to the advisability of entering into and executing this Agreement, or with respect to any other matters. No representations, warranties, or inducements, except as expressly set forth herein, have been made to any party concerning this Agreement.

EXECUTION BY PARTIES AND COUNSEL

The Parties and their counsel hereby execute this Agreement.

Dated: _	10/15/2021	JAVIER DIAZ By: Named Plaintitt
Dated: _	10/15/2021	GEORGE MENDEZ By: Named Plaintiff

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