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1	Plaintiffs hereby give notice	of the filing of the Second Supplemental					
2	Declaration of Gretchen Eoff in Support of Final Approval, filed pursuant to the joint						
3	stipulation dated June 13, 2023. See ECF No. 826.						
4	Supuration dated June 13, 2023. See ECF No. 020.						
5	Dated: July 28, 2023	Respectfully submitted,					
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20	GRETCHEN EOFF IN SUPPORT OF FINAL APPROVAL						

**NOTICE OF FILING** I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was filed using this Court's CM/ECF service, which will send notice of such filing to all counsel of record this 28th day of July 2023. /s/ Amy Keller Amy Keller - 3 -NOTICE OF FILING SECOND CV 11-05379-CJC (AGRX) SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF GRETCHEN EOFF IN SUPPORT OF FINAL

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10		DECLARATION OF GRETCHEN EOFF IN SUPPORT OF FINAL APPROVAL			
11		DATE: TBD			
12		TIME: TBD CTRM.: 7C			
13		JUDGE: Hon. Cormac J. Carney			
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15	I, Gretchen Eoff, declare as follows:				
16	1. I am a Senior Vice President of Operations at JND Legal Administration LLC				
17	("JND"). The following statements are based on my personal knowledge and information				
18	provided to JND by Counsel and other JND employees working under my supervision and, if				
19	called upon to do so, I could and would testify competently thereto.				
20	2. JND previously filed a Declaration Regarding Proposed Settlement Notice				
21	Program filed September 30, 2022, Docket No. 807-2, a Declaration Regarding Notice Plan				
22	Implementation and Settlement Administration Status filed March 3, 2023, Docket 813-1, and a				
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24	Supplemental Declaration Regarding Settlement Administration Status filed April 13, 2023,				
25	Docket 821 ("April 2023 Status Declaration"). This Second Supplemental Declaration in support				
26	of final approval is being filed to update the C	Court regarding Settlement administration status.			
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### **CLAIM FORMS RECEIVED**

- 3. Per the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the deadline for Class Members to submit a Claim Form was May 22, 2023.
- 4. For the Original Settlement, JND received a total of 97,880 claims for 2,792,794 units. Per the terms of the Settlement, Class Members who filed a claim in the Original Settlement were not required to file a claim in the New Settlement.
- 5. As of July 27, 2023, JND has received a total of 1,947,773 timely claims in the New Settlement for 22,239,311,961 units.<sup>1</sup> The total number of units reflects the amounts claimed and not the number of valid and verified units. Based on JND's claims analysis, this number is inflated by certain claim filers. The largest 84 claims seek payment for between one million and one billion units each, accounting for 98.2% of all units claimed.
- 6. Pursuant to Paragraphs 2.35 of the Settlement Agreement, JND has reviewed claims to determine validity and completeness. Based on JND's claims analysis, a number of claims have validity issues and raise potential fraud flags as detailed further below. These issues include: duplicate claims; claims filed in clusters from the same mailing address; claims filed from non-U.S. Internet Protocol (IP) addresses; or using slight name variations to avoid duplicate detection; and larger than expected claimed units purchased. Of the 1,947,773 New Settlement claims filed, 1,578,344 claims seek reimbursement for more than 30 units. Cumulatively these 1,578,344 claims seek reimbursement for 22,235,294,935 units.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As of July 27, 2023, JND has received a total of 16 claims postmarked or received after the May 22, 2023 claim deadline. These late claims seek reimbursement for 9,495 units. Of these 16 late claims, 13 seek reimbursement for more than 30 units.

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### **SETTLEMENT WEBSITE**

7. As of July 27, 2023, there were 6,644,272 total views of the Settlement Website pages and documents and 1,966,216 unique visitors to the Settlement Website. JND will continue to maintain the Settlement Website throughout the Settlement administration process.

## TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL

8. As of July 27, 2023, JND has received 1,239 calls to the Settlement toll-free number. In addition, JND handled 11,680 email communications received to the Settlement email address. JND will continue to maintain the Settlement toll-free number and email address and assist the Settlement Class throughout the Settlement administration process.

### **OBJECTIONS**

9. As of July 27, 2023, JND has not received any Settlement objections.

## **REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSION**

10. As of July 27, 2023, JND has received eight (8) valid exclusion requests and ten (10) invalid exclusion requests.<sup>2</sup> Lists of the timely and valid and invalid exclusions are attached hereto as Exhibits A and B, respectively.

#### **CLAIM FORM VERIFICATION**

11. As detailed in my April 2023 Status Declaration, JND conducted a detailed claims analysis to determine whether claims have been validly filed and are not fraudulent.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> One previously valid exclusion request was withdrawn.

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- 12. Section 2.35 of the Settlement Agreement defines "Valid Claims Form(s)" as "timely submitted and complete claims form(s), signed by the Class Member, and verified by the Settlement Administrator to meet all the requirements set forth herein and to be **free of fraud**" [emphasis added].
- 13. As detailed in my April 2023 Status Declaration, JND's preliminary fraud review flagged an unusually high number of claimed units purchased particularly when these claims were intended to be filed for "private, household use, and not purchases for commercial use or catering operations." Of the 1,947,773 New Settlement claims filed, 1,578,344 claims seek reimbursement Cumulatively these 1,578,344 claims seek reimbursement for for more than 30 units. 22,235,298,365 units. Accordingly, JND recommended the use of additional measures to assess claim validity and confirm that claims demonstrate an adequate indicia of trustworthiness. This included sending an email to claimants claiming more units than would be expected for private household use requesting sufficient confirmation of claimed units.
- 14. In consultation with counsel following the April 17, 2023 Court hearing, on June 1, 2023, JND sent emails to 1,498,820 claimants requesting additional information from claimants who claimed more than 30 units purchased. JND received responses from 5,742 claimants. Of these responses, approximately 70% responded that they had no documentation available to support their claim, approximately 17% provided inadequate documentation, and approximately 13% requested to amend their claim to a lower number of units purchased.

## SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION FEES AND EXPENSES

15. As detailed in my April 2023 Status Declaration, JND has been paid \$280,760.87 in Settlement Administration fees and expenses for the period September 2022 through December 2022. JND has agreed to perform all its work for the remainder of the Settlement administration

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for payment of JND's expenses only.

16. If all claimants with valid claims are paid by check as the Settlement anticipates, JND estimates its unbilled expenses and expenses to complete the Settlement Administration through the Settlement payment distribution will total \$499,332.20.

- 17. To preserve as much of the Settlement Fund as possible for Settlement payment compensation, JND recommends paying claimants with valid claims, who provided an email address, electronically by virtual prepaid card and any claimants who did not provide an email by check. If we pay the majority of claimants by virtual prepaid card, JND estimates its unbilled expenses and expenses to complete the Settlement Administration through the Settlement payment distribution will total \$186,088.19. Issuing Settlement payments by virtual prepaid card results in a savings to the Settlement Fund of \$313,244.01 as virtual pre-paid cards issue by email and do not require printing or postage. Based on the current estimate of valid claims, JND estimates issuing payments by virtual pre-paid card would increase each claim payment by more than a dollar.
- 18. JND will continue to administer the Settlement through all phases of Settlement administration, as required by the Settlement Agreement, Preliminary Approval Order, and pursuant to any future orders of this Court.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 28, 2023 in Seattle, Washington.

Communication

GRETCHEN EOFF

# **EXHIBIT A**



## **WESSON OIL SETTLEMENT**

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## **TIMELY AND VALID EXCLUSIONS**

	JND ID NUMBER	<u>Name</u>	CITY/STATE	POSTMARK DATE	SIGNATURE TYPE	LAW FIRM SUBMITTING
1.	PBQ74WJNAM	Elsie Allen	Corydon, IN	December 7, 2022	Online Submission	N/A
2.	PLTRE93QY7	Jalisa Franklin	Little Rock, AR	December 11, 2022	Online Submission	N/A
3.	DYKABHGLWC	Ali Ratzel	Jefferson City, MO	December 20, 2022	Wet	N/A
4.	PTA7ZNX3Q8	Judy Dellinger	Lafayette, IN	January 2, 2023	Online Submission	N/A
5.	P5QNJYXVF8	Steven Littaua	Camarillo, CA	January 3, 2023	Online Submission	N/A
6.	PFCY7X4L3W	Tiffany Howard	Sycamore, IL	January 4, 2023	Online Submission	N/A
7.	PV4WSNYEBC	Charles Ravitz	Tampa, FL	January 28, 2023	Online Submission	N/A
8.	PP6QSZ3RHV	Shiva Rashedi	San Francisco, CA	March 9, 2023	Online Submission	N/A

## **WITHDRAWN EXCLUSIONS**

	JND ID NUMBER	<u>Name</u>	CITY/STATE	POSTMARK DATE	SIGNATURE TYPE	LAW FIRM SUBMITTING
1.	PR72UY3KDE	Rita Alarcon	Westminster, CA	December 13, 2022 [and December 13, 2022] [Withdrawn March 15, 2023]	Online Submission	N/A

# **EXHIBIT B**



# WESSON OIL SETTLEMENT (USDC CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, CASE No. 2:11-cv-05379-CJC-AGR)

## **INVALID EXCLUSIONS**

	JND ID NUMBER	<u>Name</u>	CITY/STATE	POSTMARK DATE	SIGNATURE TYPE	LAW FIRM SUBMITTING	REASON DEFECTIVE
1.	PL8U4THBDS	Jake Bingen	Lemont, IL	December 4, 2022	Online Submission	N/A	Inadequate statement
2.	PZV58WUKQG	Charles Hughes	Shady Cove, OR	December 8, 2022	Online Submission	N/A	Inadequate statement
3.	PV6LHUTQN3	Daniel Walker	Evansville, IN	December 9, 2022	Online Submission	N/A	Inadequate statement
4.	P32ZDUXB84	Tanya Harris Lopez	Alsip, IL	December 13, 2022	Online Submission	N/A	Inadequate statement
5.	PVNJPHLEK6	Darryl Johnson	Downey, CA	December 14, 2022	Online Submission	N/A	Inadequate statement
6.	PF9DSKPAWM	Courtney McCallum	Tigard, OR	December 14, 2022	Online Submission	N/A	Inadequate statement
7.	PSYPLC4H5K	Teresa Wyatt	Marina, CA	December 26, 2022	Online Submission	N/A	Inadequate statement
8.	PHY3CBZDN5	Edgar Bustillo	Rosemead, CA	January 17, 2023	Online Submission	N/A	Incomplete address
9.	P9EQN5ZB8A	Ronald Pierce	Riverside, CA	January 20, 2023	Online Submission	N/A	Inadequate statement
10.	PG93HSK4ZQ	Susan Cook	San Francisco, CA	March 16, 2023	Online Submission	N/A	Inadequate statement