

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IRENE KRISTAL, Individually and on behalf
of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

MESOBLAST LIMITED, SILVIU ITESCU,
JOSH MUNTNER, and FRED GROSSMAN

Defendants.

CASE No.: 7:20-CV-08430-PMH

CLASS ACTION

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT OF SETTLEMENT

This Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement, dated as of March 28, 2022 (the “Stipulation”) is entered into between (a) Court-appointed Lead Plaintiff Frank Fayz and named plaintiff David Caudle (collectively, “Plaintiffs”), on behalf of themselves and the Settlement Class (defined below); and (b) defendant Mesoblast Limited (“Mesoblast” or the “Company”), and defendants Silviu Itescu, Josh Muntner, and Fred Grossman (collectively, the “Individual Defendants,” and, together with Mesoblast, the “Defendants”), (Plaintiffs and Defendants together are referred to herein as the “Parties”) and embodies the terms and conditions of the settlement of the above-captioned action (the “Action”).¹ Subject to the approval of the Court and the terms and conditions expressly provided herein, this Stipulation is intended to fully, finally, and forever

¹ All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in ¶ 1 herein.

compromise, settle, release, resolve, and dismiss with prejudice the Action and all Released Claims (defined below).

WHEREAS:

A. On October 8, 2020, a class action complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the “Southern District of New York”), styled *Kristal v. Mesoblast Limited et al.*, 7:20-cv-08430-PMH, alleging violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) as against the Defendants. (Dkt. No. 1). Another action, *Mauskopf v. Mesoblast Limited et al.*, 1:20-cv-09111-PMH, was filed in this Court on October 30, 2020, and was subsequently consolidated into the Action by Order of the Court on December 23, 2020. (Dkt. No. 25).

B. On December 7, 2020, Frank Fayz filed a motion for appointment as lead plaintiff and approval of lead counsel. (Dkt. No. 5). On December 23, 2020, the Court appointed Frank Fayz as Lead Plaintiff and The Rosen Law Firm, P.A. as Lead Counsel. (Dkt. No. 25).

C. On August 13, 2021, Plaintiffs filed their Amended Class Action Complaint (the “Complaint”) (Dkt. No. 51) asserting claims against all Defendants under Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and SEC Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, and against the Individual Defendants under Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. Among other things, the Complaint alleged that Defendants made materially false and misleading statements and material omissions concerning Mesoblast’s Biologics License Application (“BLA”) and clinical trial for remestemcel-L (“The Trial” or “MSB-GVHD0001”) to treat pediatric patients with steroid-refractory acute graft-versus-host disease (“aGVHD”). The Complaint further alleged that the prices of Mesoblast’s publicly-traded American Depository Shares (“ADS”) were artificially inflated as a result of Defendants’ allegedly false and misleading statements and material omissions, and declined when the truth was

revealed. (Dkt. No. 49).

D. Pursuant to the Court's Individual Rules, Defendants sent Plaintiffs a pre-motion to dismiss letter on September 7, 2021 setting out the reasons why the Complaint failed to state a claim and Plaintiffs sent Defendants a response thereto on September 14, 2021.

E. On October 1, 2021, Defendants filed their pre-motion letter to dismiss with the Court setting out the reasons why the Complaint failed to state a claim (Dkt. No. 62), and Plaintiffs filed their response thereto on October 7, 2021 (Dkt. No. 64).

F. On December 21, 2021 the Court held a telephonic pre-motion to dismiss conference that counsel for Plaintiffs and Defendants attended. The same day, the Court entered a Minute Entry granting Defendants' leave to file a motion to dismiss, setting deadlines of February 9, 2022, April 11, 2022, and May 26, 2022 for Defendants' motion to dismiss, Plaintiffs' opposition brief, and Defendants' reply brief, respectively.

G. With the litigation ongoing, the Parties began settlement negotiations shortly after the Court's pre-motion to dismiss conference and agreed to schedule a mediation with a private mediator. On February 2, 2022 the Parties attended a mediation with retired federal judge Hon. Gary Feess of Phillips ADR. Prior to the mediation, the Parties exchanged detailed mediation statements with numerous exhibits that were also submitted to Judge Feess. After a full-day mediation and extensive, hard-fought negotiations with the assistance of Judge Feess, the Parties reached an agreement-in-principle to settle the Action and executed a term sheet (the "Term Sheet") setting forth the principle terms of the settlement on February 3, 2022. The Term Sheet sets forth, among other things, the Parties' agreement to settle and release all claims asserted against Defendants in the Action in return for a cash payment by or on behalf of Defendants of \$2,000,000 for the benefit of the Settlement Class, subject to certain terms and conditions and the

execution of a customary “long form” stipulation and agreement of settlement and related papers.

H. On February 9, 2022, the Parties jointly filed a letter motion requesting that the Court stay all deadlines in the Action in light of the Parties reaching a settlement agreement in principle to allow the Parties to negotiate and finalize the settlement papers (Dkt. No 68). On February 10, 2022, the Court adjourned all deadlines in the case and ordered the Parties to file preliminary approval and notice documents with the Court by March 28, 2022. (Dkt. No. 69).

I. This Stipulation (together with the exhibits hereto) reflects the final and binding agreement between the Parties. This Stipulation constitutes a compromise of matters that are in dispute between the Parties.

J. Based upon their investigation, prosecution and mediation of the case, Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel have concluded that the terms and conditions of this Stipulation are fair, reasonable and adequate to Plaintiffs and the other members of the Settlement Class, and in their best interests. Based on Plaintiffs’ direct oversight of the prosecution of this matter and with the advice of their counsel, Plaintiffs have agreed to settle and release the claims raised in the Action pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Stipulation, after considering, among other things: (a) the substantial financial benefit that Plaintiffs and the other members of the Settlement Class will receive under the proposed Settlement; and (b) the significant risks and costs of continued litigation and trial.

K. Defendants are entering into this Stipulation solely to eliminate the burden and expense of further protracted litigation. Each of the Defendants denies any wrongdoing, and this Stipulation shall in no event be construed or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession on the part of any of the Defendants with respect to any claim or allegation of any fault or liability or wrongdoing or damage whatsoever, or any infirmity in the defenses that the

Defendants have, or could have, asserted. The Defendants expressly deny that Plaintiffs have asserted any valid claims as to any of them, and expressly deny any and all allegations of fault, liability, wrongdoing, or damages whatsoever. Similarly, this Stipulation shall in no event be construed or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession on the part of Plaintiffs of any infirmity in any of the claims asserted in the Action, or an admission or concession that any of the Defendants' defenses to liability had any merit.

L. Each of the Parties recognizes and acknowledges, however, that the Action has been initiated, filed, and prosecuted by Plaintiffs in good faith and defended by Defendants in good faith, that the Action is being voluntarily settled with the advice of counsel, and that the terms of the Settlement are fair, adequate and reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and among the Parties, through their respective undersigned attorneys and subject to the approval of the Court pursuant to Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, that, in consideration of the benefits flowing to the Parties from the Settlement, all Released Plaintiffs' Claims as against the Defendants' Releasees and all Released Defendants' Claims as against the Plaintiffs' Releasees shall be settled and released, upon and subject to the terms and conditions set forth below.

DEFINITIONS

1. As used in this Stipulation and any exhibits attached hereto and made a part hereof, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Action" means the securities class action in the matter styled *Kristal v. Mesoblast Limited, et al.*, Case No. 7:20-cv-08430-PMH.

(b) "Alternate Judgment" means a form of final judgment that may be entered by the Court herein but in a form other than the form of Judgment provided for in this Stipulation.

(c) “Authorized Claimant” means a Settlement Class Member who submits a Proof of Claim Form to the Claims Administrator that is approved by the Court for payment from the Net Settlement Fund.

(d) “Claim” means a Proof of Claim Form submitted to the Claims Administrator.

(e) “Claim Form” or “Proof of Claim Form” means the form, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2 to Exhibit A, that a Claimant or Settlement Class Member must complete and submit should that Claimant or Settlement Class Member seek to share in a distribution of the Net Settlement Fund.

(f) “Claimant” means a person or entity who or which submits a Claim Form to the Claims Administrator seeking to be eligible to share in the proceeds of the Settlement Fund.

(g) “Claims Administrator” means Strategic Claims Services, the firm retained by Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel to provide all notices approved by the Court to potential Settlement Class Members and to administer the Settlement.

(h) “Class Distribution Order” means an order entered by the Court authorizing and directing that the Net Settlement Fund be distributed, in whole or in part, to Authorized Claimants.

(i) “Complaint” means the Amended Class Action Complaint filed by Plaintiffs in the Action on August 13, 2021. (Dkt. No. 51).

(j) “Court” means the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

(k) “Defendants” means Mesoblast Limited and the Individual Defendants.

(l) “Defendants’ Counsel” means Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, P.C.

(m) “Defendants’ Releasees” means (i) each Defendant, (ii) each of their respective immediate family members (for individuals) and each of their direct or indirect parent entities, subsidiaries, related entities, and affiliates, any trust of which any Individual Defendant is the settler or which is for the benefit of any Defendant and/or member(s) of his or her family, and (iii) for any of the entities listed in parts (i) or (ii), their respective past and present general partners, limited partners, principals, shareholders, joint venturers, members, officers, directors, managers, managing directors, supervisors, employees, contractors, consultants, auditors, accountants, financial advisors, professional advisors, investment bankers, representatives, insurers, trustees, trustors, agents, attorneys, professionals, predecessors, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, and any controlling person thereof, in their capacities as such, and any entity in which a Defendant has a controlling interest.

(n) “Effective Date” with respect to the Settlement means the first date by which all of the events and conditions specified in ¶ 34 of this Stipulation have been met and have occurred or have been waived.

(o) “Escrow Account” means an account maintained at The Huntington National Bank wherein the Settlement Amount shall be deposited and held in escrow under the control of Lead Counsel.

(p) “Escrow Agent” means The Huntington National Bank.

(q) “Escrow Agreement” means the agreement between Lead Counsel and the Escrow Agent setting forth the terms under which the Escrow Agent shall maintain the Escrow Account.

(r) “Excluded Defendants’ Claims” means: (i) any claims relating to enforcement of the Settlement; and (ii) any claims against any person or entity who or which

submits a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.

(s) “Excluded Plaintiffs’ Claims” means: (i) any claims relating to enforcement of the Settlement; and (ii) any claims against any person or entity who or which submits a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.

(t) “Final,” with respect to the Judgment or, if applicable, the Alternate Judgment, or any other court order, means: (i) if no appeal is filed, the expiration date of the time provided for filing or noticing any appeal under the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, *i.e.*, thirty (30) days after entry of the judgment or order; or (ii) if there is an appeal from the judgment or order, (a) the date of final dismissal of all such appeals, or the final dismissal of any proceeding on certiorari or otherwise, or (b) the date the judgment or order is finally affirmed on an appeal, the expiration of the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari or other form of review, or the denial of a writ of certiorari or other form of review, and, if certiorari or other form of review is granted, the date of final affirmance following review pursuant to that grant. However, any appeal or proceeding seeking subsequent judicial review pertaining solely to an order issued with respect to (i) attorneys’ fees, costs or expenses, or (ii) the plan of allocation of Settlement proceeds (as submitted or subsequently modified), shall not in any way delay or preclude a judgment from becoming Final.

(u) “Immediate Family” means children, stepchildren, parents, stepparents, spouses, siblings, mothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law. As used in this paragraph, “spouse” shall mean a husband, a wife, or a partner in a state-recognized domestic relationship or civil union.

(v) “Individual Defendants” means Silviu Itescu, Josh Muntner, and Fred Grossman.

(w) “Judgment” means the final judgment, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, to be entered by the Court approving the Settlement.

(x) “Lead Counsel” means the Rosen Law Firm, P.A.

(y) “Lead Plaintiff” means Frank Fayz.

(z) “Litigation Expenses” means costs and expenses incurred in connection with commencing, prosecuting, and settling the Action (which may include the costs and expenses of Plaintiffs directly related to their representation of the Settlement Class), for which Lead Counsel intends to apply to the Court for reimbursement from the Settlement Fund.

(aa) “Net Settlement Fund” means the Settlement Fund less: (i) any Taxes; (ii) any Notice and Administration Costs; (iii) any Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court; and (iv) any attorneys’ fees awarded by the Court.

(bb) “Notice” means the Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Action and Proposed Settlement; (II) Settlement Fairness Hearing; and (III) Motion for an Award of Attorneys’ Fees and Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1 to Exhibit A, which shall be made available online at a website maintained by the Claims Administrator or mailed to Settlement Class Members upon request.

(cc) “Notice and Administration Costs” means the costs, fees, and expenses that are incurred by the Claims Administrator and/or Lead Counsel in connection with: (i) providing notices to the Settlement Class; and (ii) administering the Settlement, including but not limited to the Claims process, as well as the costs, fees and expenses incurred in connection with the Escrow Account.

(dd) “Mesoblast” means Mesoblast Limited.

(ee) “Mesoblast Securities” means Mesoblast ADS.

(ff) “Officer” means any officer as that term is defined in Securities and Exchange Act Rule 16a-1(f).

(gg) “Parties” means Defendants and Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the Settlement Class.

(hh) “Plaintiffs” means Lead Plaintiff Frank Fayz and named plaintiff David Caudle.

(ii) “Plaintiffs’ Counsel” means Lead Counsel.

(jj) “Plaintiffs’ Releasees” means (i) Plaintiffs, Lead Counsel, all Settlement Class Members, and (ii) each of their respective family members, and their respective general partners, limited partners, principals, shareholders, joint venturers, members, officers, directors, managers, managing directors, supervisors, employees, contractors, consultants, auditors, accountants, financial advisors, professional advisors, investment bankers, representatives, insurers, trustees, trustors, agents, attorneys, professionals, predecessors, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, and any controlling person thereof, in their capacities as such.

(kk) “Plan of Allocation” means the proposed plan of allocation of the Net Settlement Fund set forth in the Notice.

(ll) “Postcard Notice” means the Postcard Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Action, Certification of Settlement Class, and Proposed Settlement; (II) Settlement Fairness Hearing; and (III) Motion for an Award of Attorneys’ Fees and Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 4 to Exhibit A, which is to be mailed to Settlement Class Members.

(mm) “Preliminary Approval Order” means the order, substantially in the form

attached hereto as Exhibit A, to be entered by the Court preliminarily approving the Settlement and directing that notice of the Settlement be provided to the Settlement Class.

(nn) “PSLRA” means the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4, as amended.

(oo) “Released Claims” means all Released Defendants’ Claims and all Released Plaintiffs’ Claims.

(pp) “Released Defendants’ Claims” means all claims and causes of action of every nature and description, whether known or Unknown Claims, whether arising under federal, state, local, common, statutory, administrative, or foreign law, or any other law, rule, or regulation, at law or in equity, whether fixed or contingent, whether foreseen or unforeseen, whether accrued or unaccrued, whether liquidated or unliquidated, whether matured or unmatured, whether direct, representative, class, or individual in nature that arise out of or relate in any way to the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the claims against Defendants. Released Defendants’ Claims do not include any claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement or any claims against any person or entity who or which submits a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class that is accepted by the Court.

(qq) “Released Plaintiffs’ Claims” means all claims, demands, rights, and causes of action, or liabilities of every nature and description, whether known or Unknown Claims (as defined below), whether arising under federal, state, local, common, statutory, administrative, or foreign law, or any other law, rule, or regulation, at law or in equity, whether fixed or contingent, whether foreseen or unforeseen, whether accrued or unaccrued, whether liquidated or unliquidated, whether matured or unmatured, whether direct, representative, class, or individual in nature that (a) Plaintiffs or any other member of the Class: (i) asserted in the Action or (ii) could have asserted

in any court or forum (including those in any other US or global jurisdiction) that arise out of or are based upon any of the allegations, transactions, facts, matters or occurrences, representations, or omissions set forth in the Action; and (b) relate in any way to the purchase or other acquisition of Mesoblast ADSs during the Class Period. Released Plaintiffs' Claims do not include: (i) any claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement; (ii) any claims of any person or entity who or which submits a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.

(rr) "Releasee(s)" means each and any of the Defendants' Releasees and each and any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees.

(ss) "Releases" means the releases set forth in ¶¶ 5-6 of this Stipulation.

(tt) "Settlement" means the settlement between Plaintiffs and Defendants on the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation.

(uu) "Settlement Amount" means \$2,000,000 in cash.

(vv) "Settlement Class" means all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Mesoblast publicly traded American Depository Shares ("ADS") between December 13, 2018 and October 2, 2020, inclusive (the "Class Period") and who held such shares on August 11, 2020, and/or October 2, 2020, and who were damaged thereby (the "Class"). Excluded from the Settlement Class are Defendants; the officers and directors of Mesoblast; members of Defendants' immediate families and their legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns; and any entity in which Defendants have or had a controlling interest. In addition, any person or entity who or which submits a request for exclusion from the Class in accordance with the notice of settlement that is accepted by the Court shall also be excluded from the Class.

(ww) "Settlement Class Member" means each person and entity who or which is a member of the Settlement Class.

(xx) “Settlement Class Period” means the period between December 13, 2018 and October 2, 2020, inclusive.

(yy) “Settlement Fund” means the Settlement Amount plus any and all interest earned thereon.

(zz) “Settlement Hearing” means the hearing set by the Court under Rule 23(e)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to consider final approval of the Settlement.

(aaa) “Summary Notice” means the Summary Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Action and Proposed Settlement; (II) Settlement Fairness Hearing; and (III) Motion for an Award of Attorneys’ Fees and Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 3 to Exhibit A, to be published as set forth in the Preliminary Approval Order.

(bbb) “Taxes” means: (i) all federal, state and/or local taxes of any kind (including any interest or penalties thereon) on any income earned by the Settlement Fund; (ii) the expenses and costs incurred by Lead Counsel in connection with determining the amount of, and paying, any taxes owed by the Settlement Fund (including, without limitation, expenses of tax attorneys and accountants); and (iii) all taxes imposed on payments by the Settlement Fund, including withholding taxes.

(ccc) “Unknown Claims” means any and all Released Plaintiffs’ Claims of every nature and description against the Defendants’ Releasees which any Plaintiffs or any member of the Class does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of their release of the Released Plaintiffs’ Claims, and any and all Defendants’ Released Claims of every nature and description against the Plaintiffs’ Releasees which any Defendant does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of their release of the Defendants’ Released Claims, and including, without limitation, those which, if known by such Plaintiffs, member of the Class or

Defendant, might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the settlement or the releases, including his, her, or its decision(s) to object or not to object to the settlement. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Plaintiffs and Defendants shall expressly waive, and each of the other Settlement Class Members and each of the other Defendants' Releasees shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Judgment or the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, shall have expressly waived, any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law or foreign law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code §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.

Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants acknowledge, and each of the other Settlement Class Members and each of the other Defendants' Releasees shall be deemed by operation of law to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and a key element of the Settlement.

CLASS CERTIFICATION

2. Solely for purposes of the Settlement and for no other purpose, Defendants stipulate and agree to: (a) certification of the Action as a class action pursuant to Rules 23(a) and 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of the Settlement Class; (b) certification of Plaintiffs as Class Representatives for the Settlement Class; and (c) appointment of Lead Counsel as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class pursuant to Rule 23(g) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT

3. Promptly upon execution of this Stipulation, Plaintiffs will move for preliminary approval of the Settlement, authorizing the issuance of the notice of the Settlement to the Settlement Class, preliminarily certifying the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only, and the scheduling of a hearing for consideration of final approval of the Settlement, which motion shall be unopposed by Defendants. Concurrently with the motion for preliminary approval, Plaintiffs shall apply to the Court for, and Defendants shall agree to, entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

RELEASE OF CLAIMS

4. The obligations incurred pursuant to this Stipulation are in consideration of: (i) the full and final disposition of the Action as against Defendants; and (ii) the Releases provided for herein.

5. Pursuant to the Judgment, or the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, without further action by anyone, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Plaintiffs and each of the other Settlement Class Members, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, and discharged each and every Released Plaintiffs' Claim against the Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees. This release shall not apply to any Excluded Claim.

6. Pursuant to the Judgment, or the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, without further action by anyone, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Defendants, on behalf of themselves,

and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, and discharged each and every Released Defendants' Claim against Plaintiffs and the other Plaintiffs' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Defendants' Claims against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees. This release shall not apply to any person or entity who or which submits a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class that is accepted by the Court.

7. Notwithstanding ¶¶ 5-6 above, nothing in the Judgment, or the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, shall bar any action by any of the Parties to enforce or effectuate the terms of this Stipulation or the Judgment, or Alternate Judgment, if applicable.

THE SETTLEMENT CONSIDERATION

8. In consideration of the settlement of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees, Mesoblast agrees to pay, and/or in combination with its D&O liability insurer ("D&O Insurer") shall cause to be paid the Settlement Amount into the Escrow Account no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the later of: (a) the date of entry by the Court of an order preliminarily approving this Settlement; or (b) Defendants' Counsel's receipt from Lead Counsel of the information necessary to effectuate a transfer of funds to the Escrow Account, including wiring instructions that include the bank name and ABA routing number, account name and number, and a signed W-9 reflecting a valid taxpayer identification number for the qualified settlement fund in which the Settlement Amount is to be deposited.

USE OF SETTLEMENT FUND

9. The Settlement Fund shall be used to pay: (a) any Taxes; (b) any Notice and

Administration Costs; (c) any Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court; and (d) any attorneys' fees awarded by the Court. The balance remaining in the Settlement Fund, that is, the Net Settlement Fund, shall be distributed to Authorized Claimants as provided in ¶¶ 20-31 below.

10. Except as provided herein or pursuant to orders of the Court, the Net Settlement Fund shall remain in the Escrow Account prior to the Effective Date. All funds held by the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to be in the custody of the Court and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until such time as the funds shall be distributed or returned pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation and/or further order of the Court. The Escrow Agent shall invest any funds in the Escrow Account exclusively in United States Treasury Bills (or a mutual fund invested solely in such instruments) and shall collect and reinvest all interest accrued thereon, except that any residual cash balances up to the amount that is insured by the FDIC may be deposited in any account that is fully insured by the FDIC. In the event that the yield on United States Treasury Bills is negative, in lieu of purchasing such Treasury Bills, all or any portion of the funds held by the Escrow Agent may be deposited in any account that is fully insured by the FDIC or backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. Additionally, if short-term placement of the funds is necessary, all or any portion of the funds held by the Escrow Agent may be deposited in any account that is fully insured by the FDIC or backed by the full faith and credit of the United States.

11. The Parties agree that the Settlement Fund is intended to be a Qualified Settlement Fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1 and that Lead Counsel, as administrator of the Settlement Fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)(3), shall be solely responsible for filing or causing to be filed all informational and other tax returns as may be necessary or appropriate (including, without limitation, the returns described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)) for the Settlement Fund. Lead Counsel shall also be responsible for

causing payment to be made from the Settlement Fund of any Taxes owed with respect to the Settlement Fund. The Defendants' Releasees shall not have any liability or responsibility for any such Taxes. Upon written request, Defendants will provide to Lead Counsel the statement described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-3(e). Lead Counsel, as administrator of the Settlement Fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)(3), shall timely make such elections as are necessary or advisable to carry out this paragraph, including, as necessary, making a "relation back election," as described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1(j), to cause the Qualified Settlement Fund to come into existence at the earliest allowable date, and shall take or cause to be taken all actions as may be necessary or appropriate in connection therewith.

12. All Taxes shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund, and shall be timely paid by the Escrow Agent pursuant to the disbursement instructions to be set forth in the Escrow Agreement, and without further order of the Court. Any tax returns prepared for the Settlement Fund (as well as the election set forth therein) shall be consistent with the previous paragraph and in all events shall reflect that all Taxes on the income earned by the Settlement Fund shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund as provided herein. The Defendants' Releasees shall have no responsibility or liability for the acts or omissions of Lead Counsel or its agents with respect to the payment of Taxes, as described herein.

13. The Settlement is not a claims-made settlement. Upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, no Defendant, Defendants' Releasee, or any other person or entity who or which paid any portion of the Settlement Amount shall have any right to the return of the Settlement Fund or any portion thereof for any reason whatsoever, including without limitation, the number of Claim Forms submitted, the collective amount of Recognized Claims of Authorized Claimants, the percentage of recovery of losses, or the amounts to be paid to Authorized Claimants from the

Net Settlement Fund.

14. Notwithstanding the fact that the Effective Date of the Settlement has not yet occurred, Lead Counsel may pay from the Settlement Fund, without further approval from Defendants or further order of the Court, Notice and Administration Costs up to \$250,000 incurred and paid or payable. Any Notice and Administration Costs in excess of \$250,000 shall only be paid from the Settlement Fund following prior approval of the Court. Such costs and expenses shall include, without limitation, the actual costs of printing and mailing the Postcard Notice, publishing the Summary Notice, reimbursements to nominee owners for forwarding the Postcard Notice to their beneficial owners, the administrative expenses incurred and fees charged by the Claims Administrator in connection with providing notice, administering the Settlement (including processing the submitted Claims), and the fees, if any, of the Escrow Agent. In the event that the Settlement is terminated pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation, all Notice and Administration Costs paid or incurred, including any related fees, shall not be returned or repaid to Defendants, any of the other Defendants' Releasees, or any other person or entity who or which paid any portion of the Settlement Amount.

ATTORNEYS' FEES AND LITIGATION EXPENSES

15. Lead Counsel will apply to the Court for a collective award of attorneys' fees to Lead Counsel to be paid from (and out of) the Settlement Fund. Lead Counsel also will apply to the Court for reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, which may include a request for reimbursement of Plaintiffs' costs and expenses directly related to their representation of the Settlement Class, to be paid from (and out of) the Settlement Fund. Lead Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses is not the subject of any agreement between Defendants and Lead Plaintiffs other than what is set forth in this Stipulation. Defendants

shall take no position with respect to the Lead Counsel's application to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses.

16. Any attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses that are awarded by the Court shall be paid to Lead Counsel immediately upon award, notwithstanding the existence of any timely filed objections thereto, or potential for appeal therefrom, or collateral attack on the Settlement or any part thereof, subject to Lead Counsel's obligation to make appropriate refunds or repayments to the Settlement Fund, plus accrued interest at the same net rate as is earned by the Settlement Fund, if the Settlement is terminated pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation or if, as a result of any appeal or further proceedings on remand, or successful collateral attack, the award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses is reduced or reversed and such order reducing or reversing the award has become Final. Lead Counsel shall make the appropriate refund or repayment in full no later than thirty (30) days after: (a) receiving from Defendants' Counsel notice of the termination of the Settlement; or (b) any order reducing or reversing the award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses has become Final. An award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses is not a necessary term of this Stipulation and is not a condition of the Settlement embodied herein. Neither Plaintiffs nor Lead Counsel may cancel or terminate the Settlement based on this Court's or any appellate court's ruling with respect to attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses.

17. The attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses that are awarded to Lead Counsel shall be payable solely from the Escrow Account. Neither Defendants nor any other of Defendants' Releasees shall have responsibility or liability whatsoever with respect to any award of attorneys' fees or Litigation Expenses.

NOTICE AND SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION

18. As part of the Preliminary Approval Order, Plaintiffs shall seek appointment of a Claims Administrator. The Claims Administrator shall administer the Settlement, including but not limited to the process of receiving, reviewing, and approving or denying Claims, under Lead Counsel's supervision and subject to the jurisdiction of the Court. Other than Mesoblast's obligation to provide Mesoblast's transfer records and CAFA notice, as provided in ¶19 and ¶25 below, none of the Defendants, nor any other Defendants' Releasees, shall have any involvement in or any responsibility, authority, or liability whatsoever for the selection of the Claims Administrator, the Plan of Allocation, the administration of the Settlement, the Claims process, or disbursement of the Net Settlement Fund, and shall have no liability whatsoever to any person or entity, including, but not limited to, Plaintiffs, any other Settlement Class Members or Lead Counsel in connection with the foregoing. Defendants' Counsel shall cooperate in the administration of the Settlement to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate its terms.

19. In accordance with the terms of the Preliminary Approval Order to be entered by the Court, Lead Counsel shall cause the Claims Administrator to mail the Postcard Notice to those members of the Settlement Class as may be identified through reasonable effort. Lead Counsel shall also cause the Claims Administrator to: (a) post downloadable copies of the Notice and Claim Form online at www.strategicclaims.net; and (b) have the Summary Notice published in accordance with the terms of the Preliminary Approval Order to be entered by the Court. For the purposes of identifying and providing notice to the Settlement Class, within ten (10) business days of the date of entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, Mesoblast shall provide or cause to be provided to the Claims Administrator in electronic format (at no cost to the Settlement Fund, Lead Counsel, or the Claims Administrator) its security lists (consisting of names and addresses) of the

holders of the Mesoblast Securities during the Settlement Class Period, to the extent such lists are reasonably available from Mesoblast's transfer agent.

20. The Claims Administrator shall receive Claims and determine first, whether the Claim is a valid Claim, in whole or part, and second, each Authorized Claimant's *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund based upon each Authorized Claimant's Recognized Claim compared to the total Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants (as set forth in the Plan of Allocation set forth in the Notice attached hereto as Exhibit 1 to Exhibit A, or in such other plan of allocation as the Court approves).

21. If any funds remain in the Net Settlement Fund by reason of uncashed checks or otherwise, then, after the Claims Administrator has made reasonable and diligent efforts to have Authorized Claimants who are entitled to participate in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund cash their distribution checks, any such balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund six (6) months after the initial distribution of such funds shall be used: (i) first, to pay any amounts mistakenly omitted from the initial distribution to Authorized Claimants and who would receive at least a \$10.00 payment; (ii) second, to pay any additional Administrative Costs incurred in administering the Settlement; and (iii) finally, to make a second distribution to Authorized Claimants who cashed their checks from the initial distribution and who would receive at least \$10.00 from such second distribution, after payment of the estimated costs or fees to be incurred in administering the Net Settlement Fund and in making this second distribution, if such second distribution is economically feasible. If any funds shall remain in the Net Settlement Fund six months after such re-distribution, then such balance shall be contributed to a non-sectarian not-for-profit organization chosen by Lead Counsel subject to Court approval.

22. The Plan of Allocation proposed in the Notice is not a necessary term of the

Settlement or of this Stipulation and it is not a condition of the Settlement or of this Stipulation that any particular plan of allocation be approved by the Court. Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel may not cancel or terminate the Settlement (or this Stipulation) based on this Court's or any appellate court's ruling with respect to the Plan of Allocation or any other plan of allocation in this Action. Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees shall not object in any way to the Plan of Allocation or any other plan of allocation in this Action. No Defendant, nor any other Defendants' Releasees, shall have any involvement with or liability, obligation, or responsibility whatsoever for the application of the Court-approved plan of allocation.

23. Any Settlement Class Member who does not submit a valid Claim Form will not be entitled to receive any distribution from the Net Settlement Fund, but will otherwise be bound by all of the terms of this Stipulation and Settlement, including the terms of the Judgment or, the Alternate Judgment, if applicable, to be entered in the Action and the releases provided for herein and therein, and will be permanently barred and enjoined from bringing any action, claim, or other proceeding of any kind against the Defendants' Releasees with respect to the Released Plaintiffs' Claims in the event that the Effective Date occurs with respect to the Settlement.

24. Lead Counsel shall be responsible for supervising the administration of the Settlement and the disbursement of the Net Settlement Fund subject to Court approval. No Defendant, or any other Defendants' Releasees, shall be permitted to review, contest or object to any Claim Form, or any decision of the Claims Administrator or Lead Counsel with respect to accepting or rejecting any Claim for payment by a Settlement Class Member. Lead Counsel shall have the right, but not the obligation, to waive what it deems to be formal or technical defects in any Claim Forms submitted in the interests of achieving substantial justice.

25. No later than thirty-one (31) calendar days following the filing of this Stipulation

with the Court, Mesoblast shall serve, or cause the Claims Administrator to serve, on behalf of all Defendants the notice required under the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1715, et seq. (“CAFA”). At least seven (7) calendar days before the Settlement Hearing, Defendants shall cause to be served on Lead Counsel and filed with the Court an affidavit or declaration regarding compliance with the CAFA notice requirements.

26. For purposes of determining the extent, if any, to which a Settlement Class Member shall be entitled to be treated as an Authorized Claimant, the following conditions shall apply:

(a) Each Settlement Class Member shall be required to submit a Claim Form, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2 to Exhibit A, supported by such documents as are designated therein, including proof of the Claimant’s loss, or such other documents or proof as the Claims Administrator or Lead Counsel, in their discretion, may deem acceptable;

(b) All Claim Forms must be submitted by the date set by the Court in the Preliminary Approval Order and specified in the Notice. Any Settlement Class Member who fails to submit a Claim Form by such date shall be forever barred from receiving any distribution from the Net Settlement Fund or payment pursuant to this Stipulation (unless by Order of the Court such Settlement Class Member’s Claim Form is accepted), but shall in all other respects be bound by all of the terms of this Stipulation and the Settlement, including the terms of the Judgment or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, and the Releases provided for herein and therein, and will be permanently barred and enjoined from bringing any action, claim or other proceeding of any kind against any Defendants’ Releasees with respect to any Released Plaintiffs’ Claim. Provided that it is mailed by the claim-submission deadline, a Claim Form shall be deemed to be submitted when postmarked, if received with a postmark indicated on the envelope and if mailed by first-class mail and addressed in accordance with the instructions thereon. In all other cases, the Claim Form shall

be deemed to have been submitted on the date when actually received by the Claims Administrator;

(c) Each Claim Form shall be submitted to and reviewed by the Claims Administrator who shall determine in accordance with this Stipulation and the plan of allocation the extent, if any, to which each Claim shall be allowed, subject to review by the Court pursuant to subparagraph (e) below as necessary;

(d) Claim Forms that do not meet the submission requirements may be rejected. Prior to rejecting a Claim in whole or in part, the Claims Administrator shall communicate with the Claimant in writing, to give the Claimant the chance to remedy any curable deficiencies in the Claim Form submitted. The Claims Administrator shall notify, in a timely fashion and in writing, all Claimants whose Claim the Claims Administrator proposes to reject in whole or in part, setting forth the reasons therefor, and shall indicate in such notice that the Claimant whose Claim is to be rejected has the right to a review by the Court if the Claimant so desires and complies with the requirements of subparagraph (e) below; and

(e) If any Claimant whose Claim has been rejected in whole or in part desires to contest such rejection, the Claimant must, within twenty (20) days after the date of mailing of the notice required in subparagraph (d) above, serve upon the Claims Administrator a notice and statement of reasons indicating the Claimant's grounds for contesting the rejection along with any supporting documentation, and requesting a review thereof by the Court. If a dispute concerning a Claim cannot be otherwise resolved, Lead Counsel shall thereafter present the request for review to the Court.

27. Each Claimant shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to the Claimant's Claim, and the Claim will be subject to investigation and discovery under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, provided, however, that such investigation and

discovery shall be limited to that Claimant's status as a Settlement Class Member and the validity and amount of the Claimant's Claim. No discovery shall be allowed on the merits of this Action or of the Settlement in connection with the processing of Claim Forms.

28. Lead Counsel will apply to the Court, on notice to Defendants' Counsel, for a Class Distribution Order: (a) approving the Claims Administrator's administrative determinations concerning the acceptance and rejection of the Claims submitted; (b) approving payment of any administration fees and expenses associated with the administration of the Settlement from the Escrow Account; and (c) if the Effective Date has occurred, directing payment of the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants from the Escrow Account.

29. Payment pursuant to the Class Distribution Order shall be final and conclusive against all Settlement Class Members. All Settlement Class Members whose Claims are not approved by the Court for payment shall be barred from participating in distributions from the Net Settlement Fund, but otherwise shall be bound by all of the terms of this Stipulation and the Settlement, including the terms of the Judgment or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, to be entered in this Action and the Releases provided for herein and therein, and will be permanently barred and enjoined from bringing any action against any and all Defendants' Releasees with respect to any and all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims.

30. No person or entity shall have any claim against Plaintiffs, Lead Counsel, the Claims Administrator, or any other agent designated by Lead Counsel, or the Defendants' Releasees and/or their respective counsel, arising from distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation, the plan of allocation approved by the Court, or any order of the Court. Plaintiffs and Defendants, and their respective counsel, and Lead Plaintiffs' damages expert and all other Releasees shall have no liability whatsoever for the investment or distribution of the

Settlement Fund or the Net Settlement Fund, the plan of allocation, or the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any claim or nonperformance of the Claims Administrator, the payment or withholding of taxes (including interest and penalties) owed by the Settlement Fund, or any losses incurred in connection therewith.

31. All proceedings with respect to the administration, processing, and determination of Claims and the determination of all controversies relating thereto, including disputed questions of law and fact with respect to the validity of Claims, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Court. All Settlement Class Members and Parties to this Settlement expressly waive trial by jury (to the extent any such right may exist) and any right of appeal or review with respect to such determinations.

TERMS OF THE JUDGMENT

32. If the Settlement contemplated by this Stipulation is approved by the Court, Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel shall request that the Court enter a Judgment, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

33. The Judgment shall contain a bar order ("Bar Order") substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit B hereto, that shall, upon the Effective Date, permanently bar, extinguish, and discharge to the fullest extent permitted by law any and all claims for contribution and indemnity (or any other claim or claim-over, however denominated on whatsoever theory) for which the injury claimed is that person's or entity's liability to Plaintiffs or any Settlement Class Member) among and against the Defendants' Releasees arising out of the Action or the claim that were asserted or could have been asserted therein. The Bar Order shall be consistent with, and apply to the full extent, of the PSLRA.

**CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT AND EFFECT OF
DISAPPROVAL, CANCELLATION, OR TERMINATION**

34. The Effective Date of the Settlement shall be deemed to occur on the occurrence or waiver of all of the following events:

(a) the Court has entered the Preliminary Approval Order, substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, as required by ¶ 3 above;

(b) the Settlement Amount has been deposited into the Escrow Account in accordance with the provisions of ¶ 8 above;

(c) Mesoblast has not exercised the option to terminate the Settlement pursuant to the provisions of this Stipulation (including the Supplemental Agreement described in ¶ 38 below);

(d) Plaintiffs have not exercised their option to terminate the Settlement pursuant to the provisions of this Stipulation; and

(e) the Court has approved the Settlement as described herein, following notice to the Settlement Class and a hearing, as prescribed by Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and entered the Judgment and the Judgment has become Final, or the Court has entered an Alternate Judgment and none of the Parties seek to terminate the Settlement and the Alternate Judgment has become Final.

35. Upon the occurrence of all of the events referenced in ¶ 34 above, any and all remaining interest or right of Defendants in or to the Settlement Fund, if any, shall be absolutely and forever extinguished and the Releases herein shall be effective.

36. If (i) Defendants exercise their right to terminate the Settlement as provided in this Stipulation; (ii) Plaintiffs exercise their right to terminate the Settlement as provided in this Stipulation; (iii) the Court disapproves the Settlement; or (iv) the Effective Date as to the

Settlement otherwise fails to occur, then:

(a) The Settlement and the relevant portions of this Stipulation shall be canceled and terminated.

(b) Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants shall revert to their respective positions in the Action as of immediately prior to the execution of the Term Sheet on February 3, 2022.

(c) The terms and provisions of this Stipulation, with the exception of this ¶ 36 and ¶¶ 14, 16, and 37 shall have no further force and effect with respect to the Parties and shall not be used in the Action or in any other proceeding for any purpose, and any Judgment, or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, or order entered by the Court in accordance with the terms of this Stipulation shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*.

(d) Within five (5) business days after joint written notification of termination is sent by Defendants' Counsel and Lead Counsel to the Escrow Agent, the Settlement Fund (including accrued interest thereon and any funds received by Lead Counsel consistent with ¶ 16 above), less any Notice and Administration Costs actually incurred, paid or payable and less any Taxes paid, due or owing shall be refunded by the Escrow Agent to Defendants (or such other persons or entities as Defendants may direct). In the event that the funds received by Lead Counsel consistent with ¶ 16 above have not been refunded to the Settlement Fund within the five (5) business days specified in this paragraph, those funds shall be refunded by the Escrow Agent to Defendants (or such other persons or entities as Defendants may direct) immediately upon their deposit into the Escrow Account consistent with ¶ 16 above.

37. It is further stipulated and agreed that Plaintiffs and Defendants, provided they unanimously agree, shall each have the right to terminate the Settlement and this Stipulation, by providing written notice of their election to do so ("Termination Notice") to the other Parties to

this Stipulation within thirty (30) days of: (a) the Court's final refusal to enter the Preliminary Approval Order in any material respect; (b) the Court's final refusal to approve the Settlement or any material part thereof; (c) the Court's final refusal to enter the Judgment in any material respect as to the Settlement; (d) the date upon which the Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit or the United States Supreme Court; or (e) the date upon which an Alternate Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit or the United States Supreme Court, and the provisions of ¶ 36 above shall apply. However, any decision or proceeding, whether in this Court or any appellate court, with respect to an application for attorneys' fees or reimbursement of Litigation Expenses or with respect to any plan of allocation shall not be considered material to the Settlement, shall not affect the finality of any Judgment or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, and shall not be grounds for termination of the Settlement.

38. In addition to the grounds set forth in ¶ 36 above, Mesoblast, in its sole discretion, shall have the unilateral right to terminate the Settlement in the event that Settlement Class Members timely and validly requesting exclusion from the Settlement Class meet the conditions set forth in Defendants' confidential supplemental agreement with Plaintiffs (the "Supplemental Agreement"), in accordance with the terms of that agreement. The Supplemental Agreement, which is being executed concurrently herewith, shall not be filed with the Court and its terms shall not be disclosed in any other manner (other than the statements herein and in the Notice, to the extent necessary, or as otherwise provided in the Supplemental Agreement) unless and until the Court otherwise directs or a dispute arises between Plaintiffs and Defendants concerning its interpretation or application, in which event the Parties shall submit the Supplemental Agreement to the Court in camera and request that the Court afford it confidential treatment.

39. If the Settlement Amount is not timely paid into the Escrow Account in accordance with ¶ 8 if this Stipulation, then Plaintiffs, on behalf of the Settlement Class, and not Defendants, shall have the right in Plaintiffs' sole discretion to either enforce the terms of this Stipulation and Settlement against Defendants or to terminate the Settlement, but only if (a) Lead Counsel has first notified Defendants' Counsel in writing of Plaintiffs' intent to enforce or terminate pursuant to this paragraph, and (b) the entire Settlement Amount is not deposited in the Escrow Account within five (5) business days after Lead Counsel has provided such written notice.

NO ADMISSION OF WRONGDOING

40. Neither the Term Sheet, this Stipulation (whether or not consummated), including the exhibits hereto and the Plan of Allocation contained therein (or any other plan of allocation that may be approved by the Court), the negotiations leading to the execution of the Term Sheet and this Stipulation, nor any proceedings taken pursuant to or in connection with the Term Sheet, this Stipulation and/or approval of the Settlement (including any arguments proffered in connection therewith):

(a) shall be offered against any of the Defendants' Releasees as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Defendants' Releasees with respect to the truth of any fact alleged by Plaintiffs or the validity of any claim that was or could have been asserted or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in this Action or in any other litigation, or of any liability, negligence, fault, or other wrongdoing of any kind of any of the Defendants' Releasees or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Defendants' Releasees, in any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Stipulation;

(b) shall be offered against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession or admission by any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees that any of their claims are without merit, that any of the Defendants' Releasees had meritorious defenses, or that damages recoverable under the Complaint would not have exceeded the Settlement Amount or with respect to any liability, negligence, fault or wrongdoing of any kind, or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, in any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Stipulation; or

(c) shall be construed against any of the Releasees as an admission, concession, or presumption that the consideration to be given hereunder represents the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial; *provided, however*, that if this Stipulation is approved by the Court, the Parties and the Releasees and their respective counsel may refer to it to effectuate the protections from liability granted hereunder or otherwise to enforce the terms of the Settlement.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

41. All of the exhibits attached hereto and the Supplemental Agreement are material and integral parts hereof are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that there exists a conflict or inconsistency between the terms of this Stipulation and the terms of any exhibit attached hereto, the terms of the Stipulation shall prevail.

42. Defendants warrant that, as to the payments made or to be made by or on behalf of them, at the time of entering into this Stipulation and at the time of such payment they, or to their knowledge any persons or entities contributing to the payment of the Settlement Amount, were not insolvent, nor will the payment required to be made by or on behalf of them render them insolvent,

within the meaning of and/or for the purposes of the United States Bankruptcy Code, including §§ 101 and 547 thereof. This representation is made by each of the Defendants and not by their counsel.

43. In the event of the entry of a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction determining the transfer of money to the Settlement Fund or any portion thereof by or on behalf of Defendants to be a preference, voidable transfer, fraudulent transfer or similar transaction and any portion thereof is required to be returned, and such amount is not promptly deposited into the Settlement Fund by others, then, at the election of Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs and Defendants shall jointly move the Court to vacate and set aside the Releases given and the Judgment or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, entered in favor of Defendants and the other Releasees pursuant to this Stipulation, in which event the releases and Judgment, or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, shall be null and void, and the Parties shall be restored to their respective positions in the litigation as provided in ¶ 36 above and any cash amounts in the Settlement Fund (less any Taxes paid, due or owing with respect to the Settlement Fund and less any Notice and Administration Costs actually incurred, paid or payable) shall be returned as provided in ¶ 36.

44. The Parties intend this Stipulation and the Settlement to be a final and complete resolution of all disputes asserted or which could be asserted by Plaintiffs and any other Settlement Class Members against the Defendants' Releasees with respect to the Released Plaintiffs' Claims. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and their counsel and Defendants and their counsel agree not to assert in any forum that this Action was brought by Plaintiffs or defended by Defendants in bad faith or without a reasonable basis. No Party shall assert any claims of any violation of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure relating to the institution, prosecution, defense, or settlement of this Action. The Parties agree that the amounts paid and the other terms of the Settlement were

negotiated at arm's-length and in good faith by the Parties and reflect the Settlement that was reached voluntarily after extensive negotiations and consultation with experienced legal counsel, who were fully competent to assess the strengths and weaknesses of their respective clients' claims or defenses.

45. While retaining their right to deny that the claims asserted in the Action were meritorious, Defendants and their counsel, in any statement made to any media representative (whether or not for attribution) will not assert that the Action was commenced or prosecuted in bad faith, nor will they deny that the Action was commenced and prosecuted in good faith and is being settled voluntarily after consultation with competent legal counsel. In all events, Plaintiffs and their counsel and Defendants and their counsel shall not make any accusations of wrongful or actionable conduct by either Party concerning the prosecution, defense, and resolution of the Action, and shall not otherwise suggest that the Settlement constitutes an admission of any claim or defense alleged.

46. The terms of the Settlement, as reflected in this Stipulation, may not be modified or amended, nor may any of its provisions be waived except by a writing signed on behalf of both Plaintiffs and Defendants (or their successors-in-interest).

47. The headings herein are used for the purpose of convenience only and are not meant to have legal effect.

48. Pending approval of the Court of this Stipulation and its exhibits, all proceedings in the Action shall be stayed and all Settlement Class Members shall be barred, enjoined, and estopped from prosecuting any the Released Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees

49. The administration and consummation of the Settlement as embodied in this Stipulation shall be under the authority of the Court, and the Court shall retain jurisdiction for the

purpose of entering orders providing for awards of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses to Lead Counsel and enforcing the terms of this Stipulation, including the Plan of Allocation (or such other plan of allocation as may be approved by the Court) and the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to Settlement Class Members.

50. The waiver by one Party of any breach of this Stipulation by any other Party shall not be deemed a waiver of any other prior or subsequent breach of this Stipulation.

51. This Stipulation and its exhibits and the Supplemental Agreement constitute the entire agreement among Plaintiffs and Defendants concerning the Settlement and this Stipulation and its exhibits. All Parties acknowledge that no other agreements, representations, warranties, or inducements have been made by any Party hereto concerning this Stipulation, its exhibits or the Supplemental Agreement other than those contained and memorialized in such documents.

52. This Stipulation may be executed in one or more counterparts, including by signature transmitted via facsimile, or by a .pdf/.tif image of the signature transmitted via email. All executed counterparts and each of them shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument.

53. This Stipulation shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Parties, including any and all Releasees and any corporation, partnership, or other entity into or with which any Party hereto may merge, consolidate or reorganize.

54. The construction, interpretation, operation, effect, and validity of this Stipulation, the Supplemental Agreement and all documents necessary to effectuate it shall be governed by the internal laws of the State of New York without regard to conflicts of laws, except to the extent that federal law requires that federal law govern.

55. Any action arising under or to enforce this Stipulation or any portion thereof, shall be commenced and maintained only in the Court.

56. This Stipulation shall not be construed more strictly against one Party than another merely by virtue of the fact that it, or any part of it, may have been prepared by counsel for one of the Parties, it being recognized that it is the result of arm's-length negotiations between the Parties and all Parties have contributed substantially and materially to the preparation of this Stipulation.

57. All counsel and any other person executing this Stipulation and any of the exhibits hereto, or any related Settlement documents, warrant and represent that they have the full authority to do so and that they have the authority to take appropriate action required or permitted to be taken pursuant to the Stipulation to effectuate its terms.

58. Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel agree to cooperate fully with one another in seeking Court approval of the Preliminary Approval Order and the Settlement, as embodied in this Stipulation, and to use best efforts to promptly agree upon and execute all such other documentation as may be reasonably required to obtain final approval by the Court of the Settlement.

59. If any Party is required to give notice to another Party under this Stipulation, such notice shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given upon receipt of hand delivery or facsimile or email transmission, with confirmation of receipt. Notice shall be provided as follows:

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60. Except as otherwise provided herein, each Party shall bear its own costs.

61. Whether or not the Stipulation is approved by the Court and whether or not the Stipulation is consummated, or the Effective Date occurs, the Parties and their counsel shall use their best efforts to keep all negotiations, discussions, acts performed, agreements, drafts, documents signed and proceedings in connection with the Stipulation confidential.

62. All agreements made and orders entered during the course of this Action relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive this Settlement.

63. No opinion or advice concerning the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement to individual Settlement Class Members is being given or will be given by the Parties or their counsel; nor is any representation or warranty in this regard made by virtue of this Stipulation. Each Settlement Class Member's tax obligations, and the determination thereof, are the sole responsibility of the Settlement Class Member, and it is understood that the tax consequences may vary depending on the particular circumstances of each individual Settlement Class Member.

60. Pending final determination of whether the Settlement should be approved, all proceedings in this Action shall be stayed and all Settlement Class Members shall be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against Defendants or any of Defendants' Releasees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Stipulation to be executed,
by their duly authorized attorneys, as of March 28, 2022.

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