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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Case No.: 12-21678-CIV-LENARD/GOODMAN

LAURA EGGNATZ, KATRINA GARCIA, and JULIE MARTIN, individually, and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

KASHI COMPANY, a California Corporation,

Defendants.

PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

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I. INTRODUCTION

Plaintiffs KATRINA GARCIA and LAURA EGGNATZ (collectively, "Plaintiffs") respectfully move for Preliminary Approval of the proposed Stipulation of Settlement attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** (the "Agreement"), which will resolve Plaintiffs' and all Settlement Class Members' ("Class Members") claims in the above-captioned action (the "Litigation").¹ Defendant KASHI COMPANY ("Kashi") does not oppose this motion. The Court should grant Preliminary Approval because the Settlement provides substantial relief for the Class and because the terms of the Settlement are fair, adequate and reasonable. In view of the procedural posture and significant risks presented in this Litigation, the Settlement—which consists of cash payments to Class Members who submit valid claims, Kashi's agreement to remove the 'all natural' claims from Products containing the Challenged Ingredients and supervised compliance with a Non-GMO Verification program for certain Products—is a tremendous result for the Class. *See* Declaration of Gillian L. Wade ("Wade Decl."), attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

As set forth in further detail below, the proposed Settlement plainly meets the standard for preliminary approval. Thus, the Parties move the Court to enter the [Proposed] Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement attached as Exhibit F to the Agreement and lodged concurrently herewith. That order: (1) preliminarily approves the terms of the Settlement; (2) certifies the Class for settlement purposes, appointing Plaintiffs as Class Representatives and appointing Milstein Adelman LLP, The Law Offices of Howard W. Rubinstein, P.A., the Law Office of L. DeWayne Layfield, PLLC and the Chaffin Law Firm as Class Counsel; (3) appoints Digital Settlement Group, LLC as the Class Action Claims Administrator; (4) approves the form,

¹ All capitalized defined terms used herein have the same meanings ascribed in the Agreement.

method and plan of Class Notice; (5) mandates procedures and deadlines for Class Members to make claims, object or exclude themselves from the Settlement; and, (6) schedules a Settlement Hearing and related deadlines.

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

A. The Litigation

On May 3, 2012, Plaintiffs Katrina Garcia and Laura Eggnatz filed a class action complaint against Kashi and its parent company, Kellogg Company ("Kellogg") in this District seeking monetary damages, declaratory relief and injunctive relief. [ECF 1]. Plaintiffs allege the labeling of certain Kashi food products as "All Natural" was false and deceptive because the products were made with GMO ingredients. *Id.* The defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss on July 7, 2012, which was fully briefed as of August 6, 2012. [ECF 7, 13]. While the Motion was pending, on January 11, 2013 this action was consolidated with Julie Martin's² case (originally filed in the Northern District of California, alleging the same 'all natural' claims under California's consumer protection statutes). [ECF 30]. Plaintiffs filed an Amended Consolidated Class Action Complaint on February 1, 2013, and Kashi filed another Motion to Dismiss on March 1, 2013 [ECF 37], which was fully briefed as of April 19, 2013. [ECF 45].

On October 18, 2013, Plaintiffs filed a Second Amended Consolidated Class Action Complaint (the "SAC") to add allegations regarding allegedly synthetic ingredients also contained in the Products. [ECF 58]. Kashi moved to dismiss for the third time on December 2, 2013. [ECF 71]. Kashi's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' SAC was fully briefed

 $^{^2}$ Ms. Martin is excluded from the proposed Class because a settlement on behalf of California residents was reached in *Astiana v. Kashi Co.*, No. 3:11-cv-01967-H-BGS. She voluntarily dismissed her claims in this action on June 4, 2015. [ECF 177].

as of January 6, 2014. [*See* ECF 84]. On September 5, 2014, the Court entered an Order granting in part and denying in part Kashi's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' SAC. *Garcia v. Kashi Co.* 43 F. Supp.3d 1359 (S.D. Fla. 2014). The Court held Plaintiffs' claims were not preempted by federal law, and that the primary jurisdiction doctrine did not require referral of claims to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). *Id.* at 1372-1382. The Court denied Kashi's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' claims for FDUTPA violations, ³ negligent misrepresentation, breach of express warranty and money had and received. *Id.* at 1384-86. Plaintiffs' claims for breach of implied warranty and declaratory judgment were dismissed, as was the Kellogg Company. *Id.* at This Court also held Plaintiffs' claims were limited to the eight Kashi products Plaintiffs actually purchased.⁴ *Id.* at 1392-94.

On January 16, 2015, following full merits and expert discovery, Plaintiffs filed a motion for class certification [ECF 118] and Kashi filed a motion for summary judgment. [ECF 142]. Both motions were fully briefed as of March 2, 2015. [ECF 163, 166]. Trial was set to commence June 1, 2015. [ECF 100].

B. Settlement Negotiations

On December 12, 2012, the Parties engaged in preliminary settlement discussions via private mediation with the Honorable Judge J. Richard Haden (Ret.). Agreement § I(K). The

³ The Court also denied Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff Martin's claims brought under California's consumer protection statutes. *Id.* at 1384-86.

⁴ These products are: Kashi[®] GOLEAN[®] Crunch! Cereal; Kashi[®] GOLEAN[®] Crunchy! Chocolate Peanut Protein & Fiber Bars; Kashi[®] GOLEAN[®] Roll! Chocolate Peanut Butter & Fiber Bars; Kashi[®] TLC Trail Mix Chewy Granola Bars; Kashi[®] TLC Honey Almond Flax Chewy Granola Bars; Kashi[®] TLC Peanut Butter Chewy Granola Bars; Kashi[®] TLC Cherry Dark Chocolate Chewy Granola Bars; and Kashi[®] TLC Pumpkin Spice Flax Crunchy Granola Bars. This Settlement includes all products within the Kashi Product line bearing the 'all natural' claims. *See* Ex. H to the Agreement.

Parties did not reach an agreement, and on January 9 2014, the Court referred the Parties back to mediation, which occurred on June 4, 2014 before Judge Haden. [ECF 97]. In advance of the settlement negotiations, Kashi provided Plaintiffs with certain documents regarding the Products, the Challenged Ingredients and the Products' national sales during the class period (May 8, 2008 to present). Class Counsel relied on this information and these representations in the continued settlement negotiations. Wade Decl. ¶ 5. Again, the Parties did not reach an agreement.

After the close of fact and expert discovery, full briefing of class certification and Kashi's Motion for Summary Judgment, and following an in-person settlement meeting in Chicago with Defendant's lead counsel, the parties attended another full day of formal mediation before Judge Haden on March 24, 2015. [ECF 160, 163, 166]. At the final mediation, the Parties had the benefit of fact and expert discovery, including expert reports and depositions, document production, Class Representative and Rule 30(b)(6) depositions. Wade Decl. ¶¶ 6-7. With the assistance of Judge Haden, the Parties reached an agreement to resolve this Litigation on a national class basis (except California, in light of the *Astiana* settlement). *Id.* at ¶ 8. At all times throughout the mediation proceedings and settlement discussions, the negotiations were adversarial, non-collusive and at arm's length. Wade Decl. ¶ 9.

On April 6, 2015, the Parties informed the Court that following private mediation and months of protracted, extensive and hard-fought negotiations, the Parties reached a settlement of this class action. [ECF 170]. The Parties executed a Settlement Agreement on June 5, 2015 memorializing the agreement reached at mediation, subject to Preliminary Approval and Final Approval as required by Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Wade Decl. ¶ 10.

III. SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT TERMS

The Settlement's terms are detailed in the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A. The following is a summary of the Settlement's material terms.

A. The Settlement Class

For the purpose of implementing the terms of the Agreement, Plaintiffs request conditional certification of the following Settlement Class, pursuant to Rule 23(b)(3):

All consumers, excluding California residents, who purchased any package of the Products in the United States during the Settlement Class Period for personal or household use.

Agreement § II(A)(5).⁵ Excluded from the Class are: (a) employees, officers and directors of Kellogg and Kashi; (b) persons or entities who purchased the Products for the purpose of re-sale; (c) retailers or re-sellers of the Products; (d) governmental entities; (e) persons who timely and properly exclude themselves from the Settlement; (f) the Court, the Court's immediate family and Court staff; and, (g) California residents. *Id*. The Products are those Kashi products labeled "All Natural," "100% Natural" and/or "Nothing Artificial," including those in Exhibit H to the Agreement. *Id*. at § II(A)(22). The Settlement Class Period is May 3, 2008 through the date the Court enters the Preliminary Approval Order. *Id*. at § II(A)(5), (21).

B. Monetary Relief for the Settlement Class

Kashi has agreed to provide significant monetary compensation to Class Members who submit valid claims forms. Kashi will fully reimburse Class Members who make valid claims accompanied by written proof of purchase (i.e. receipts). Agreement § IV(A)(1)(a). There is no

⁵ Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint alleged a nearly identical Class definition, excluding California residents and utilizing the same class period. [ECF 58 at \P 60]. Plaintiff later sought to certify a Florida class only (ECF 118).

limit to the number of units for which Class Members can be reimbursed where they have valid proofs of purchase. *Id.* For Class Members who do not submit proof of purchase with their claims, Kashi will reimburse \$0.55 (fifty-five cents) per package for every Product purchased during the Class Period, with a maximum recovery of fifty (50) boxes, for a total recovery⁶ of \$27.50. *Id.* at § IV(A)(1)(b). In no event shall the total amount of money available to the Class be less than two million dollars. *Id.* at § IV(A)(1)(a).

C. Non-Monetary Relief

Kashi also intends to manufacture, or continue manufacturing, certain Products as "GMO free" and display on those Products a "Non-GMO Project Verified" label designation. *Id.* at § IV(C)(2). Accordingly, in addition to the cash recovery available to the Class, as additional consideration for the Settlement Class, Kashi will provide Plaintiffs' Counsel with compliance information regarding Non-GMO Project Verified label designations on the Products on a bi-annual basis for three years.⁷ *Id.* Kashi also agreed to remove the "All Natural," "100% Natural," and "Nothing Artificial" labels on Products containing any of the Challenged Ingredients, unless such ingredient is approved or determined as acceptable by a federal agency

⁶ Claimants' reimbursements may be proportionately modified up or down, on a per-unit basis, depending on the number of claims made. *Id.* at § IV(A)(3). In no event shall Kashi pay more than \$3.99 million to settle this action.

⁷ Specifically, Kashi will provide Class Counsel with a list of Products that are being manufactured without GMO ingredients, along with the following: (i) documents identifying its third party technical administrator for the Non-GMO Project Verification; (ii) copies of all licensing agreements for the Products between Kashi and the Non-GMO Project Verified; (iii) copies of all documents provided for evaluation purposes to Kashi's third party administrator for the Non-GMO Verified Project; (iv) copies of all press releases regarding the Products' Non-GMO Project Verification; and, (v) copies of all Product label modifications that are introduced into the stream of commerce. Agreement at § IV(C)(2).

or controlling regulatory body to be designated as "natural."⁸ *Id.* at IV(C)(1).

D. Class Release

In exchange for the benefits conferred by the Settlement, all Settlement Class Members who do not opt out will be deemed to have released Kashi and Kellogg Company from claims arising out of or relating to the packaging, marketing, distribution or sale by Kashi of the Products with the 'all natural' claims which have been or could have been asserted in the SAC or in any previous complaints. The Released Claims do not include claims for personal injury. The detailed release language can be found in Sections II(A)(23)-(24) and VII of the Agreement.

E. The Notice Program and Settlement Administration

Defendant will also pay for Class Notice and Class Settlement Administration. The Parties selected Digital Settlement Group, LLC ("DSG") as the notice and settlement administrator for this Settlement. Agreement \$ II(A)(6), V(C). Class Notice has been designed to give the best notice practicable, is tailored to reach putative Class Members, and is reasonably calculated under the circumstances to apprise the Class of the pendency of the Litigation, Class Members' rights to make a claim for money, opt-out of the Settlement Class or object to the Settlement the terms of the Settlement, and Class Counsel's fee application and request for Service Awards. Agreement at \$ V(A)(1) and Exhibits C, D, G.

The Notice Program is comprised of three parts: (1) print publication notice; (2) digital notice; and, (3) long form notice with more detail than the print or digital notices, which will be

⁸ Kashi also agreed to remove the 'all natural' claims from the Products' packaging in *Astiana*. Although the Settlement reached in *Astiana* applies only to California residents, nothing in the Settlement mentions removing the 'natural claims' from packaging distributed nationally.

available on the Settlement Website and via e-mail and mail upon request. *Id.* All forms of Notice to the Class will include, among other information: a description of the Settlement; a date by which Class Members may make a claim, exclude themselves from the Settlement Class, or object to the Settlement; the address of the Settlement Website; and, the toll-free telephone line. *Id.* at §§ V(A)(1) and Exs. C, D, G. The Notice and Media Plan constitute sufficient notice to all persons entitled to notice, and satisfy all applicable requirements of law, including Rule 23 and the constitutional requirements of due process.

Requests for exclusion and Claim Forms must be sent to the Claims Administrator and postmarked or uploaded before their respective deadlines. *Id.* at § VI(B)(1). Objections must be filed with the Court with copies of the objection sent to lead Plaintiffs' Counsel and Defendant's Counsel by the objection deadline. *Id.* at § VI(C)(3).⁹ The deadline for both objections and requests for exclusion is 30 days before the Settlement Hearing. *Id.* at §§ V(A)(2)(a), V(C)(1). The deadline to submit a Claim Form and accompanying documentation is eight (8) days before the Settlement Hearing. *Id.* at § IV(A)(6).

1. The Publication Notice Program

The Published Notice Program is comprised of a (1) one-time print publishing of the summary notice (Ex. D to the Agreement) in *Food Network Magazine* and *Prevention Magazine*; and (2) targeted website and portal banner advertisements with embedded links to the Settlement Website on Google, Yahoo and their partner sites, which will run for 30 days. Agreement at Exs.

⁹ For an objection to be valid, it must be a writing signed by the objecting Class Member and include: (1) the name of the Litigation, the objector's name and address; (2) the name, address and telephone number of the objector's lawyer; (4) all grounds for the objection, accompanied by any legal support; (4) a statement of whether the objector or his/her lawyer intends to personally appear or testify at the Settlement Hearing; and, (5) a list of persons the objector or his/her lawyer intends to call to testify at the Settlement Hearing. *Id.* at § VI(C)(1)-(2).

D, G. The Published Notice will appear no later than 75 days after the Preliminary Approval Order. *Id.* § V(B). As part of the Motion for Final Approval, Class Counsel will file an affidavit by the Administrator confirming Notice was given in accordance with the Media Plan.

2. The Settlement Website and the Toll-Free Settlement Phone Line

The Administrator will establish a Settlement Website as a means for Settlement Class Members to obtain notice of, and information about, the Settlement. Agreement § II(A)(30). The Settlement Website will include information about the Litigation and the Settlement, relevant documents and electronic and printable forms relating to the Settlement, including the Claim Form which can be submitted online or printed and mailed. *Id.* The Settlement Website shall be activated within 7 days of the Court's Preliminary Approval Order. *Id.* The Administrator will also establish and maintain an automated toll-free telephone line for Class Members to call with Settlement-related inquiries. *Id.*

3. Settlement Administration

The Administrator's duties and responsibilities include, among other things: (1) establishing and maintaining a Post Office box for requests for exclusion from the Settlement Class; (2) establishing and maintaining a toll-free telephone line for answering Settlement-related inquiries; responding to any mailed Class Member inquiries; (3) processing requests for exclusion; (4) processing and transmitting distributions to the Settlement Class Members and performing the duties of Escrow Agent as described in the Agreement and Exhibit B; and, (5) performing any other Settlement-administration-related function at the instruction of Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel. Agreement § V(C) and Ex. B.

F. Service Awards, Attorneys' Fees and Costs

Class Counsel will seek, and Kashi will not oppose, Service Awards of \$5,000 for each of the Class Representatives. Agreement at § VIII(C). The Service Awards will compensate the Class Representatives for their time and effort in the Litigation, and for the risks they undertook in prosecuting the Litigation. Kashi will not oppose Class Counsel's request for attorneys' fees of up to \$1.5 million based on Class Counsel's lodestar, plus reimbursement of litigation costs and expenses of up to \$180,000. *Id.* at § VIII(A).

IV. LEGAL STANDARD FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires judicial approval of the compromise of claims brought on a class basis. "Although class action settlements require court approval, such approval is committed to the sound discretion of the district court." *In re U.S. Oil and Gas Litig.*, 967 F.2d 489, 493 (11th Cir. 1992). In exercising that discretion, courts are mindful of the "strong judicial policy favoring settlement as well as by the realization that compromise is the essence of settlement." *Bennett v. Behring Corp.*, 737 F.2d 982, 986 (11th Cir. 1984). The policy favoring settlement is especially relevant in class actions, where the inherent costs, delays and risks of continued litigation might otherwise overwhelm any potential benefit the class could hope to obtain. *See, e.g., Association for Disabled Americans, Inc. v. Amoco Oil Co.*, 211 F.R.D. 457, 466 (S.D. Fla. 2002) ("There is an overriding public interest in favor of settlement, particularly in class actions that have the well-deserved reputation of being the most complex.") (citing *Cotton v. Hinton*, 559 F.3d 1326, 1331 (5th Cir. 1977)¹⁰); *See also* 4 *Newberg on Class Actions* § 11.41 (4th ed. 2002) (citing cases).

¹⁰ Decisions by the former Fifth Circuit prior to October 1, 1981 are binding on the Eleventh

The purpose of preliminary evaluation of proposed class action settlements is to determine whether the settlement is within the "range of reasonableness." *Id.* at § 11.26. "Preliminary approval is appropriate where the proposed settlement is the result of the parties' good faith negotiations, there are no obvious deficiencies and the settlement falls within the range of reason." *Smith v. Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co.*, No. 09-cv-60646, 2010 WL 2401149, *2 (S.D. Fla. June 15, 2010). Settlement negotiations involving arm's length, informed bargaining with the aid of experienced counsel support a preliminary finding of fairness. *See Manual for Complex Litigation*, Third, § 30.42 (West 1995).

When determining whether a settlement is ultimately fair, adequate and reasonable, courts in the Eleventh Circuit have looked to six factors: "(1) the likelihood of success at trial; (2) the range of possible recovery; (3) the point on or below the range of possible recovery at which a settlement is fair, adequate and reasonable; (4) the complexity, expense and duration of litigation; (5) the substance and amount of opposition to the settlement; and (6) the stage of the proceedings at which the settlement was achieved." *Bennett*, 737 F.2d at 986. Courts have, at times, engaged in a "preliminary evaluation"¹¹ of these factors to determine whether the settlement falls within the range of reason at the preliminary approval stage. *See, e.g., Smith,* 2010 WL 2401149 at *2. At this stage, however, the Court need only conduct a *prima facie* review of the relief and notice provided by the Agreement to determine whether notice should be sent to the Class Members. *Manual for Complex Lit.* at § 21.632.

Circuit. Bonner v. City of Prichard, 661 F.2d 1206, 1207 (11th Cir. 1981) (en banc)).

¹¹ Plaintiffs do not address the fifth factor related to objections to the Settlement in the context of this Motion because at the preliminary stage, Class Notice has not yet been distributed and no objections to the Settlement have been raised. Plaintiffs address the remaining factors here, but reserve a more thorough analysis of each factor for the Motion for Final Approval.

The Court's grant of Preliminary Approval will allow all Settlement Class Members to receive notice of the Settlement's terms, the date and time of the Settlement Hearing at which Settlement Class Members may be heard and further evidence and argument concerning the fairness, adequacy and reasonableness of the Settlement may be presented. *Id.* at §§ 13.14, 21.632. Neither formal notice nor a hearing is required at the preliminary approval stage; the Court may grant such relief upon an informal application by settling parties, and may conduct any necessary hearing in court or in chambers, at the Court's discretion. *Id.* at § 13.14.

V. THE SETTLEMENT WARRANTS PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

Each of the relevant factors weighs in favor of Preliminary Approval. First, the Settlement was reached at the third mediation in the absence of collusion, and is the product of good-faith, informed and arm's length negotiations by competent counsel. Furthermore, a preliminary review of the factors related to the fairness, adequacy and reasonableness of the Settlement demonstrates the Settlement falls well within the range of reasonableness, such that Preliminary Approval is appropriate. Any settlement requires parties to balance the merits of the claims and defenses asserted against the attendant risks of continued litigation and delay. Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification (ECF 118) and Kashi's Motion for Summary Judgment (ECF 119) were both fully briefed at the time a settlement was reached, and Class Members faced the prospect of being forced to pursue *individual* non-class actions, or having judgment entered in Kashi's favor. With the benefit of full merits and expert discovery and preliminary trial preparations, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel concluded the benefits of this Settlement outweigh the risks attendant to continuing to fight over class certification and the merits of Plaintiffs' claims. Wade Decl. at ¶¶ 7-13.

A. The Settlement Was the Result of Serious, Informed, and Non-Collusive Arm's Length Negotiations

Typically, "[t]here is a presumption of fairness when a proposed class settlement, which was negotiated at arm's-length by counsel for the class, is presented to the Court for approval." *Newberg*, § 11.41; *see also In re Employee Benefit Plans Sec. Litig.*, No. 3-92-708, 1993 WL 330595, *5 (D. Minn. June 2, 1993) ("[t]he court is entitled to rely on the judgment of experienced counsel in its evaluation of the merits of a class action settlement").

Here, the Parties did not reach a Settlement until after years of negotiation, multiple mediation sessions, full merits and expert discovery, as well as extensive and hard-fought motion practice. Wade Decl. at ¶ 13. Class Counsel conducted a thorough investigation and analysis of Plaintiffs' claims and Kashi's defenses, and reviewed the discovery and expert testimony, which enabled them to gain an understanding of the evidence related to central questions in the case and prepared counsel for well- informed settlement negotiations.¹² *Id.*

Indeed, the Settlement ultimately required three formal, full-day mediation sessions before Judge Haden over the span of nearly three years.¹³ *Id.* at \P 14. By this time, Plaintiffs and their counsel, who have significant experience in prosecuting complex consumer class actions,

¹² See Francisco v. Numismatic Guaranty Corp. of Am., No. 06-61677-CIV, 2008 WL 649124, *11 (S.D. Fla. Jan. 31, 2008) ("Class Counsel had sufficient information to adequately evaluate the merits of the case and weigh the benefits against further litigation" where counsel conducted 30(b)(6) depositions and obtained "thousands" of pages of discovery).

¹³ That the Parties received the assistance from an experienced mediator over the period of three mediation sessions is a factor evidencing the Settlement is fair and non-collusive. *See, e.g., Adams v. Inter-Con Sec. Sys., Inc.*, No. C-06-5428 MHP, 2007 WL 3225466, *3 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 30, 2007) ("The assistance of an experienced mediator in the settlement process confirms that the settlement is non-collusive"); *In re Indep. Energy Holdings PLC*, No. 00 Civ. 6689(SAS), 2003 WL 22244676, *4 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 29, 2003) ("the fact that the settlement was reached after exhaustive arm's length negotiations, with the assistance of a private mediator experienced in complex litigation, is further proof that it is fair and reasonable").

had a "clear view of the strengths and weaknesses" of their case and were in a strong position to make an informed decision regarding the reasonableness of a potential settlement. *See In re Warner Comm. Sec. Litig*, 618 F. Supp. 735, 745 (S.D.N.Y. 1985). The extensive nature of the negotiations, the experience of Class Counsel, and the fair result reached illustrate the arm's-length negotiations that led to the Settlement and the execution of the Agreement.

B. The Settlement is Fair, Adequate and Reasonable

This Court may conduct a preliminary review of the *Bennett* factors to determine whether the Settlement Falls within the "range of reason" such that Class Notice and a Settlement Hearing as to the fairness, adequacy and reasonableness of the Settlement are warranted.

1. Likelihood of Success at Trial

While Plaintiffs and Class Counsel are confident in the strength of their case, they are also pragmatic in their awareness of the fact that in order to succeed at trial, Plaintiffs would be required to succeed on their pending Motion for Class Certification and overcome Kashi's defenses on the merits. Wade Decl. ¶ 15. Kashi vigorously opposed Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification, which was filed weeks after an order from the Honorable Beth J. Bloom denying class certification in a similar consumer class action regarding 'all natural' claims. *Id.* Specifically, Judge Bloom found the class was not ascertainable¹⁴ because the variation in the challenged products and labels created a "subjective memory problem," as consumers would have to "remember whether they purchased the challenged products." *See Randolph v. J.M.*

¹⁴ The issue of whether the class members can self-identify where retailers have no records identifying class members is on appeal before the Eleventh Circuit, which heard oral arguments on February 6, 2015. *Karhu v. Vital Pharmaceuticals*, No. 14-11648 (11th Cir.) (appealing order denying class certification).

Smucker Co., No. 13-CIV-80581, 303 F.R.D. 679, 685-692 (Dec. 23, 2014).¹⁵ Moreover, Kashi put forward evidence, including internal consumer surveys and expert testimony, demonstrating consumers have varying definitions of the term 'natural,' and that the 'all natural' claims are not material to reasonable consumers. [ECF 142 at pp. 11-14]. Although Plaintiffs and Class Counsel are confident they could have overcome Kashi's challenges with their own expert's consumer survey and testimony regarding commonality and typicality, Plaintiffs recognize the risks associated with proving class-wide damages. Wade Decl. ¶ 16. If they were to prevail on their Motion for Class Certification, with Kashi's summary judgment motion under submission, Plaintiffs also faced an imminent risk of judgment being entered against them. *Id*.

Protracted litigation carries inherent risks that would have delayed and endangered Class Members' recovery. Wade Decl. at ¶ 17. Even if Plaintiffs prevailed at trial, recovery could be delayed for years by an appeal. *Id.*; *see also Lipuma v. Am. Express Co.*, 406 F.Supp.2d 1298, 1322 (S.D. Fla. 2005) (likelihood that appellate proceedings could delay class recovery "strongly favor[s] approval of a settlement). This Settlement provides relief to Class Members without further delay. Wade Decl. at ¶ 17. Under the circumstances, the Plaintiffs and Class Counsel appropriately determined the Settlement outweighs the risks of continued litigation.

2. Range of Possible Recovery and the Point On or Below the Range of Recovery at Which a Settlement is Fair

When evaluating "the terms of the compromise in relation to the likely benefits of a successful trial...the trial court is entitled to rely upon the judgment of experienced counsel for the parties." *Cotton*, 559 F.2d at 1330. "Indeed, the trial judge, absent fraud, collusion, or the like, should be hesitant to substitute its own judgment for that of counsel." *Id*. Courts have found

¹⁵ Counsel representing Kashi in this Litigation also represented J.M. Smucker. *Id.* at 682.

settlements may be reasonable even where the plaintiffs recover only part of their actual losses. *See Behrens v. Wometco Enterprises, Inc.*, 118 F.R.D. 534, 542 (S.D. Fla. 1988) ("[T]he fact that a proposed settlement amounts only to a fraction of the potential recovery does not mean the settlement is unfair or inadequate"). "[S]trong defenses to the claims presented makes the possibility of a low recovery quite reasonable." *Lipuma*, 406 F.Supp. 2d at 1323.

Class Counsel have a thorough understanding of the practical and legal issues they would continue to face taking this case to verdict, based on their experience in other consumer fraud class actions and the procedural posture of this Litigation at the time settlement was reached. Wade Decl. at \P 18. Plaintiffs faced a number of serious challenges, class certification and the materiality of the 'all natural' claims chief among them. *Id*.

The cash available to the Class is reasonable given the procedural posture and the complexity of the Litigation and the significant barriers that stood between now and any final judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and the Class: denial of class certification; interlocutory Rule 23(f) appeal of class certification; subsequent decertification; summary judgment; trial; and, post-trial appeals. *Id.* at ¶ 19. Additionally, the non-monetary relief—Kashi's agreement to remove the 'all natural' claims from Products containing at least one of the Challenged Ingredients and participate in the Non-GMO Verification project for other Products—also provides meaningful benefits.

Damages under FDUTPA are limited to the "price premium," or, the difference between the value of the product as advertised and the value of the product received. *Rollins, Inc. v. Butland,* 951 So. 2d 860, 869 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App. 206). Based on the opinion of Plaintiffs' damages expert, Ph.D. economist David Sharp of EconOne, Defendant's use of the 'all natural' claims increased the Products' prices by an average of 14.5% per ounce, which is approximately four cents (0.04) per ounce. [ECF at¶¶ 9, 14-17]. Thus, the full refund available to Class Members who submit claims accompanied by proofs of purchase through the Settlement achieves an excellent recovery, which would be achieved at trial only if the trier of fact determined the Products were valueless (which is unlikely given they were food products and arguably provide some benefit to the consumer). Likewise, the fifty-five cents (0.55) per package (up to 27.50) available *without* a proof of purchase is also a successful achievement based on the estimated recovery given the extraordinary obstacles Plaintiffs faced in the litigation. Indeed, this per-person recovery exceeds the amount made available in the *Astiana* action, which involved the same 'all natural' claims on the same Products. *See Astiana, et al., v. Kashi Company*, No. 3:11-cv-01967-H-BGS, ECF 242 (Sept. 2, 2014) (entering final judgment and approving settlement of 0.50 per package with a maximum recovery of 25 per household, even where claimants had a proof of purchase).¹⁶

3. Complexity, Expense and Duration of Litigation

The traditional means for handling claims like those at issue here would unduly tax the court system, require a massive expenditure of public and private resources, and given the relatively small value of the claims of individual Class Members, would be impracticable. The Settlement is the best vehicle for Class Members to receive the relief to which they are entitled in a prompt and efficient manner. Wade Decl. at ¶ 20. The Parties already expended significant

¹⁶ Because *Astiana* involved a common fund that was not exhausted by claims, the class members there actually received approximately \$4.30 for each product claimed. *Id.* at 11. Specifically, in *Astiana*, the notice program generated approximately 18,176 claims and no opt-outs. The Parties had the benefit of this information in determining an appropriate remedy for the Class in this Settlement. Wade Decl. at \P 32.

resources, including retaining and deposing experts, and additional pretrial and trial proceedings in this Court and the appellate courts would have involved additional substantial and expensive resources. Absent settlement, this case would take at least another two years to exhaust all appeals. *Id*.

4. Stage of the Proceedings

Courts consider the stage of proceedings at which settlement is achieved "to ensure that Plaintiff had access to sufficient information to adequately evaluate the merits of the case and weigh the benefits of settlement against further litigation." *Lipuma*, 406 F. Supp. 2d at 1324. This Settlement was reached at a pivotal stage in the Litigation: after full merits and expert discovery with pending motions for class certification and summary judgment, and a June 1, 2015 trial date. Wade Decl. at ¶ 21. Plaintiffs settled the Litigation with the benefit of discovery, which enabled Class Counsel to evaluate with confidence the strength and weaknesses of Plaintiffs' claims and Kashi's defenses. *Id.* Plaintiffs also faced the very real prospect of being foreclosed from any recovery at all in this Court, depending on the outcome of either motion.

VI. THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT CLASS SHOULD BE CERTIFIED

For settlement purposes, Plaintiffs respectfully request certification of the Settlement Class defined above and in Section II(A)(5) of the Agreement. "A class may be certified solely for purposes of settlement [if] a settlement is reached before a litigated determination of the class certification issue." *Borcea v. Carnival Corp.*, 238 F.R.D. 664, 671 (S.D. Fla. 2006) (internal quotation marks omitted). For settlement purposes, Kashi does not oppose class certification.

A. The Settlement Class Satisfied Rule 23(a)

Rule 23(a)(1) requires that "the class is so numerous that joinder of all members is

impractical." FED. R. CIV. P. 23(a). "The numerosity inquiry is not focused solely on the number of proposed class members, but instead whether joinder of proposed class members is impracticable." *Smith*, 2010 WL 2401149 at *4 (quotations omitted). Numerosity is satisfied because the Class consists of thousands of consumers throughout the United States, and joinder of all such persons is impracticable. *Kilgo v. Bowman Trans.*, 789 F.2d 859, 878 (11th Cir. 1986) (numerosity satisfied with at least 31 class members "from a wide geographical area").

Commonality requires at least one question of law or fact common to the members of the Class. FED. R. CIV. P. 23(a)(2). This is a "relatively light burden" that does not require "all questions of law and fact raised by the dispute be common." *Vega v. T-Mobile USA, Inc.*, 564 F.3d 1256, 1268 (11th Cir. 2009) (citations omitted). Rather, it simply requires at least one issue whose resolution will affect all or a significant number of the putative class members. *Williams v. Mohawk Indus., Inc.*, 568 F.3d 1350, 1355 (11th Cir. 2009). A "class action must involve issues that are susceptible to class-wide proof." *Murray v. Auslander*, 244 F.3d 807, 811 (11th Cir. 2001). The commonality requirement is satisfied because the allegations of wrongdoing here involve the Products' standardized packaging containing the uniform "All Natural" and/or "Nothing Artificial" claims. Common questions include whether the Challenged Ingredients are "natural" and whether consumers are likely to be deceived by the presence of one of the Challenged Ingredients in the Products.

Rule 23(a)(3) requires the claims and defenses of the representative parties to be "typical of the claims and defenses of the class." This "measures whether a sufficient nexus exists between the claims of the named representatives and those of the class at large." *Busby v. JRHBW Realty, Inc.*, 513 F.3d 1314 (11th Cir. 2008). The typicality requirement, like

commonality, is not demanding. *See In re Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litig.*, 170 F.R.D. 524, 532 (M.D. Fla. 1996). "[A] strong similarity of legal theories will satisfy the typicality requirement despite substantial factual differences." *Appleyard v. Wallace*, 754 F.2d 955, 958 (11th Cir. 1985). Named plaintiffs are typical of the class where they "possess the same interest and suffer the same injury as the class members." *Murray*, 144 F.3d at 811. Here, Class Representatives' claims are reasonably coextensive with those of absent Class Members. They are not California residents, were exposed to the same 'all natural' claims, purchased at least one of the Products during the Class Period and have suffered the same economic injuries.

Rule 23(a)(4) requires a showing that the representative parties will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class. The requirement applies both to the class representatives and their counsel. *Kirkpatrick v. J.C. Bradford & Co.*, 827 F.2d 718 (11th Cir. 1987). The determinative factor "is the forthrightness and vigor with which the representative party can be expected to assert and defend the interests of the members of the class." *Lyons v. Georgia-Pacific Corp. Salaried Employees Ret. Plan*, 221 F.3d 1235, 1253 (11th Cir. 2000) (internal quotation marks omitted). The Class Representatives' interests are coextensive with, and not antagonistic to, the interests of the Class because they have an equally great interest in the relief offered by the Settlement, and absent Class Members have no diverging interests. Further, the Class Representatives are represented by qualified and competent Class Counsel with extensive experience and expertise prosecuting complex class actions, including consumer actions similar to the instant case. *See* Wade Decl. ¶ 22-30 (attaching firm resumes).

Although not a Rule 23 prerequisite, courts note an implied requirement that a class is "adequately defined and clearly ascertainable." *Little v. T-Mobile USA, Inc.*, 691 F.3d 1302,

1303-04 (11th Cir. 2012) (citation omitted). There is no need to identify individual class members as a prerequisite to certification; rather they must be identifiable by reference to objective criteria. *Bussey v. Macon Cnty. Greyhound Park, Inc.*, 562 F. App'x 782, 787 (11th Cir. 2014) (unpublished). The analysis of the criteria should be "administratively feasible," meaning identifying class members should be "a manageable process that does not require much, if any, individual inquiries." *Id.* In the context of a class settlement, the class definition must be sufficiently precise and based on objective criteria such that a person reading the class definition as part of the nationwide notice campaign would be able to determine he or she is a Class Member. *Id.* Here, the Class is defined with respect to objective criteria: non-California residents who purchased one of the Products during a specific date range. This objective criteria is administratively feasible here, as potential Class Members can self-identify. Thus, in the context of the Settlement, the proposed Class is sufficiently ascertainable.

B. The Settlement Class Satisfies Rule 23(b)(3)

Rule 23(b)(3) requires common questions of law or fact to predominate over individual questions, and that class action treatment is superior to other available methods of adjudication.

Predominance requires common issues of fact and law to have "a direct impact on every class member's effort to establish liability that is more substantial than the impact of individualized issues in resolving the claim or claims of each class member." *Sacred Heart Health Sys., Inc. v. Humana Military Healthcare Servs., Inc.,* 601 F.3d 1159, 1170 (11th Cir. 2010) (internal quotation marks omitted). Plaintiffs satisfy the predominance requirement because liability questions common to all Class Members substantially outweigh any possible individual issues. The claims of the Class Representatives and the Settlement Class are based on

the same legal theories and the same uniform 'all natural' advertising. Whether these claims are false or deceptive need only be determined once as to the entire Class. Resolution of thousands of claims in one action is far superior to individual lawsuits because it promotes consistency and efficiency of adjudication. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3). Absent certification, potential class members would lack incentive to pursue individual claims due to the small awards involved.

VII. THE NOTICE PROGRAM IS APPROPRIATE AND SHOULD BE APPROVED

"Rule 23(e)(1) requires the Court to direct notice in a reasonable manner to all class members who would be bound by a proposed settlement, voluntary dismissal, or compromise regardless of whether the class was certified under Rule 23(b)(1), (b)(2), or (b)(3)." *Manual for Compl. Lit., supra*, at § 21.312 (internal quotation marks omitted). The test is whether the method employed to distribute the notice was reasonably calculated to apprise the class of the pendency of the action, of the proposed settlement, and of the class members' rights to opt out or object. *Eisen v. Carlisle & Jacquelin*, 417 U.S. 156, 173 (1974). To satisfy this standard, "[n]ot only must the substantive claims be adequately described but the notice must also contain information reasonably necessary to make a decision to remain a class member and be bound by the final judgment or opt out of the action." *Twigg v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 153 F.3d 1222, 1227 (11th Cir. 1998) (internal quotation marks omitted).

The proposed notice program—collectively, print publication in two magazines, *Food Network Magazine* and *Prevention Magazine*, targeted website and online advertisements, a dedicated Settlement Website and a toll free number—easily satisfies these requirements. Because Kashi does not sell the Products directly to consumers, but rather to retailers, there is no way to identify the vast majority of individual Class Members. Individual Settlement Class Members cannot otherwise be identified through reasonable effort due to the nature of the consumer product at issue and the wide geographical area over which they are spread. *See Smith*, 2010 WL 2401149, at *6 (approving notice plan consisting of notice given "in two widely-read magazines as well as several popular websites). Therefore, Class Notice shall be provided as set forth above and in the Media Plan, attached to the Agreement as Exhibit G.

As noted in the proposed forms of notice, attached as Exhibits C and D to the Settlement and described above, Class Notice will inform Class Members of their options for opting-out or objecting to the Settlement, information about the Settlement Hearing, the salient terms of the Settlement and how to obtain additional information. The language of the proposed Notice (Exs. C, D) and Claim Form (Ex. A) are plain and easy to understand and provide neutral and objective information about the nature of the Settlement. Declaration of Mark Schey, attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**.

Accordingly, the proposed plan to disseminate Class Notice satisfies all due process requirements. DSG's actual costs and expenses have been estimated to be approximately \$300,000, and will be paid by Defendant.

VIII. THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The proposed schedule depends upon the date the Court enters the Preliminary Approval Order and schedules the Settlement Hearing. If a Preliminary Approval Order is entered by June 26, 2015 or earlier, the Parties propose the following deadlines:

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Event	Deadline
Last Day for Print Notice to Commence	September 9, 2015
Motion for Final Approval, Application for Service Award and Application for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses Due	September 25, 2015
Deadline for Class Members to Opt-Out or Object	October 8, 2015
Responses to Objections Due	October 26, 2015
Deadline to Submit Claims	November 2, 2015
Settlement Hearing	November 16, 2015

If preliminary approval is not granted by June 26, 2015, Class Counsel will propose dates by which the events above will occur, based upon the deadlines required to print notice in *Prevention* and *Food Network Magazine*. Both publications impose deadlines for payment and copy that are approximately 60-75 days before they appear on stores shelves. Wade Decl. ¶ 31.

IX. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth herein, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court preliminarily approve the class action settlement, conditionally certify the Settlement Class, approve the proposed Notice Plan and schedule the Settlement Hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 5th day of June, 2015, this filing complies with Local Rule 5.1 and this Court's January 29, 2015 Order (Dkt. 173).

By: /s/ Gillian L. Wade Gillian L. Wade

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was filed and served via CM/ECF electronic transmission on June 5, 2015 to those parties that are registered with the Court to receive electronic notifications in this matter.

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EXHIBIT 1

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA MIAMI DIVISON

Case No. 12-21678- CIV-LENARD/GOODMAN

KATRINA GARCIA and LAURA EGGNATZ, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

KASHI COMPANY, a California Corporation, and THE KELLOGG COMPANY, a Michigan Corporation,

Defendants.

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

This Stipulation of Settlement is made and entered into by and among Plaintiffs Katrina Garcia and Laura Eggnatz ("Plaintiffs"), on behalf of themselves and each of the Settlement Class Members, and Defendants Kashi Company ("Kashi") and The Kellogg Company ("Kellogg") (collectively "Defendants"). (Plaintiffs and Defendants collectively are the "Parties").

I. RECITALS

A. On May 3, 2012, Plaintiffs Katrina Garcia and Laura Gabbamonte filed a Complaint against Kashi Company and The Kellogg Company in the Southern District of Florida, <u>Garcia v.</u>
 <u>Kashi Company</u>, Case No. 12-21678-CIV-LENARD/GOODMAN (S.D. Fla. 5/3/2012). (ECF No. 1).

B. On July 7, 2012, Defendants Kashi and Kellogg filed a Motion to Dismiss the Complaint for Failure to State a Claim. (ECF No. 7). Plaintiffs filed a Response to the Motion to Dismiss on July 25, 2012 (ECF No. 9) and Defendants filed a Reply in Support of the Motion on August 6, 2012 (ECF No. 13).

C. On September 14, 2012, Plaintiff Julie Martin filed a Class Action Complaint against The Kellogg Company and Kashi Company in the Northern District of California, <u>Martin v. The</u> <u>Kellogg Company, et al.</u>, No. CV 12-04846 CRB (N.D. Cal. 9/14/2012).

D. On December 7, 2012, United States District Court Judge Charles R. Breyer of the Northern District of California ordered that Plaintiff Martin's Case No. CV 12-04846 CRB (N.D. Cal.) be transferred to the Southern District of Florida.

E. On January 11, 2013, United States District Court Judge Joan A. Lenard of the Southern District of Florida entered an Order consolidating the <u>Garcia</u> case, No. 12-21678- CIV-LENARD/GOODMAN (S.D. Fla. 5/3/2012) and the <u>Martin</u> case, No. CV 12-04846 CRB (N.D. Cal.). (ECF No. 30).

F. On February 1, 2013, Plaintiffs Katrina Garcia, Laura Eggnatz (f/k/a Laura Gabbamonte), and Julie Martin filed an Amended Consolidated Class Action Complaint against Kashi and Kellogg (Case No. 12-21676). (ECF No. 34).

G. On March 1, 2013, Defendants Kashi and Kellogg filed a Motion to Dismiss the Amended Consolidated Class Action Complaint for Failure to State a Claim. (ECF No. 37). Plaintiffs filed a Response to the Motion to Dismiss on April 4, 2013 (ECF No. 43), and Defendants filed a Reply in Support of the Motion on April 19, 2013 (ECF No. 45).

H. On October 18, 2013, Plaintiffs filed a Second Amended Consolidated Class Action
 Complaint against Kashi and Kellogg. (ECF No. 58).

I. In the Second Amended Consolidated Class Action Complaint, Plaintiffs allege that Defendants' advertising and labeling of certain Kashi brand cereal products, snack bars, cookies, crackers, crisps, entrees, pilaf, pizza and waffle products as "ALL NATURAL" and/or containing

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"nothing artificial" is deceptive and likely to mislead the public because the products each contain one or more of the following ingredients: Genetically Modified Organisms ("GMOs") and/or synthetic ingredients, such as GMO soy, GMO soy-derivatives, GMO corn, GMO corn-derivatives, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Alpha-Tocopherol Acetate, Hexane-Processed Soy ingredients and Calcium Pantothenate. Plaintiffs allege that, based on the packaging and advertising, they believed the products contained no synthetic or artificial ingredients and were induced to buy the Products at a premium price by the words 'all natural' on the packaging and Defendants' representations that the Products had 'nothing artificial.' Plaintiffs claim that they expected to purchase products with wholesome ingredients untouched by scientific modifications—only to learn that they were in fact consuming bioengineered, artificial and synthetic ingredients, which they contend do not meet the definition of "all-natural" in the federal regulations. Plaintiffs further allege that they either would not have purchased the products or would have paid less for the products had they known at the time of purchase that the products contained ingredients that were unnatural, synthetic or artificial.

J. On December 2, 2013, Defendants Kashi and Kellogg filed a Motion to Dismiss the Second Amended Consolidated Class Action Complaint for Failure to State a Claim. (ECF No. 71). Plaintiffs filed a Response to the Motion to Dismiss on December 23, 2013 (ECF No. 80), and Defendants filed a Reply in Support of the Motion on January 6, 2014 (ECF No. 84).

K. On December 12, 2012, the Parties participated in a voluntary mediation session with the Honorable J. Richard Haden (Ret.) but did not reach a settlement. On January 9, 2014, Judge Lenard entered an Order Referring Case No. 12-21678 to Mediation (ECF No. 86) and on February 19, 2014 ordered that the Parties schedule mediation (ECF No. 94). On June 4, 2014, the Parties participated in a second mediation session with the Honorable J. Richard Haden (Ret.) but again did not reach a settlement. (ECF No. 97).

L. On September 5, 2014, Judge Lenard entered an Order granting in part and denying in part Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Second Amended Consolidated Class Action Complaint. (ECF No. 99). The Court dismissed the Second Amended Complaint with prejudice as to

The Kellogg Company, dismissed with prejudice Plaintiffs' Claims for Implied Warranty of Fitness for Purpose and for a Declaratory Judgment, and held that Plaintiffs had standing to bring claims against Kashi only for those eight products that Plaintiffs claimed to have purchased: Kashi® GOLEAN® Crunch! Cereal; Kashi® GOLEAN® Crunchy! Chocolate Peanut Protein & Fiber Bars; Kashi® GOLEAN® Roll! Chocolate Peanut Protein & Fiber Bars; Kashi® TLC Trail Mix Chewy Granola Bars; Kashi® TLC Honey Almond Flax Chewy Granola Bars; Kashi® TLC Peanut Peanut Butter Chewy Granola Bars; Kashi® TLC Cherry Dark Chocolate Chewy Granola Bars; and Kashi® TLC Pumpkin Spice Flax Crunchy Granola Bars.

M. On January 16, 2015, Plaintiffs filed a motion for class certification. (ECF No. 118). On February 16, 2015 Kashi filed a Response in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Certify A Class. (ECF No. 149). On March 2, 2015, Plaintiffs filed a Reply in Support of their Motion to Certify A Class. (ECF No. 166).

N. On January 16, 2015, Kashi filed a motion for summary judgment. (ECF No. 119.) On February 13, 2015 Plaintiffs filed a Response in Opposition to Kashi's motion for summary judgment. (ECF No. 142). On March 2, 2015, Kashi filed a Reply in Support of its Motion for Summary Judgment. (ECF No. 163).

O. On April 6, 2015, Class Counsel, Defendant and Defendant's Counsel filed a Joint Post-Mediation Status Report and Joint Motion to Vacate All Pending Motions and Trial Dates with Incorporated Memorandum of Law, informing the Court that following private mediation that included three mediation sessions before the Honorable J. Richard Haden (Ret.) and months of protracted, extensive and hard-fought negotiations, the Parties reached a settlement of this class action pursuant to the terms set forth in this Stipulation of Settlement. (ECF No. 170).

P. Plaintiff Julie Martin intends to voluntarily dismiss her claims with prejudice.

Q. Based upon Class Counsel's investigation and evaluation of the facts and law relating to the matters alleged in the pleadings, including the completion of all merits discovery in this action and the Parties' exchange of trial expert reports on liability and damage issues, Plaintiffs and Class

Counsel agreed to settle the Litigation pursuant to the provisions of this Stipulation after considering, among other things: (1) the substantial benefits available to the Class under the terms herein; (2) the attendant risks and uncertainty of litigation, especially in complex actions such as this, as well as the difficulties and delays inherent in such litigation; and (3) the desirability of consummating this Stipulation to provide effective relief to the Class and to end the conduct at issue. Based upon Class Counsel's investigation and analysis, Class Counsel finds this settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate.

R. Defendants have denied and continue to deny each and all of the claims and contentions alleged by Plaintiffs. Defendants have expressly denied and continue to deny all charges of wrongdoing or liability against them arising out of any of the conduct, statements, acts or omissions alleged, or that could have been alleged, in the Litigation.

S. Nonetheless, Defendants have concluded that further defense of the Litigation would be protracted and expensive, and that it is desirable that the Litigation be fully and finally settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation. Defendants also have taken into account the uncertainty and risks inherent in any litigation. Defendants, therefore, have determined that it is desirable and beneficial that the Litigation be settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions.

T. This Stipulation effectuates the resolution of disputed claims and is for settlement purposes only.

II. DEFINITIONS

A. As used in this Stipulation the following capitalized terms have the meanings specified below. Unless otherwise indicated, defined terms include the plural as well as the singular.

1. "Challenged Ingredients" means one of more of the following ingredients: Genetically Modified Organisms ("GMOs") and/or synthetic ingredients, such as GMO soy, GMO soy-derivatives, GMO corn, GMO corn-derivatives, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Alpha-Tocopherol Acetate, Hexane-Processed Soy ingredients and Calcium Pantothenate.

2. "Claim Form" means the documents to be submitted by Claimants seeking payment pursuant to this Stipulation that will be available online at the Settlement Website, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and discussed in § IV.A.5 of this Stipulation.

3. "Claimant" means a Settlement Class Member who submits a claim for payment as described in § IV of this Stipulation.

4. "Claims Administration Protocols" means the protocols set forth in the Claims Administration Protocols, attached as Exhibit B.

5. "Class" means all consumers, excluding California residents, who purchased any package of the Products in the United States during the Settlement Class Period (between May 3, 2008 through the date of the Preliminary Approval Order) for personal or household use. Excluded from the Class are: (a) employees, officers and directors of Kellogg and Kashi; (b) persons or entities who purchased the Products for the purpose of re-sale; (c) retailers or re-sellers of the Products; (d) governmental entities; (e) persons who timely and properly exclude themselves from the Class as provided herein; (f) the Court, the Court's immediate family, and Court staff; and (g) California residents.

"Class Action Settlement Administrator" means, subject to Court approval,
 Digital Settlement Group, LLC, which will provide the Class Notice and administer the claims
 process.

7. "Class Counsel" means, subject to Court approval to represent the Settlement Class, the following attorneys:

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8. "Class Notice" means, collectively, the "Notice of Class Action Settlement" and the "Publication Notice," substantially in the forms attached hereto as Exhibit C and Exhibit D, respectively, and discussed in § V of this Stipulation, but which may be modified as necessary to comply with the provisions of any order of Preliminary Approval entered by the Court.

9. "Class Representatives" means, subject to Court approval, Laura Eggnatz and Katrina Garcia.

10. "Court" means the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Miami Division.

- 11. "Defendants" for purposes of this Stipulation means Kellogg and Kashi.
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13. "Effective Date" means the date on which all of the conditions of settlement have been satisfied, as discussed in § IX of this Stipulation.

14. "Final Judgment" means the "Final Judgment And Order of Dismissal" to be entered by the Court, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit E, which, among other things, fully and finally approves the Settlement and dismisses the Second Amended Consolidated Class Action Complaint with prejudice.

15. "Litigation" means the lawsuit captioned <u>Garcia, et al. v. Kashi Company</u>, Case No. 12-21678-CIV-LENARD/GOODMAN (S.D. FL.), consisting of the Second Amended Consolidated Class Action Complaint and any earlier Complaints.

16. "Notice Deadline" is seventy-five (75) days after the Court enters thePreliminary Approval Order and means the deadline for all notifications discussed in the media plan (attached as Exhibit G).

17. "Party" or "Parties" means the Plaintiffs and Defendants in this Litigation and Settlement.

18. "Person" means a natural person, individual, corporation, partnership,

association, or any other type of legal entity.

19. "Plaintiffs" means the class representatives Laura Eggnatz and Katrina Garcia, on behalf of themselves and each of the Settlement Class Members.

20. "Plaintiffs' Counsel" means Class Counsel and the following individuals:

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21. "Preliminary Approval Order" means the "Order Preliminarily Approving Class Action Settlement, Conditionally Certifying the Settlement Class, Providing For Notice and Scheduling Order," substantially in the form of Exhibit F attached hereto, which, among other things, preliminarily approves this Stipulation, certifies the settlement-only class, provides for notification to the Settlement Class and sets the schedule for the Settlement Hearing.

22. "Products" means all Kashi products labeled as "All Natural," "100% Natural," "Nothing Artificial," and the like, including but not limited to, all products included on the attached Exhibit H.

23. "Released Claims" shall be construed as broadly as possible to effect complete finality over this Litigation, and means, with the exception of claims for personal injury, any and all actions, claims, demands, rights, suits, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature that arose during the Settlement Class Period against the Released Persons, including damages, costs, expenses, penalties, and attorneys' fees, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, in law or equity arising out of or relating to the packaging, marketing, distribution or sale by Kashi of food products labeled as "All Natural," "100% Natural," "Nothing Artificial," or the like, which have been or could have been asserted by the Class Representatives in Plaintiffs' Second Amended Consolidated Class Action Complaint or in any of the previous Complaints. The Released Claims do not include, and members of the Settlement Class expressly reserve, claims and causes of action for personal injury.

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24. "Released Persons" shall be defined and construed broadly to effectuate a complete and comprehensive release, and means and includes Kashi and its past and present direct and indirect corporate parents (including without limitation Kellogg Company), subsidiaries and affiliates (including without limitation Kashi Sales, LLC), joint-ventures, partners, members, divisions, distributors, wholesalers, retailers, re-sellers, licensors, suppliers, officers, directors, employees, shareholders, agents, attorneys, administrators, successors, predecessors, insurers, spokespersons, public relations firms, advertising and production agencies and assigns of all such persons or entities.

25. "Service Award" means any award sought by application to and approved by the Court that is payable to the Representative Plaintiffs.

26. "Settlement Class Member(s)" or "Member(s) of the Settlement Class" means a member of the Class who has not been properly excluded from the Class.

27. "Settlement Class Period" means the period from May 3, 2008 through the date of Preliminary Approval of this Settlement.

28. "Settlement Hearing" means the hearing(s) to be held by the Court to consider and determine whether the proposed settlement of this Litigation as contained in this Stipulation should be finally approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate, and whether the Judgment approving the settlement contained in this Stipulation should be entered. The Parties shall ask the Court to schedule a date for the Settlement Hearing 120 days after the Court enters the Preliminary Approval Order.

29. "Settlement Website" means the website to be created for this settlement that will include information about the Litigation and the settlement, relevant documents and electronic and printable forms relating to the settlement, including the Claim Form which can be submitted online or printed and mailed. The Settlement Website shall be activated no later than seven (7) days after the Court enters the Preliminary Approval Order.

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30. "Stipulation" means this Stipulation of Settlement, including its attached exhibits (which are incorporated herein by reference), duly executed by Class Counsel and counsel for Defendants.

B. Other capitalized terms used in this Stipulation but not defined above shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Stipulation and the exhibits attached hereto.

III. CERTIFICATION OF THE SETTLEMENT CLASS

Defendants hereby consent, solely for purposes of the settlement set forth herein, to the certification of the Settlement Class, to the appointment of Class Counsel as counsel for the Settlement Class, and to the conditional approval of Plaintiffs as suitable representatives of the Class; provided, however, that if this Stipulation fails to receive Court approval or otherwise fails to be consummated, including, but not limited to, the Judgment not becoming final as provided in § IX.C of this Stipulation, then Defendants retain all rights held immediately preceding the execution of this Stipulation to object to the maintenance of this Litigation as a class action by Class Counsel, and in that event, nothing in this Stipulation or other papers or proceedings related to the settlement shall be used as evidence or argument by any Party concerning whether the Litigation may properly be maintained as a class action, whether the Class is ascertainable, or whether Class Counsel or the Plaintiffs can adequately represent the Settlement Class Members under applicable law.

IV. SETTLEMENT RELIEF

The settlement relief includes cash payments and non-monetary relief.

A. Cash Payments

1. Class Members' Cash Recovery

a. <u>With Proof of Purchase</u>: Class members may seek a full refund of their purchases for every Product purchased during the Settlement Class Period, for which they can present written proof of purchase in the form of a receipt, subject to Section IV(A)(2) herein.

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b. <u>Without Proof of Purchase</u>: Class members may make a claim for every Product for which they submit a valid Claim Form. Class members may seek reimbursement at \$0.55 (fifty-five cents) per package for every Product purchased during the Settlement Class Period, with a maximum recovery of 50 (fifty) boxes for a total recovery of \$27.50 per household, subject to Section IV(A)(2) herein.

c. Class Members may obtain relief under both Paragraphs IV.A.1(a) and (b) with the appropriate paper work and subject to the maximum recovery amounts permitted for each type of claim.

d. Claimants may seek reimbursement by submitting a Claim Form either by mail or electronically. Each Claim Form will be signed (electronic or manual) certifying that all information contained in the Claim Form is true and correct and acknowledging that the information is subject to audit for the purpose of preventing fraud. The actual amount paid to individual Claimants will depend upon the number of valid claims made. Adequate and customary procedures and standards will be used by the Class Action Settlement Administrator to prevent the payment of fraudulent claims and to pay only legitimate claims.

2. Cash Payment

a. In accordance with the payment schedule set forth in § IV.A.7, below, Defendants shall pay in settlement a total sum that shall not exceed \$3.99 million (three million nine hundred ninety thousand dollars), which funds shall be paid, less any costs associated with the Class Action Settlement Administrator paid by Defendants prior to that time, in trust to a third party institution (the "Fund Institution") to be approved by the Parties to establish an interest bearing, nonreversionary account for payments made pursuant to this section.

b. The money in this account shall be applied to pay in full and in order:
(i) all costs associated with the Settlement Administrator, including costs of providing notice to the Class Members and Processing Claims; (ii) any attorneys' fees award made by the Court to Plaintiffs' Counsel; (iii) any Service Award made by the Court to the Class Representatives; and (iv) payments

to Class Members who make valid claims as allowed by this Settlement Agreement and to be approved by the Court.

3. **Insufficient or Excess Funds**

a. If the total amount of eligible claims exceeds the amount remaining in the account after accounting for court-approved costs associated with the Settlement Administrator, the cost/ expense award to Class Counsel, the attorneys' fees award to Class Counsel, and the Service Award to the Class Representatives, then each Class Member's award shall be proportionately reduced on a per-unit basis. In no event shall the total amount of money available to the Class be less than \$2 million dollars.

b. If there remains any money in the account after accounting for courtapproved costs associated with the Settlement Administrator, the cost/ expense award to Class Counsel, the attorneys' fees award to Class Counsel, the Service Award to the Class Representatives, and all eligible claims, the remaining amount shall be used to proportionally increase the recovery of each eligible claim on a per-unit basis.

4. Delivery of Payments to Settlement Class Members

a. The Class Action Administrator shall send a deficiency letter to any applicable Settlement Class Member explaining the rejection of any claim no later than thirty (30) days after the Effective Date. Settlement Class Members' time to cure any deficiencies shall expire forty-five (45) days after the Effective Date.

b. The Class Action Administrator will send payment directly to the eligible Settlement Class Member no later than ninety (90) days after the Effective Date (the "Claims Payment Date").

c. Failure to provide all information requested in the Claim Form will not result in nonpayment of a claim. Instead, the Class Action Settlement Administrator will take all adequate and customary steps to determine the Settlement Class Member's eligibility for payment and the amount of payment based on the information contained in the Claim Form or otherwise

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submitted, the amount of money available to pay all valid claims, and such other reasonably available information from which eligibility for payment can be determined.

5. Claim Form Availability

The Claim Form will be available for downloading and may be completed and submitted online at the Settlement Website. The Claim Form may also be requested by calling the toll-free number provided by the Class Action Settlement Administrator or by writing to the Class Action Settlement Administrator.

6. Eligibility for Cash Payment

a. To be eligible for a cash payment, the Settlement Class Member must timely submit a signed and completed Claim Form to the Settlement Administrator containing his or her name and mailing address. The Claim Form will also request an e-mail address for the Settlement Class Member, but an e-mail address will not be required to be eligible for a cash payment. The Settlement Administrator may pay claims that are otherwise valid but untimely filed if there is sufficient money to pay all valid and timely claims in full plus untimely but otherwise valid claims, and payment of any such untimely but valid claims is administratively feasible and otherwise reasonable, taking into account the need to timely pay claims. The determination of the Class Action Settlement Administrator, after consultation with Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel, concerning the eligibility and amount of payment shall be final. In the event a Settlement Class Member disagrees with such a determination, the Class Action Settlement Administrator agrees to reconsider such determination, which includes consultation with Class Counsel.

b. To be eligible, Claim Forms must be postmarked or submitted online no later than eight (8) days before the Settlement Hearing (the "Claims Deadline").

7. **Funding the Settlement**

a. Defendants shall, within five (5) business banking days, Eastern Time (excluding holidays, banking holidays and weekends) of entry of Preliminary Approval Order, pay, via wire transfer, the sum of \$300,000 (three hundred thousand dollars) to Digital Settlement Group,

LLC, as the Class Action Settlement Administrator, to cover administrative costs and claims processing costs.

b. The remaining \$3,690,000 (three million, six hundred and ninety thousand dollars) shall be paid, via wire transfer, to the Fund Institution, no later than ten (10) days after the Effective Date.

B. CAFA Notice

Digital Settlement Group, LLC, as the Class Action Settlement Administrator, shall provide the necessary notices to the United States Attorney General and the Florida Attorney General in accordance with the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 1715

C. Other Relief

1. By the later of (i) 120 days following the Effective Date or (ii) December 31, 2015 ("the Injunctive Relief Effective Date"), Kashi agrees to modify its current labeling and advertising to remove "All Natural," "100% Natural," or "Nothing Artificial" on any Products containing any of the Challenged Ingredients, unless the ingredients are approved or determined as acceptable for products identified as "natural" by a federal agency or controlling regulatory body. Products affected include but are not limited to those products included on Exhibit H. Sales of products manufactured prior to the Injunctive Relief Effective Date shall not constitute a violation of this Stipulation. The injunctive terms and requirements of this Paragraph shall expire three years after the Effective Date.

2. Defendants intend to package certain Products with a "Non-GMO Project Verified label." Defendants will provide Class Counsel with a list of these products, as well as with updated compliance information regarding Non-GMO Project Verified label designations on Products on a bi-annual basis for a period of three years from the Effective Date. Specifically, Defendants will provide the following documents:

a. Documents identifying Defendants' third party technical administrator ("TA") for the Non-GMO Project Verified verification process for the Products;

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b. Copies of all licensing agreements for the Products between

Defendants and the Non-GMO Project;

c. Copies of all documents regarding the Products provided to

Defendants' TA for evaluation;

d. Copies of Defendants' press releases regarding the Products' Non-

GMO Project Verification;

e. Copies of all label modifications made and introduced into the stream

of commerce on the Products, once annually for three (3) years.

V. NOTICE TO THE CLASS, COMMUNICATIONS WITH SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBERS AND REDEMPTION OF SETTLEMENT RELIEF

A. Class Notice

The Class Notice shall conform to all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clauses), model class notices of the Federal Judicial Center and any other applicable law, and shall otherwise be in the manner and form agreed upon by the Parties and approved by the Court. Collectively, the Class Notice shall set forth the following information

1. General Terms. The Class Notice shall:

a. inform Settlement Class Members that, if they do not exclude themselves from the Class, they may be eligible to receive the relief under the proposed settlement;

b. contain a short, plain statement of the background of the Litigation, the Class certification and the proposed settlement;

c. describe the proposed settlement relief outlined in this Stipulation;

d. explain the impact of the proposed settlement on any existing litigation, arbitration or other proceeding;

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e. that a Class Member may enter an appearance through an attorney if the Member so desires; and,

f. state that any relief to Settlement Class Members is contingent on the Court's final approval of the proposed settlement.

2. Notice of Exclusion, Objection and Other Rights. The Class Notice shall inform Settlement Class Members:

a. that they may exclude themselves from the Class by submitting a written exclusion request postmarked no later than thirty (30) days before the date the Court sets for the Settlement Hearing;

b. that any Settlement Class Member who has not submitted a written
request for exclusion may, if he or she desires, object to the proposed settlement by filing and serving
a written statement of objections along with proof of membership in the Class no later than thirty
(30) days before the date the Court sets for the Settlement Hearing;

c. that any Settlement Class Member who has filed and served written objections to the proposed settlement may, if he or she so requests, enter an appearance at the Settlement Hearing either personally or through counsel;

d. that any Judgment entered in the Litigation, whether favorable or unfavorable to the Class, shall include, and be binding on, all Settlement Class Members who have not been excluded from the Class, even if they have objected to the proposed settlement and even if they have any other claim, lawsuit or proceeding pending against Defendant;

e. that any Settlement Class Member who has not submitted a timely
written request for exclusion may submit a completed and signed Claim Form seeking a cash
payment under this settlement that must be postmarked or electronically submitted no later than thirty
(30) days before the date the Court sets for the Settlement Hearing; and

f. of the terms of the release.

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3. No later than seven (7) days after the Court enters the Preliminary Approval Order, the Class Notice shall be posted on the Settlement Website and, at their option, on the websites of Class Counsel. The Class Notice shall also be sent via electronic mail or regular mail to those Class Members who so request.

B. Publication Notice Deadline

No later than seventy-five (75) days after the Court enters the Preliminary Approval Order, the Class Action Settlement Administrator will cause to be published in accordance with the media plan, attached as Exhibit G, the Publication Notice, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit D.

C. Retention of Class Action Settlement Administrator

Subject to Court approval, Digital Settlement Group, LLC, shall be retained as the Class Action Settlement Administrator to help implement the terms of the proposed Stipulation. All costs associated with the Class Action Settlement Administrator, including costs of providing notice to the Class Members and processing claims, shall be paid out of the funds paid to Digital Settlement Group, LLC pursuant to § IV.A.7.a of this Agreement. Any reasonable costs associated with the Class Action Settlement Administrator incurred prior to the transfer of funds to Digital Settlement Group, LLC pursuant to § IV.A.7.a of this Agreement will be paid by Defendants with any such payments reducing the amount Defendants are obligated to pay to Digital Settlement Group, LLC.

1. The Class Action Settlement Administrator(s) shall assist with various administrative tasks, including, without limitation, (a) mailing or arranging for the mailing or other distribution of the Class Notice, Claim Forms to Settlement Class Members, and the statement pursuant to § IV.A.4, (b) arranging for publication of the Publication Notice, (c) handling returned mail not delivered to Settlement Class Members, (d) attempting to obtain updated address information for Settlement Class Members and for any Class Notice Packages returned without a forwarding address or an expired forwarding address, (e) making any additional mailings required under the terms of this Stipulation, (f) answering written inquiries from Settlement Class Members

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and/or forwarding such inquiries to Class Counsel or their designee, (g) receiving and maintaining on behalf of the Court and the Parties any Settlement Class Member correspondence regarding requests for exclusion to the settlement, (h) establishing the Settlement Website that posts notices, Claim Forms and other related documents, (i) establishing a toll-free hotline, (j) receiving and processing claims and distributing payments to Settlement Class Members, (k) submitting a declaration attesting to the dissemination of the Class Notice and the number of claims received, and (l) otherwise assisting with administration of the Stipulation.

2. The contract with the Class Action Settlement Administrator shall obligate the Class Action Settlement Administrator to abide by the following performance standards:

a. The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall accurately and neutrally describe, and shall train and instruct its employees and agents to accurately and objectively describe, the provisions of this Stipulation in communications with Settlement Class Members;

b. The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall provide prompt, accurate and objective responses to inquiries from Class Counsel or their designee, Defendants and/or Defendants' Counsel.

VI. APPROVAL PROCEDURES AND RELATED PROVISIONS

A. **Preliminary Approval and Settlement Hearing**

Promptly after execution of this Stipulation, the Parties shall submit this Stipulation to the Court and shall jointly apply for entry of a Preliminary Approval Order preliminarily approving this Stipulation, providing for the dissemination of the Class Notice, and scheduling a Settlement Hearing.

B. **Requests for Exclusion**

1. Any potential Settlement Class Member who wishes to be excluded from the Class must mail or deliver a written request for exclusion to the Claims Administrator, care of the address provided in the Class Notice, postmarked or delivered no later than thirty (30) days before the Settlement Hearing, or as the Court otherwise may direct. The written request for exclusion must

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request exclusion from the Class, must be signed by the potential Settlement Class Member and include a statement indicating that the requester is a member of the Settlement Class. A list reflecting all requests for exclusion shall be filed with the Court by Claims Administrator at or before the Settlement Hearing.

2. Any potential Settlement Class Member who does not submit a timely written request for exclusion as provided in the preceding § VI.B.1 shall be bound by all subsequent proceedings, orders and the Judgment in this Litigation relating to this Stipulation, even if he or she has pending, or subsequently initiates, litigation, arbitration or any other proceeding against Defendants relating to the Released Claims.

C. **Objections to Settlement**

1. Any potential Settlement Class Member who wishes to object to or oppose the approval of this Settlement and/or the Fee Award and/or the motion for the Service Award to the Class Representatives shall submit to the Clerk of the Court and serve a written objection at least thirty (30) days before the Settlement Hearing, or as the Court may otherwise direct. The written objection must contain the following:

a. the name of this Litigation;

b. the objecting Class Member's full name and address;

c. all grounds for the objection, accompanied by any legal support known to the objecting Class Member or his or her counsel;

d. the identity of all counsel, including the lawyer's name, address and telephone number, who represent the objecting Class Member, including any former or current counsel who may be entitled to compensation for any reason related to the objection;

e. a statement confirming whether the objecting Class Member or any counsel representing the objecting Class Member intends to personally appear and/or testify at the Settlement Hearing;

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f. a list of any persons who may be called to testify at the Final Approval

Hearing in support of the objection; and,

g. The signature of the objecting Class Member.

2. The written objection must be submitted to the Clerk of the Court with copies

sent to the following Class Counsel and Defense Counsel:

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3. Class Counsel may file a short response to objections no later than 14 days before the Settlement Hearing. If Class Counsel receives any objections that have not previously been filed on the ECF for this Litigation, Class Counsel will concurrently upload said objection(s).

VII. RELEASES

As of the Effective Date, Plaintiffs and each Settlement Class Member who has not validly excluded himself or herself from the Settlement Class pursuant to §VI.B of this Stipulation, and each of their heirs, guardians, executors, administrators, representatives, agents, attorneys, partners, successors, predecessors-in-interest, and assigns, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged all Released Claims against the Released Persons. In connection with the Released Claims, each Settlement Class Member shall be deemed as of the Effective Date to have waived any and all provisions, rights, and benefits, including any claims which the class member does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.

VIII. CLASS COUNSEL'S ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS AND EXPENSES AND CLASS REPRESENTATIVE SERVICE AWARDS

A. The Parties agree that Class Counsel may apply for and Defendants shall not oppose an award of attorneys' fees in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 (one million five hundred thousand dollars) ("Fee Award"). The Parties agree that Class Counsel may apply for and Defendants shall not oppose an award of actual out-of-pocket expenses in an amount not to exceed \$180,000 (one hundred eighty thousand dollars) ("Expense Award"). Subject to the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and any order of the Court, the Fee Award and Expense Award awarded by the Court to Class Counsel shall be paid within ten (10) days after the Effective Date. Such payment will be in lieu of any statutory fees Plaintiffs and/or their attorneys might otherwise have been entitled to recover from Kashi.

B. Class Counsel shall allocate and distribute the Court's Fee Award and Expense Award among Plaintiffs' Counsel. Defendants shall have no liability or other responsibility for allocation of any such Fee and Expense Award awarded, and, in the event that any dispute arises relating to the allocation of fees, Class Counsel agree to hold Defendants harmless from any and all such liabilities, costs, and expenses of such dispute.

C. Class Counsel may ask the Court for the award of a Service Award of \$5,000 (five thousand dollars) to both of the Class Representatives, for a total of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars). Any Service Awards approved by the Court shall be paid within ten (10) days after the Effective Date.

IX. CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT, EFFECT OF DISAPPROVAL, CANCELLATION OR TERMINATION

A. The Effective Date of this Stipulation shall be the first date after which all of the following events and conditions have been met or have occurred:

1. The Court has preliminarily approved this Stipulation and entered the Preliminary Approval Order;

2. The Court has entered the Final Judgment; and

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3. Unless the Parties otherwise agree in writing to waive all or any portion of the following provision, there has occurred: (i) in the event there is a properly and timely filed objection to entry of the Final Judgment, the expiration (without the filing or noticing of an appeal) of the time to appeal from the Final Judgment; (ii) the final dismissal of all appeals from the Final Judgment; (iii) affirmance on appeal of the Final Judgment in substantial form; (iv) if a ruling or decision is entered by an appellate court with respect to affirmance of the Final Judgment, the time to petition for rehearing or re-argument, petitions for rehearing en banc and petitions for certiorari or any other form of review with respect to such ruling or decision has expired; or (v) if a petition for rehearing or re-argument, petitions for rehearing en banc and petitions for certiorari or any other form of review with respect to the Final Judgment is filed, the petition has been denied or dismissed or, if granted, has resulted in affirmance of the Final Judgment in substantial form.

B. If all of the conditions specified in § IX.A of this Stipulation are not met, then this Stipulation shall be canceled and terminated unless Class Counsel and Defendants mutually agree in writing to proceed with this Stipulation.

C. In the event that this Stipulation is not approved by the Court or the settlement set forth in this Stipulation is terminated or fails to become effective in accordance with its terms, the Parties shall be restored to their respective pre-settlement positions in the Litigation, including with regard to any agreements concerning tolling and similar agreements, and this entire Stipulation shall become null and void.

D. In the event that this Stipulation is not approved by the Court or the settlement set forth in this Stipulation is terminated or fails to become effective in accordance with its terms, any reasonable costs associated with the Class Action Settlement Administrator incurred prior to that time will be paid out of the disbursement made to the Fund Institution pursuant to § IV.A.2.b(i) of this Stipulation with all remaining funds from that disbursement returned to Defendants.

X. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

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A. The Parties hereto and their undersigned counsel agree to undertake their best efforts and mutually cooperate to promptly effectuate this Stipulation and the terms of the settlement set forth herein, including taking all steps and efforts contemplated by this Stipulation and any other steps and efforts which may become necessary by order of the Court or otherwise.

B. The undersigned counsel represent that they are fully authorized to execute and enter into the terms and conditions of this Stipulation on behalf of their respective clients.

C. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement among the Parties hereto and supersedes any prior agreements or understandings between them. Except for § I, all terms of this Stipulation are contractual and not mere recitals and shall be construed as if drafted by all Parties. Any presumption generally recognized in the laws of the United States of America or of any state or territory thereof, or of the common law or civil law that uncertainties in a contract are interpreted against the party causing an uncertainty to exist hereby is waived by all Parties.

D. The terms of this Stipulation are and shall be binding upon each of the Parties, their agents, attorneys, employees, successors and assigns, and upon all other Persons claiming any interest in the subject matter through any of the Parties, including any Settlement Class Member.

E. Whenever this Stipulation requires or contemplates that one Party shall or may give notice to the other, notice shall be provided by facsimile, email and/or next day (excluding Sunday) express delivery service as follows:

1. If to Plaintiffs, then to:

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2. If to Defendants, then to:

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F. The time periods and/or dates described in this Settlement Agreement with respect to the giving of notices and hearings are subject to approval and change by the Court or by the written agreement of Plaintiffs' Counsel and Defendants' Counsel, without notice to Settlement Class Members. The Parties reserve the right, by agreement and subject to the Court's approval, to grant any reasonable extension of time that might be needed to carry out any of the provisions of this Settlement Agreement.

G. All time periods set forth herein shall be computed in business days if seven (7) days or less and calendar days if eight (8) days or more unless otherwise expressly provided. In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by this Stipulation or by order of the Court, the day of the act, event or default from which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. The last day of the period so computed shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday, or, when the act to be done is the filing of a paper in Court, a day in which weather or other conditions have made the Office of the Clerk or the Court inaccessible, in which event the period shall run until the end of the next day as not one of the aforementioned days. As used in this subsection, "legal holiday" includes New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and any other day appointed as a holiday by the President or the Congress of the United States.

H. The Parties, their successors and assigns, and their attorneys undertake to implement the terms of this Stipulation in good faith and to use good faith in resolving any disputes that may arise in the implementation of the terms of this Stipulation.

I. This Stipulation may be amended or modified only by a written instrument signed by Class Counsel and any of Defendants' Counsel. Amendments and modifications may be made

without additional notice to the Settlement Class Members unless such notice is required by the Court.

J. The Exhibits to this Stipulation are an integral part of the Settlement and are hereby incorporated and made a part of this Stipulation.

K. Neither this Stipulation nor the settlement, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of this Stipulation or the settlement: (i) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, the validity of any Released Claim, or of any wrongdoing or liability of Defendants, or of the propriety of Class Counsel maintaining the Litigation as a class action; or (ii) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, any fault or omission of Defendants in any civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal, except that Defendants may file this Stipulation or the Judgment in any action that may be brought against any Released Person in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar, or reduction or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim.

L. The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to the implementation and enforcement of the terms of this Stipulation, and all Parties hereto submit to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of implementing and enforcing the settlement embodied in this Stipulation.

M. This Stipulation shall be deemed to have been executed upon the last date of execution by all of the undersigned.

N. This Stipulation may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Stipulation to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

FOR PLAINTIFFS

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Dated: June 5, 2015

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EXHIBIT A

CLAIM FORM

KASHI SETTLEMENT CLAIM FORM

If you wish to make a claim to receive monetary compensation as described in the Stipulation of Settlement, you must submit this Claim Form to the Class Action Settlement Administrator, either by completing and submitting it online or by printing it, completing it, and mailing it to:______. The Claim Form must be completed, verified and submitted online <u>OR</u> completed, signed, and postmarked on or before [DATE] for it to be valid.

To qualify for monetary compensation, you must <u>not</u> be a California resident and must have purchased for personal or household use, the All Natural / Nothing Artificial Food Products listed in Exhibit H to the Kashi Stipulation of Settlement (available at www.______.com) between May 3, 2008 and [insert the date of Preliminary Approval of the Settlement]. Officers, directors, and employees of Defendant are not eligible to receive monetary compensation. A complete definition of the class qualifications is provided in the Stipulation of Settlement, which is available at www.-----com.

There is a limit of one Claim Form per person, and, if you do not have a receipt evidencing purchase, there is a limit of \$27.50 per household. If you do have receipts evidencing purchases, there is no limit for those items. The total monetary amount you receive, however, may increase or decrease depending upon the number of valid claims made. Claim Forms must be submitted online or mailed to: Digital Settlement Group, LLC, P.O. Box , ADDRESS_or online at www._____.com.

<u>Please provide the following required information:</u> <u>Claimant Information</u>

Your Name (First, MI, Last)	() Daytime Phone	
Current Street Address	Apartment/Unit	
City	State	ZIP

Qualification Information

Please check one of the following boxes below and provide the number of purchases in the space provided:

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I do not have a receipt evidencing purchase.

• Please provide the number of packages of the Kashi All Natural/ Nothing Artificial Food Products listed in Exhibit H to the Stipulation of Settlement between May 3, 2008 through [date of preliminary approval of settlement]:______

I have receipts evidencing purchase.

• Please provide store receipts and the number of packages of the Kashi All Natural/ Nothing Artificial Food Products listed in Exhibit H to the Stipulation

If you have questions about this Claim Form visit [settlement website] or call the claims administrator at ____

of Settlement between May 3, 2008 through [date of preliminary approval of settlement]:_____

CERTIFICATION

Please read, date, and sign or verify the statement below [required for all claims].

I hereby certify under oath that the information provided on this Claim Form is true and correct and that I am not a California resident and did in fact purchase between May 3, 2008 through [insert the date of Preliminary Approval of the Settlement] each package of the Kashi Food Product(s) for which I am here seeking reimbursement.

Signed:

Dated:

(mm/dd/yyyy):

Submit or postmark this Claim Form on or before [DATE], or your claim for payment will be rejected.

If you have questions about this Claim Form visit [settlement website] or call the claims administrator at ____

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EXHIBIT B

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CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION PROTOCOLS

These Claims Administration Protocols ("Protocols") are part of the Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation") entered into by the Parties in *Garcia, et al. v. Kashi Company*, Case No. 12-21678-CIV-LENARD/GOODMAN (S.D. Fla.) (the "Litigation").

All provisions of the Stipulation are incorporated into these Protocols by reference, including, without limitation, all definitions. All capitalized terms used here shall have the same meaning given them in the Stipulation. These Protocols shall define the duties of the Class Action Settlement Administrator retained to implement the claims process as described in § V.C of the Stipulation. All references to "§" shall be to the Stipulation, unless otherwise noted.

B.I Appointment of Class Action Settlement Administrator

The Kashi All Natural Food Products Class Action Settlement Administrator shall be selected pursuant to § V.C of the Stipulations, and subsequently approved by the Court.

B.2 Agreement by Class Action Settlement Administrator

The Class Action Settlement Administrator must consent in writing to serve, and shall abide by the obligations of the Stipulations and these Protocols by executing a counterpart of these Protocols prior to the Preliminary Approval Hearings in the Litigation.

B.3 Control of Cash in the Settlement Account

The Cash Payment made to fund the settlement of the Kashi All Natural Food Products Class Action described in § IV.A.2 of the Stipulation shall be maintained in an Account by an independent financial institution, jointly selected by Class Counsel and approved by Defendants' Counsel, that is unaffiliated with the Class Action Settlement Administrator, Defendants, Plaintiffs or Class Counsel (the "Fund Institution"). The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall have no authority under any circumstances to withdraw or disburse any funds from that account directly. Disbursements from that account pursuant to the Distribution Plan of the Class Action Settlement Administrator as provided by § IV.A.2 and these Protocols shall occur only upon written instructions of Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel to the Fund Institution. However, the Class Action Settlement Administrator shall have access to information from the Fund Institution about the balance in that account as necessary for the Class Action Settlement Administrator shall have access to perform its calculations in preparing the Distribution Plan.

B.4 Conflicts of Interest

The Class Action Settlement Administrator warrants that it knows of no reason why it cannot fairly and impartially administer claims. The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall not process the claim of any Class Member if the Class Action Settlement Administrator, Defendants, and/or Class Counsel or Defendants' Counsel determines there is a conflict of interest. If the Class Action Settlement Administrator, Defendants, or Class Counsel learns of a conflict of interest as to a claim, that party shall give written notice to the other parties, who shall

resolve any such circumstances by further written agreement. Any unresolved dispute over such conflict of interest shall be submitted to the Court for resolution. The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall indemnify and defend the Parties and their counsel against any liability arising from the Class Action Settlement Administrator's breach of this provision.

B.5 Timing

The Kashi All Natural Food Products Class Action Settlement Administrator shall begin the claims process for the Litigation so it is completed within the time provided in § IV.A.4.b. Pursuant to § IV.A.6.b, the signed Claim Forms of Settlement Class Members seeking cash payments under the settlement must be postmarked or submitted online no later than _______, 2015 (the "Claims Deadline"). In no event shall payments be made to Class Members prior to the date provided for funding of the Settlement Funds in § IV.A.7, and preparation of the Distribution Plan ("Claims Payment Date").

B.6 Maintenance and Preservation of Records

The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall keep clear and careful records of all communications with Claimants, all claims decisions, all expenses, and all tasks performed in administering the claims process for the Settlement.

B.7 Method of Submitting Claims

Claims may be submitted on the Claim Form in hard copy by mail, or online through an Internet-based Claim Form. The Kashi All Natural Food Products Class Action Settlement Administrator shall establish and maintain a special Internet site, easily accessible through commonly used Internet Service Providers, for the submission of claims. The Internet site may be the same site as the Settlement Website. The site shall be maintained continuously until seven (7) days after the Effective Date. The site address shall be identified in the Class Notice. The Class Notice shall specify that claims must be submitted before the Claims Deadline. The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall be solely responsible for receiving and processing requests for Claim Forms and for promptly delivering Claim Forms to the Class Members who request them. The Claim Forms on the Internet site and the hard copy Claim Forms shall be identical in content and shall conform with § B.8, below. The Class Action Settlement Administrator also shall establish a toll-free number which will have recorded information answering questions about the claims submission process in both English and Spanish language.

B.8 Claim Forms

All claims shall be submitted on Claim Forms substantially in the form attached to the Stipulation as Exhibit A. Claimants may fill out the Claim Form electronically via the website, and such Claimants shall be required to electronically verify that they are submitting information under oath when required for a claim made pursuant to these protocols.

B.9 Approval or Denial of Claims

After the Claims Deadline, the Class Action Settlement Administrator shall gather all Claim Forms with any written proof of purchases, whether submitted by internet website or by mail. No later than thirty (30) days after the Effective Date, the Class Action Settlement Administrator shall identify and provide notice to Claimants that will not be paid ("Rejected Claims"), advising them of the opportunity and deadline of forty-five (45) days after the Effective Date to cure any deficiencies. Thereafter, before the Claims Payment Date, the Class Action Settlement Administrator shall consider any attempts to cure and shall identify all claims which will be paid and the amount of each such payment ("Approved Claims"). The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall determine whether claims are Approved Claims or Rejected Claims, subject to *pro rata* reduction, by the following criteria.

B.9.1 Duplicative Claims

No Claimant may submit more than one Claim Form, two or more Claimants may not submit Claim Forms for all or part of the same purchase, and only one Claimant per household may submit a Claim Form that is not accompanied by written proof of purchase. After the Claims Deadline but before considering any claims, the Class Action Settlement Administrator shall identify any Claim Forms that appear to seek relief on behalf of the same Claimant or for the same purchase(s) ("Duplicative Claim Forms"). The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall determine whether there is any duplication of claims, if necessary by contacting the Claimant(s) or their counsel. The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall designate any such Duplicative Claims as Rejected Claims to the extent they allege the same damages or allege damages on behalf of the same Claimant.

B.9.2 Claim Amounts

For all Claims, the Class Action Settlement Administrator shall examine the Claim Form along with any written proof of purchase submitted before designating the claim as an Approved Claim, to determine that the information on the Claim Form is sufficiently completed to permit a check to be prepared and mailed to the Claimant. The Class Action Settlement Administrator in its discretion may examine and verify a random sample of Claims to prevent fraud and abuse and take other steps to prevent fraud and abuse. Absent fraud or abuse, payment shall be made to Claimants based on the number of packages of the specified Products the Claimant indicates on the Claim Form were purchased between May 3, 2008 through [insert the date of Preliminary Approval of this Settlement], with the possible recovery capped at \$27.50 if the Claimant has failed to submit written proof of purchase for the purchases. If a Claim Form fails to indicate the number of package. If after all valid claims are paid money remains in the account at the Fund Institution, the Class Action Settlement Administrator, after consultation with Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel, shall use any remaining amount in the account to increase *pro rata* the recovery on each eligible claim.

B.9.3 Untimely or Incomplete Claims

The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall, in its discretion, decide whether to accept Claim Forms submitted after the Claims Deadline. In deciding whether to accept a latesubmitted Claim Form, the Class Action Settlement Administrator shall consider whether enough money exists in the account to pay all valid and timely submitted claims in full, and the length of time the Claim Form was submitted after the Claims Deadline, including whether the latesubmitted claim would delay the distribution of settlement payments to Claimants and the reasons for the late submission of the Claim Form. Whenever reasonably possible, if a Claim Form is valid but untimely, it shall be paid provided the funds in the account are sufficient to pay in full all valid and timely submitted claims. In the event the Class Action Settlement Administrator determines that the Claim Form is materially incomplete, but may be cured by the Claimant, the Class Action Settlement Administrator shall contact the Claimant to cure any deficiency with the Claim Form, if reasonably practical.

B.10 Distribution Plan

Within 60 days after the Effective Date, the Class Action Settlement Administrator shall deliver the Distribution Plan to Defendants and Class Counsel for approval. Upon specific request by Defendants or Class Counsel or Defendants' Counsel, the Class Action Settlement Administrator also shall provide all information gathered in investigating the claims including copies of all correspondence and emails and all notes of the Class Action Settlement Administrator, the decision reached, and all reasons supporting the decision.

B.11 Class Action Settlement Administrator's Fees and Expenses

As provided in § V.C of the Stipulation, the cost of the Class Action Settlement Administrator for administering the Settlement shall be paid out of the Cash Payment to be made by Defendants to settle the Litigation. The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall take all reasonable efforts to administer the claims efficiently and avoid unnecessary fees and expenses. The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall respond promptly to inquiries by Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel.

B.12 Access to Information from the Class Action Settlement Administrator

The Parties are entitled to observe and monitor the performance of the Class Action Settlement Administrator to assure compliance with the Stipulation and the Claims Protocols. The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall promptly respond to all inquiries and requests for information made by Defendants, Class Counsel or Defendants' Counsel. Case 1:12-cv-21678-JAL Document 179-1 Entered on FLSD Docket 06/05/2015 Page 39 of 93

EXHIBIT C

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

If you are not a California resident and you purchased Kashi All Natural / 100% Natural /Nothing Artificial Products between May 3, 2008 through [enter the date of Preliminary Approval of this Settlement], Your Rights May Be Affected by a Settlement and You May be Eligible for a Cash Refund.

PARA UNA NOTIFICACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL, LLAMAR O VISITAR www.______com

A Federal Court authorized this notice. This is <u>not</u> a solicitation from a lawyer.

- A settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit which alleged Kashi Company falsely advertised that certain of its products were "All Natural' or 100% Natural or "Nothing Artificial" when the products allegedly contained genetically-modified (GMO) and/or synthetic ingredients.
- If you are not a California resident and you purchased the Kashi products involved in the lawsuit between May 3, 2008 through [insert the date of Preliminary Approval of this Settlement], you may be able to recover money from this Settlement.
- Those included in the Settlement will be eligible to receive (1) a cash payment of up to \$27.50, without proof of purchase (\$0.55 per qualifying product purchased for up to 50 products), and (2) a full refund for each package purchased with proof of purchase without limitation. Payments may proportionally increase or decrease based on the total number of valid claims received.
- Your legal rights are affected whether you act or don't act. Read this notice carefully.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT		
SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM BY, 2015	The only way to get a cash refund.	
EXCLUDE YOURSELF BY, 2015	Get no money from the Settlement. This is the only option that allows you to ever be a part of another lawsuit against Kashi about the legal claims resolved by this Settlement.	
OBJECT OR COMMENT BY, 2015	Write to the Court about why you don't like the Settlement.	
GO TO A HEARING	Ask to speak in Court about the fairness of the Settlement.	
Do Nothing	Get no payment. Give up your right to sue Kashi about the legal claims resolved by this Settlement.	

- Your rights and options—and the deadlines to exercise them—are explained in this notice.
- The Court still has to decide whether to approve the Settlement. Payments will be made if the Court approves the Settlement and after any appeals are resolved. Please be patient.

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BASIC INFORMATION

1. WHAT IS THIS NOTICE ABOUT?

This Notice explains the proposed Settlement of a class action lawsuit and your options and rights, before the Court decides whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement and after objections and appeals are resolved, an administrator appointed by the Court will make the payments that the Settlement allows.

This Notice is not an expression of any opinion by the Court about the merits of any of the claims or defenses made by any of the parties in this case or the fairness or adequacy of the proposed Settlement. This Notice summarizes the lawsuit, the Settlement, your legal rights, what benefits are available, who is eligible for them, and how to get them.

2. WHAT IS A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT?

A class action is a lawsuit in which one or more individuals sue an individual(s), company or other entity on behalf of all other people who have similar claims. Collectively, these people are referred to as a "Class" or "Class Members." In a class action, the court resolves certain legal issues, legal claims and defenses for all class members in one lawsuit, except for those who ask to be excluded from the class. (See below for more information about excluding yourself from the Classes here.)

3. WHAT IS THIS LAWSUIT ABOUT?

The Kashi Lawsuit claims that Kashi misled consumers by making false marketing statements that certain food products were "All Natural" or "100% Natural" or "Nothing Artificial" when the products contained one or more of the GMO or allegedly synthetic ingredients. Kashi stands by its marketing and denies it did anything wrong.

The Court did not decide who was right in the lawsuit. Instead, the Parties agreed to a settlement. By agreeing to a settlement, the Parties avoid the costs and risk of a trial and the Classes will get compensation. The Class Representatives and their attorneys believe that the Settlement is in the best interests of the Class Members.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT?

4. How do I know if I am in the Settlement Class?

To receive money from the Settlement you first have to determine if you are a Member of the Class. Members of the Class are consumers who are not California residents and who purchased between May 3, 2008 through [insert the date of Preliminary Approval of this Settlement] Kashi Products labeled "All Natural", "100% Natural" or "Nothing Artificial," including those listed in Exhibit Stipulation Settlement, available Η to the Kashi of .com/EligibleProducts for personal or household use. Excluded from the WWW. Class are employees, officers and directors of Kashi and Kellogg; persons or entities that purchased the Products for the purpose of re-sale; retailers or re-sellers of the Products; governmental entities; persons who properly exclude themselves from the Class; the Court, the Court's immediate family, and Court staff; and all California residents.

THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS

5. WHAT DOES THE SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

Kashi has agreed to pay cash and make changes to Kashi's current labeling and marketing of certain products. The money will be used to pay class notice and administration costs, attorneys' fees and expenses, Class Representative Service Awards, and cash payments to Class Members who submit a valid Claim Form. The total cash available is \$3.99 million. Details are described in paragraph IV.B of the Kashi Stipulation of Settlement, which is available at www._____.com).

The specific amount of cash that you may receive depends on the quantity of Products you purchased, whether you have receipts, and the number of valid claims submitted.

You can receive cash payments based on Products you purchased from May 3, 2008 through [insert the date of Preliminary Approval of this Settlement], as follows:

- A Class member who has written proof of purchase may seek reimbursement of the full purchase price for every purchased package of the specified Products for which they submit a valid Claim Form with written proof of purchase in the form of a receipt.
- A Class member who does not have a receipt may still make a claim for reimbursement of \$0.55 for every package of a specified Kashi Product purchased for which they submit a valid Claim Form, but the recovery for those Products not having a receipt will be \$27.50.
- Class Members may file Claim Forms seeking reimbursement both for Products for which they submit receipts and Products for which they do not submit written

proof of purchase. These claims will be subject to the requirements and maximum recovery amounts permitted for each type of claim. The minimum amount available for cash reimbursements to the Class is \$2 million.

If the total amount of valid claims (plus other authorized fees, costs and expenses) exceeds the amount available to pay claimants, then each claimant's award shall be proportionately reduced. If after all valid claims (plus other authorized fees, costs and expenses) are paid, money remains, the remaining amount shall be used to proportionately increase the recovery of each eligible claim.

6. WHEN WILL I GET MY PAYMENT?

Benefits will be distributed if the Court grants final approval of the Settlement and if after any appeals are resolved final approval of the Settlement is upheld.

If the District Court approves the Settlement after a hearing on final approval, there may be appeals. We do not know how much time it could take to resolve any appeals that may be filed. If the District Court does not approve the Settlement or the Settlement is not approved in any appeal that may be brought, you will not receive cash payments for Kashi products.

7. HOW DO I GET A PAYMENT?

If you are a Class Member and you want to participate in the Settlement, you must complete and submit a Claim Form by _____, 2015. The claim form can be found at www.______.com or by calling 1-____. You may complete and submit a valid Claim Form online or mail it to the address on the form. To maximize your payment amount, if you have a receipt or other written proof of purchase, be sure to include it. To be valid, all Claim Forms must be completed, signed and postmarked or submitted online to the Claims Administrator no later than ______, 2015.

REMAINING IN THE SETTLEMENT

8. WHAT AM I GIVING UP IF I STAY IN THE CLASSES?

Unless you exclude yourself, you are staying in the Settlement Class. If the Settlement is approved and becomes final, all of the Court's orders will apply to you and legally bind you. That means you will not be able to sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendant for the legal issues and claims resolved by this Settlement. The specific rights you are giving up are called Released Claims.

"Released Claims" means, with the exception of claims for personal injury, any and all actions, claims, demands, rights, suits, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature that arose during the Settlement Class Period against the Released Persons, including damages, costs, expenses, penalties, and attorneys' fees, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, in law or equity arising out of or relating to the packaging, marketing, distribution or sale by Kashi of food products labeled as "All Natural," "100% Natural" and/or "Nothing Artificial," which have

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been or could have been asserted by the Class in Plaintiffs' Second Amended Consolidated Class Action Complaint or in any of the previous Complaints. The Released Claims do not include, and members of the Settlement Class expressly reserve, claims and causes of action for personal injury.

9. WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOTHING AT ALL?

If you do nothing, you will not get any cash from the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement, you will be bound by its terms, and you will give up your right to start a lawsuit, continue with a lawsuit, or be part of any other lawsuit against Kashi Company and related parties about the legal issues or claims resolved by this Settlement.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

10. WHO REPRESENTS ME?

On ______, 2015, Kashi Class Counsel will submit their motion for final approval and request for attorney fees and expenses, which will be available at www.______.com or by calling 1-___-. The Court has appointed as Class Representatives Katrina Garcia and Laura Eggnatz.

Class Counsel are the lawyers for the Class. The Class Representatives and Class Counsel will act as your representatives for the Settlement.

The Court has appointed to represent the Kashi Class and Class Members:

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11. WILL I HAVE TO PAY THE LAWYERS?

No. You will not be responsible for any costs or attorneys' fees incurred in this lawsuit. If the Court approves the proposed settlements, Class Counsel will request that the Court award them attorneys' fees and expenses to be paid by Kashi. Class Counsel's expenses are approximately \$180,000. Plaintiffs will seek attorneys' fees in an amount not to exceed \$1.5million.

The two Class Representatives will also ask the Court for a Service Award of \$5,000 each for their costs, time and effort acting as Plaintiffs and for their willingness to bring this litigation and act on behalf of other consumers. The Service Awards will be paid by Kashi.

EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT

12. How do I exclude myself from the Settlement?

You have the right not to be part of the Settlement by excluding yourself or "opting out" of the Class. If you wish to exclude yourself, you must send a letter, postmarked no later than ______, 2015, to the Claims Administrator at the following address: Kashi All Natural Food Products Class Action Settlement Administrator, Digital Settlement Group, LLC, P.O. Box _____, ____, ____, _____.

Your letter must specify that you are requesting exclusion from the Kashi Settlement Class (such as: **"I request exclusion from the Kashi Settlement Class"**) and must be signed by you. You must include your full name and address. If you do not include the required information or fail to submit your request for exclusion on time, you will remain a Class Member and be bound by the Settlement and Final Judgment and Order.

13. IF I DO NOT EXCLUDE MYSELF, CAN I SUE KASHI COMPANY FOR THE SAME THING LATER?

No. Unless you exclude yourself, you give up any right to sue Kashi Company for the claims that these Settlements resolve, including any claims relating to Kashi Company for any of the Released Claims (*see* Question 8).

14. IF I EXCLUDE MYSELF, CAN I GET ANYTHING FROM THIS SETTLEMENT?

No. If you exclude yourself from the Settlement you: (1) will not be able to get a payment from this Settlement; (2) will not be legally bound by the Court's judgments; and (3) will keep any rights you may have to sue Kashi Company for the legal claims included in this lawsuit and resolved by this Settlement.

OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT

15. How do I object to the Settlement?

If you are a Class Member and do not exclude yourself, you can object to the Settlement or some part of it. The Court will consider your views before making a decision.

If you want to object, you must submit your objection in writing to the Court. Your objection must include: (1) The case name and number of the lawsuit. The case name and number of the Kashi Lawsuit is *Garcia v. Kashi Company*, Case No. 12-21678-CIV-LENARD/GOODMAN; (2) Your name and address; (3) Your signature (your lawyer's signature is not sufficient); (4) If you are represented by a lawyer, the name, address and telephone number of that lawyer, including any current or former counsel who may be entitled to compensation for any reason related to the objection; (5) All grounds for the objection, accompanied by any legal support known to the objecting Class Member or his or her counsel; (6) A statement confirming whether the objecting Class Member or any counsel representing the objecting Class Member intends to ask the Court for permission to personally appear and/or testify at the Settlement Hearing; and, (7) A list of any persons who may be called to testify at the Final Approval Hearing in support of the objection.

You must submit your written objection to the Court postmarked no later than _______, 2015, or as the Court directs, sent to Clerk of the Court, United States District Court Southern District of Florida, U.S. Courthouse, 400 North Miami Avenue, Miami, FL 33128. You must also send a copy of your written objection to :

Class Counsel

Mark A. Milstein Gillian L. Wade Sara D. Avila MILSTEIN ADELMAN LLP 2800 Donald Douglas Loop North Santa Monica, CA 90405 Telephone: (310) 396-9600 Kashi's Counsel

Dean N. Panos JENNER & BLOCK LLP 353 N. Clark Street Chicago, IL 60654-3456 Telephone: 312/222-9350

All written submissions must be postmarked no later than _____, 2015 or your submission will not be considered.

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THE COURT'S FINAL APPROVAL HEARING

16. THE HEARING TO DECIDE WHETHER TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT.

The Court has scheduled a Settlement Hearing for the Kashi All Natural Food Products Class Action Settlement at __:__ a.m. on _____ __, 2015. The hearing will be held in the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, U.S. Courthouse, 400 North Miami Avenue, Miami, FL 33128-1810 in Courtroom 12-1 of the Honorable Joan A. Lenard. The hearing may be moved to a different date or time without additional notice, so please check www.______.com or call 1-___-___ for updates.

At this hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. If there are objections, the Court will consider them. The Court will also consider how much the lawyers representing Class Members should be paid and if the Class Representative and other Plaintiffs should receive Service Awards. After the hearing, the Court will decide whether to grant final approval of the Settlement. We do not know how long these decisions will take.

17. DO I HAVE TO COME TO THE HEARING?

No. Class Counsel will answer any questions the Court may have. But, you are welcome to come at your own expense. If you send in an objection, you do not have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you mail your written objection on time, the Court will consider it. You may also pay another lawyer to attend, but it is not required.

18. MAY I SPEAK AT THE HEARING?

Yes. You may ask the Court to speak at the Final Approval Hearing. To do so, you must include a statement confirming whether you or your lawyer intend to ask the Court for permission to argue or comment at the Fairness Hearing with your objection (*see* Question 15). You must provide copies of any documents you intend to rely upon, including the names and addresses of any witnesses who will appear at the Fairness Hearing, and the name of any counsel representing you as an objector.

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GETTING MORE INFORMATION

19. WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

This Notice summarizes the Settlement. More details are in the Stipulation of Settlement. You can get a copy of the Stipulation of Settlement, Claim Form and other information at www._____.com. You may also write with questions to Kashi All Natural Food Products Class Action Settlement Administrator, c/o Digital Settlement Group, LLC, P.O. Box _____, _____, ______ or by calling the toll free number, 1-_____.

Complete copies of the pleadings and other documents filed in the Litigation may be examined and copied during regular office hours at the Clerk of the Court, United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, U.S. Courthouse, 400 North Miami Avenue, Miami, FL 33128-1810.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL OR WRITE KASHI OR THE COURT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR ADVICE.

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LEGAL NOTICE

If you purchased certain Kashi Products between May 3, 2008 through [insert the date of Preliminary Approval of this Settlement]

Your Legal Rights May Be Affected by a Settlement and You May be Entitled To a Cash Refund

PARA UNA NOTIFICACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL, LLAMAR O VISITAR www.

What Is This Notice About? A proposed settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit which claimed that the marketing of certain Kashi products as "All Natural" or "100% Natural" or "Nothing Artificial" was not true. Kashi stands by its marketing and denies that it did anything wrong. If you are a member of the Class in this lawsuit, you may make a claim by mailing or electronically submitting a Claim Form.

A federal court authorized this notice. Before any money is paid, the court will have a hearing to decide whether to approve the settlements. On ______, 2015, Class Counsel will submit their motion for final approval and request for attorneys' fees and/or expenses, which will be available at www._____.com or by calling 1-___-.

Am I a Class Member? You may be a Kashi All Natural Food Products Class Member if you are not a California resident and you purchased between May 3, 2008 through [insert the date of Preliminary Approval of the Settlement] one of the Kashi Products listed in Exhibit H to the Kashi Stipulation of Settlement (available at _.com/CoveredProducts) www. for personal or household use. Excluded from the class are employees, officers and directors of Kashi and The Kellogg Company; persons that purchased the Products for the purpose of re-sale; retailers or re-sellers of the Products; governmental entities; persons who properly exclude themselves from the Class; the Court, the Court's immediate family, and Court staff; and California residents.

What does the Settlement Provide? Kashi will pay \$3.99 million to be used to pay eligible claims of Kashi Class Members for the Kashi Products they purchased, pay notice and administrative costs, attorneys' fees and expenses, and Class Representatives' Service Awards. Kashi will also make certain changes to its current labeling and marketing of certain products.

What Benefits Could I Receive?

If the Kashi settlement is approved by the Court, Kashi Class Members will be able to recover: (1) a cash

payment of \$0.55 for each package purchased, up \$27.50 (without proof of purchase); and (2) a full refund of the purchase price for each package purchased, with no limitation (with proof of purchase).

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Payments may proportionally increase or decrease on a per-unit basis based on the total number of valid claims received.

What Are My Rights?

1. <u>You Can Accept the Settlement</u>. If you wish to receive the benefits under the settlement, you **MUST** fill out and submit a Claim Form by ______, 2015. You can obtain a Claim Form by (1) by downloading one from www.______.com; (2) calling the Settlement Administrator at 1-___-__; or (3) mailing a written request for a Claim Form including your name and mailing address by regular mail to: Kashi All Natural Food Products Class Action Settlement Administrator, c/o Digital Settlement Group, LLC, P.O. Box ____, ____. If you fail to timely submit a Claim Form and do not exclude yourself from a settlement, then you will be bound by that settlement but will not receive any benefits of that settlement.

2. <u>You Can Object to the Settlement</u>. If you believe the settlement is unsatisfactory, you may file a written objection with the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida and send copies to the following Counsel representing the Class and Kashi:

Plaintiffs' Counsel:

Mark A. Milstein Gillian L. Wade Sara D. Avila MILSTEIN ADELMAN LLP 2800 Donald Douglas Loop North Santa Monica, CA 90405 Defendant's Counsel: Dean Panos Jenner & Block LLP 353 North Clark Street Chicago, IL 60654 93

For specific requirements to make a valid objection, visit www._____.com (Question 15).

The deadline for submitting objections to the Settlement is ______, 2015.

3. You Can "Opt Out" of the Settlement If you do not wish to participate in the settlement, you must provide written notice so indicating. Such notice shall include your name, current address, and a statement that you want to be excluded from the lawsuit in Garcia, et al., v Kashi Company, Case No. 12-21678CIV-LENARD/GOODMAN (S.D.Fla.). Such notice must be postmarked no later than _____, 2015. Your written notice should be sent to: Kashi All Natural Food Products Class Action Settlement Administrator, c/o Digital Settlement Group, LLC, P.O. Box, _____, ________. Please be advised that if you "opt out" of a settlement, you will not receive any money or benefits under that settlement and will be responsible for any attorneys' fees and costs you incur if you choose to pursue your own lawsuit.

The Fairness Hearing

On _____, 2015, the Court will hold a hearing to determine: (1) whether the proposed settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate and should receive final approval; and (2) whether the applications for attorneys' fees and/or expenses brought by Class counsel should be granted. Objections to the proposed settlement by Class Members will be considered by the Court, but only if such objections are filed in writing with the Court and sent to Plaintiffs' and Defendants' respective counsel by _____, 2015. Class Members do not need to appear at the hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval. The hearing into the Kashi settlement will take place at __:__ a.m. and will be held in the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, U.S. Courthouse, 400 North Miami Avenue, Miami, FL 33128-1810 in Courtroom 12-1 of the Honorable Joan A. Lenard.

Additional Information

You may seek the advice and guidance of your own attorney if you desire. If you would like a detailed notice and claim form, you can get one by downloading one from www._____.com, by writing to Kashi All Natural Food Products Class Action Settlement Administrator, c/o Digital Settlement Group, LLC, P.O. Box _____, ____, or by calling 1-____. Copies of the settlement

agreement is available at www._____.com, or may be obtained by examining the publicly available court records. You can also visit www._____.com if you have any questions about this settlement. Please do not contact the Court or Clerk for information.

By order of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida

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EXHIBIT E

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA MIAMI DIVISION

Case No. 12-21678-CIV-LENARD/GOODMAN

KATRINA GARCIA and LAURA EGGNATZ, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, and JULIE MARTIN, individually,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

KASHI COMPANY, a California Corporation, and THE KELLOGG COMPANY, a Michigan Corporation,

Defendants.

[PROPOSED] FINAL JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF DISMISSAL

IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. This Judgment incorporates by reference the definitions in the Stipulation of

Settlement dated June 5, 2015 ("Stipulation"), attached as Exhibit A, and all terms used herein

shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulation unless set forth differently herein.

The terms of the Stipulation are fully incorporated in this Judgment as if set forth fully here.

2. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and all Parties to

the action, including all Settlement Class Members.

3. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(3), the Court hereby certifies

the following Class:

All consumers who are not California residents and who purchased any of the Products listed in Exhibit H to the Stipulation during the Settlement Class Period for personal and/or household use. Excluded from the Class are: (a) Kashi's employees, officers and directors; (b) persons or entities who purchased the Products for the purpose of re-sale; (c) retailers or re-sellers of the Products;

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(d) governmental entities; (e) persons who timely and properly exclude themselves from the Class as provided herein; (f) the Court, the Court's immediate family, and Court staff; and (g) California residents.

4. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(c)(3), all such Persons who satisfy the Class definition above, except those Class Members who timely and validly excluded themselves from the Class, are Settlement Class Members bound by this Judgment.

5. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a), the Court finds that the Plaintiffs in the Litigation, Katrina Garcia and Laura Eggnatz, are members of the Class, their claims are typical of the Class, and they fairly and adequately protected the interests of the Class throughout the proceedings in the Litigation. Accordingly, the Court hereby appoints Katrina Garcia and Laura Eggnatz as Class Representatives.

6. The Court finds that the Class meets all requirements of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a) and 23(b)(3) for certification of the class claims alleged in the Complaint, including: (a) numerosity; (b) commonality; (c) typicality; (d) adequacy of the class representatives and Class Counsel; (e) predominance of common questions of fact and law among the Settlement Class; and (f) superiority.

7. Having considered the factors set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(g)(1), the Court finds that Class Counsel have fairly and adequately represented the Class for purposes of entering into and implementing the settlement, and thus, hereby appoints Mark A. Milstein, Gillian L. Wade, and Sara D. Avila of Milstein Adelman LLP, L. DeWayne Layfield of the Law Office Of L. Dewayne Layfield, Angela Arango-Chaffin of the Chaffin Law Firm, and Michael T. Fraser of The Law Offices Of Howard W. Rubinstein as Co-Class Counsel to represent the Settlement Class Members.

8. The list of Persons excluded from the Class because they filed valid requests for exclusion ("Opt-Outs") is attached hereto as Exhibit B. Persons who filed timely, completed Opt-Outs are not bound by this Judgment or the terms of the Stipulation and may pursue their own individual remedies against Defendants. However, such Persons are not entitled to any rights or benefits provided to Settlement Class Members by the terms of the Stipulation.

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9. The Court directed that Class Notice be given to Class members pursuant to the notice program proposed by the Parties and approved by the Court. In accordance with the Court's Preliminary Approval Order and the Court-approved notice program, the Class Action Settlement Administrator caused to be posted and mailed or emailed to identified potential Class members who so requested the Notice of Class Action Settlement dated June 5, 2015, which is Exhibit C to this Judgment, and caused to be published the Publication Notice of the proposed settlement, which is Exhibit D to this Judgment (together the "Class Notice"). The Declaration of _______ of Digital Settlement Group, LLC attesting to the dissemination of the Class Notice, demonstrates compliance with this Court's Preliminary Approval Order. The Class Notice advised Class members of the terms of the settlement; of the Settlement Hearing, and their right to appear at such Settlement Hearing; of their rights to remain in, or opt out of, the Class and to object to the settlement; procedures for exercising such rights; and the binding effect of this Judgment, whether favorable or unfavorable, to the Class.

10. The forms and methods of notice described above satisfy the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and met all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Code, the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), 28 U.S.C. § 1715, and any other applicable law. The Court further finds that Notice in the form approved by the Court was provided and that it constituted the best practicable notice under the circumstances. The Court further finds that the forms of notice were concise, clear, and in plain, easily understood language and were reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Class Members of the pendency of the Action, the claims, issues, and defenses of the Class, the definition of the Class certified, their right to be excluded from the Class, their right to object to the proposed Settlement, their right to appear at the Final Approval Hearing, through counsel if desired, and the binding effect of a judgment on Class Members.

11. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e)(2), the Court finds after a hearing and based upon all submissions of the Parties and Interested Persons, the settlement proposed by the Parties is fair, reasonable, and adequate; and consistent with and in compliance

with all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Code, and the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), and any other applicable law.

12. The terms and provisions of the Stipulation were entered into by experienced counsel and only after extensive, arms-length negotiations conducted in good faith and with the assistance of an experienced mediator, the Honorable J. Richard Haden (Ret.). The Settlement Agreement is not the result of collusion.

13. The proceedings that occurred before the parties reached the Settlement Agreement gave counsel opportunity to adequately assess this case's strengths and weaknesses – and thus to structure the Settlement in a way that adequately accounts for those strengths and weaknesses.

14. Approval of the Stipulation will result in substantial savings of time, money and effort to the Court and the Parties, and will further the interests of justice.

15. All Class members who have not timely and validly filed opt-outs are thus Settlement Class Members who are bound by this Judgment and by the terms of the Stipulation.

16. None of the settlement, this Judgment, nor the fact of the settlement constitutes any admission by any of the Parties of any liability, wrongdoing or violation of law, damages or lack thereof, or of the validity or invalidity of any claim or defense asserted in the Litigation.

17. The Court has considered the submissions by the Parties and all other relevant factors, including the result achieved and the efforts of Class Counsel in prosecuting the claims on behalf of the Class. Plaintiffs initiated the Litigation, acted to protect the Class, and assisted their Counsel on behalf of the Class. The efforts of Class Counsel have produced the Stipulation entered into in good faith, and which provides a fair, reasonable, adequate and certain result for the Class. Class Counsel is entitled to a reasonable Fee and Expense Award for their work, which the Court finds to be \$______ in fees, and \$______ in expenses incurred in the Litigation. Further, Plaintiff Class Representatives are both entitled to a Service Award of \$______.

the Cash Payment made by Kashi to settle the Litigation pursuant to the time table set forth in the Stipulation.

18. The Court hereby dismisses with prejudice the action, and all Released Claims against each and all Released Persons and without costs to any of the Parties as against the others.

19. Without affecting the finality of this Judgment, the Court reserves jurisdiction over the implementation, administration and enforcement of this Judgment and the Stipulation, and all matters ancillary thereto.

20. The Court finding that no reason exists for delay in ordering final judgment pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(b), the clerk is hereby directed to enter this Judgment forthwith.

21. The Parties are hereby authorized without needing further approval from the Court, to agree to and adopt such modifications and expansions of the Stipulation, including without limitation, the forms to be used in the claims process, which are consistent with this Judgment and do not limit the rights of Class members under the Stipulation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: _____, 2015

THE HONORABLE JOAN A. LENARD UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE 93

Submitted by:

FOR PLAINTIFFS

June 5, 2015

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EXHIBIT F

EXHIBIT F

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA MIAMI DIVISION

Case No. 12-21678-CIV-LENARD/GOODMAN

KATRINA GARCIA and LAURA EGGNATZ, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, and JULIE MARTIN, individually,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

KASHI COMPANY, a California Corporation, and THE KELLOGG COMPANY, a Michigan Corporation,

Defendants.

[PROPOSED] ORDER PRELIMINARILY APPROVING CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT, CONDITIONALLY CERTIFYING THE SETTLEMENT CLASS, PROVIDING FOR NOTICE AND SCHEDULING ORDER

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs Katrina Garcia and Laura Eggnatz ("Plaintiffs") in this action

entitled Katrina Garcia, et al. vs. Kashi Company, Case No. 12-21678-CIV-LENARD/

GOODMAN (the "Litigation") and Defendants Kashi Company ("Kashi") and The Kellogg

Company ("Kellogg") ("Defendants") have entered into a Stipulation of Settlement, filed June 5,

2015 (the "Stipulation"), after lengthy arms-length settlement discussions;

WHEREAS, the Court has received and considered the Stipulation, including the accompanying exhibits;

WHEREAS, the Parties have made an application, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil

Procedure 23(e), for an Order preliminarily approving the settlement of this Litigation, and for its dismissal with prejudice upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation;

WHEREAS, the Court has reviewed the Parties' application for such Order, and has

found good cause for same.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

I. THE SETTLEMENT CLASS IS CERTIFIED

1. All defined terms contained herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in

the Stipulation.

2. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, and for settlement purposes only,

the Court hereby certifies this Litigation as a class action on behalf of the following Class:

All consumers who are not California residents and who purchased any of the Products listed in Exhibit H to the Stipulation during the Settlement Class Period for personal or household use. Excluded from the Class are: (a) Kashi's employees, officers and directors; (b) persons or entities who purchased the Products for the purpose of re-sale; (c) retailers or re-sellers of the Products; (d) governmental entities; (e) persons who timely and properly exclude themselves from the Class as provided herein; (f) the Court, the Court's immediate family, and Court staff; and (g).California residents.

3. With respect to the Class, the Court preliminarily finds the prerequisites for a class action under Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure have been met, in that: (a) the Class is so numerous that joinder of all individual Class members in the Litigation is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Class and those common questions of law and fact predominate over any individual questions; (c) the claims of the Class Representatives are typical of the claims of the Class; (d) the Class Representatives and Class Counsel will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Class; and (e) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.

4. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court hereby appoints Katrina Garcia and Laura Eggnatz as Class Representatives of the Class.

5. Having considered the factors set forth in Rule 23(g)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court hereby appoints Mark A. Milstein, Gillian L. Wade, and Sara D. Avila of Milstein Adelman LLP, L. DeWayne Layfield of the Law Office Of L. Dewayne Layfield, Angela Arango-Chaffin of the Chaffin Law Firm, and Michael T. Fraser of The Law Offices Of Howard W. Rubinstein as Co-Class Counsel to represent the Settlement Class members.

II. THE STIPULATION IS PRELIMINARILY APPROVED AND FINAL APPROVAL SCHEDULE SET

6. The Court hereby preliminarily approves the Stipulation and the terms and conditions of settlement set forth therein, subject to further consideration at the Settlement Hearing described below.

7. The Court has conducted a preliminary assessment of the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Stipulation, and hereby finds that the settlement falls within the range of reasonableness meriting possible final approval. The Court therefore preliminarily approves the proposed settlement as set forth in the Stipulation.

8. Pursuant to the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e), the Court will hold a final approval hearing (the "Settlement Hearing") on ______, 2015, at _____ a.m./p.m., in the Courtroom of the Honorable Joan A. Lenard, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Courtroom 12-1, U.S. Courthouse, 400 North Miami Avenue, Miami, FL 33128-1810, for the following purposes:

a. finally determining whether the Class meets all applicable requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 and, thus, the Class claims should be certified for purposes of effectuating the settlement;

b. determining whether the proposed settlement of the Litigation on the terms and conditions provided for in the Stipulation is fair, reasonable and adequate and should be approved by the Court;

c. considering the application of Class Counsel for a Fee and Expense Award as provided for under the Stipulation;

d. considering the application of Plaintiffs for Service Awards for serving as Class Representatives, as provided for under the Stipulation;

e. considering whether the Court should enter the [Proposed] Judgment, Final Order and Decree;

f. considering whether the release by the Settlement Class Members of the Released Claims as set forth in the Stipulation should be provided; and

g. ruling upon such other matters as the Court may deem just and appropriate.

9. The Court may reschedule, adjourn the Settlement Hearing and later reconvene such hearing without further notice to the Settlement Class Members.

10. The Parties may further modify the Stipulation prior to the Settlement Hearing so long as such modifications do not materially change the terms of the settlement provided thereunder. The Court may approve the Stipulation with such modifications as may be agreed to by the Parties, if appropriate, without further notice to Settlement Class Members.

11. Any objections to the proposed settlement must be postmarked or submitted online no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Settlement Hearing, including any memorandum and/or submissions in support of said objection, which deadline will be set forth in the Class Notice. Any replies to objections must be filed with this Court no later than fourteen (14) days before the Settlement Hearing.

12. Opening papers in support of the Settlement and any application for a Fee and Expense Award and/or Class Representative Service Awards must be filed with the Court and served no later than 45 days prior to the Settlement Hearing.

III. THE COURT APPROVES THE FORM AND METHOD OF CLASS NOTICE

13. The Court approves, as to form and content (or as may be amended by the Court), the proposed Notice of Class Action Settlement and Publication Notice (collectively the "Class Notice"), which are attached hereto as Exhibits A and B, respectively, to this Order.

14. The Court finds that the proposed methods for giving notice of the Settlement to the Members of the Settlement Class, as set forth in this Order and the Stipulation of Settlement, meet the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 and requirements of state and federal due process, is the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and shall constitute

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due and sufficient notice to all Persons entitled thereto. The Court authorizes the parties to make minor revisions to the Class Notice as they may jointly deem necessary or appropriate, without necessity of further Court action or approval.

15. The Court approves the designation of Digital Settlement Group, LLC, to serve as the Court-appointed Class Action Settlement Administrator for the settlement. The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall disseminate Class Notice and supervise and carry out the notice procedure, the processing of claims and other administrative functions, and shall respond to Class member inquiries, as set forth in the Stipulation and this Order under the direction and supervision of the Court.

16. The Court directs the Class Action Settlement Administrator to establish a Settlement Website, making available copies of this Order, Class Notice, Claim Forms that may be downloaded and submitted online or by mail, the Stipulation and all Exhibits thereto, frequently asked questions, a toll-free hotline, and such other information as may be of assistance to Class members or required under the Stipulation. The Claim Form shall be made available to Class members through the Settlement Website and on the websites of Class Counsel, at their options, no later than seven (7) days after the Court enters this Preliminary Approval Order, and continuously thereafter through the Claims Deadline.

17. The Class Action Settlement Administrator is ordered to provide Class Notice through the Settlement Website no later than seven (7) days after the Court enters the Preliminary Approval Order and through designated print publications no later than seventy-five (75) days after the Court enters the Preliminary Approval Order.

18. The costs of the Class Notice, processing of claims, creating and maintaining the Settlement Website, and all other Class Action Settlement Administrator and Class Notice expenses shall be paid by Kashi in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Stipulation.

IV. PROCEDURE FOR CLASS MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT

19. All Settlement Class Members shall be bound by all determinations and judgments in the Litigation concerning the settlement, whether favorable or unfavorable to the Class.

20. The Court approves the Parties' proposed form of the Claim Form. Any Class member who wishes to receive money from the settlement shall complete the Claim Form in accordance with the instructions contained therein, and the Claim Form shall be postmarked or submitted on line to the Class Action Settlement Administrator no later than eight (8) days before the Settlement Hearing. Such deadline may be further extended without notice to the Class by Court Order.

21. The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall have the authority to accept or reject claims in accordance with the Stipulation, including the Claims Administration Protocols.

22. The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall send a letter to any applicable Settlement Class Member explaining the rejection of any claim no later than thirty (30) days after the Effective Date and of the opportunity and deadline to cure any deficiencies no later than forty-five (45) days after the Effective Date. The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall send payment to eligible Settlement Class Members no later than 90 days after the Effective Date.

23. Any Class member may enter an appearance in the Litigation, at his or her own expense, individually or through counsel. All Class members who do not enter an appearance will be represented by Class Counsel.

V. PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING EXCLUSION FROM THE CLASS

24. Any Person falling within the definition of the Class may, upon his or her request, be excluded from the Class. Any such Person must submit a completed request for exclusion to the Claims Administrator postmarked or submitted online no later than thirty (30) days before the Settlement Hearing (the "Opt-Out Deadline"), as set forth in the Class Notice. Requests for exclusion purportedly filed on behalf of groups of persons are prohibited and will be deemed to be void.

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25. Any Class member who does not send a completed, signed request for exclusion to the Claims Administrator postmarked or submitted online on or before the Opt-Out Deadline will be deemed to be a Settlement Class Member for all purposes and will be bound by all further orders of the Court in this Litigation and by the terms of the settlement, if finally approved by the Court. The written request for exclusion must request exclusion from the Class, must be signed by the potential Settlement Class Member and include a statement indicating that the Person is a member of the Class. All Persons who submit valid and timely requests for exclusion in the manner set forth in the Stipulation shall have no rights under the Stipulation and shall not be bound by the Stipulation or the Final Judgment and Order.

26. A list reflecting all requests for exclusions shall be filed with the Court by Plaintiffs at or before the Settlement Hearing.

VI. PROCEDURE FOR OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT

27. Any Class member who desires to object either to the settlement, Fee and Expense Award, or Class Representative Service Awards must timely file with the Clerk of this Court and timely serve on the Parties' counsel by hand or first-class mail a written notice of the objection, together with all papers that the Class member desires to submit to the Court no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Settlement Hearing (the "Objection Deadline"). The Court will consider such objection(s) and papers only if such papers are received on or before the Objection Deadline provided in the Class Notice, by the Clerk of the Court and by Class Counsel and Kashi's counsel. Such papers must be sent to each of the following persons:

<u>Plaintiffs' Counsel</u> Mark A. Milstein Gillian L. Wade Sara D. Avila MILSTEIN ADELMAN LLP 2800 Donald Douglas Loop North Santa Monica, CA 90405 Defendants' Counsel

Dean N. Panos JENNER & BLOCK LLP 353 North Clark Street Chicago, IL 60654-3456 28. All objections must include the following information:

a. the name of this Litigation;

b. the objecting Class Member's full name and address;

c. all grounds for the objection, accompanied by any legal support known to the objecting Class Member or his or her counsel;

d. the identity of all counsel, including the lawyer's name, address and telephone number, who represent the objecting Class Member, including any former or current counsel who may be entitled to compensation for any reason related to the objection;

e. a statement confirming whether the objecting Class Member or any counsel representing the objecting Class Member intends to personally appear and/or testify at the Settlement Hearing;

f. a list of any persons who may be called to testify at the Final Approval Hearing in support of the objection; and,

g. The signature of the objecting Class Member.

29. All objections must be filed with the Clerk and served on the Parties' counsel as set forth above no later than the Objection Deadline. Objections received after the Objection Deadline will not be considered at the Settlement Hearing. Any replies to objections must be filed with this Court no later than fourteen (14) days before Settlement Hearing.

30. All objections must include a reference to *Katrina Garcia, et al. v. Kashi Company*, Case No. 12-21678-CIV-LENARD/GOODMAN, the name of the Class member on whose behalf the objection is being submitted; and the Class member's address and telephone number. Attendance at the Settlement Hearing is not necessary; however, any Class member wishing to be heard orally with respect to approval of the settlement, the application for the Fee and Expense Award, or the application for Class Representative Service Awards, is required to provide written notice of their intention to appear at the Settlement Hearing no later than the Objection Deadline as set forth in the Class Notice. Class members who do not oppose the settlement, the applications for the Fee and Expense Award, or Class Representative Service Awards need not take any action to indicate their approval. A Person's failure to submit a

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written objection in accordance with the Objection Deadline and the procedure set forth in the Class Notice waives any rights the Person may have to object to the settlement, Fee and Expense Award, or Class Representative Service Awards, or to appeal or seek other review of the Final Judgment and Order.

31. If the agreement and Stipulation are finally approved, the Court shall enter a Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal approving the Stipulation. The proposed Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal is lodged herewith as Exhibit E. Said Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal shall be fully binding with respect to all members of the Settlement Class who did not request exclusion by the date set in the Class Notice, in accordance with the terms of the Class Notice and the Agreement.

32. The court shall retain continuing jurisdiction over the Action, the Parties and the Settlement Class, and the administration, enforcement, and interpretation of the Stipulation. DATED: ______, 2015

THE HONORABLE JOAN A. LENARD UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Submitted by:

FOR PLAINTIFFS

Dated: June 5, 2015

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Digital Settlement Group LLC

Eggnatz v. Kashi <u>Kashi Notice & Administration Plan</u>

June 1st, 2015

Digital Settlement Group LLC is comprised of experts in Internet marketing and class action noticing with over 15 years experience. Digital Settlement Group has served as a Courtapproved notice provider in numerous state and federal court class actions, including a multi-district false advertising case entitled "In Re Wellnx Sales and Marketing Practices Litigation," MDL NO. 07-md-1861 (RGS).

The principals have provided Internet marketing for clients ranging from Fortune 500 corporations like Kelloggs and News Corp to weight loss best-seller, TRIMSPA. This experience is leveraged to execute the most efficient notice strategies and administration.

The principals of Digital Settlement Group have successfully executed hundreds of television and Internet campaigns. Digital Settlement Group partners with the biggest and best digital properties including Google, Facebook, Yahoo, AOL, and MSN. The media team behind Digital Settlement Group is directly responsible for managing and spending an average of \$4 million dollars per month in media. This high level spending allows us to negotiate cost effective deals that are applied to all our programs.

Due to the nature of the product being sold predominantly at retail, the Class Members are not known, so an effective notice plan is required. A sample of Court-approved programs executed by Digital Settlement Group is attached as Appendix A.

One of the concerns noted in Federal Judicial Center's Judges' Class Action Notice and Claims

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Process Checklist and Plain Language Guide ("*Claims Guide*") is that claims administrators are "often accountants by training and may lack personal knowledge or the training to conduct reach analyses." Digital Settlement Group has expertise in marketing and media-planning.

We use industry-leading reporting tools from GfK MRI and comScore. Our notice programs are not designed for "technical reach¹" at the expense of response or other *Claims Guide* recommendations, but to create the "best practicable" plan. In other words, we design notice plans in the same way a company would design an advertising campaign for their product.

Furthermore, based upon our historical results, the Notice Plan proposed here will have at least twice the response rate of a program using a "technical reach" of 70% using low-cost inventory.

Objective of Print Publication

Create, Execute and Manage notice for the settlement, containing the entirety of the short form notice wherever possible, in top national publications with over 22,400,000 total readers and a *targeted audience* of 1,885,000. Industry standard information from GfK MRI² was used to validate the analysis of the media's reach and relevancy.

Objective of Internet Media Campaign

Create, Execute and Manage a minimum of 43.7 *million targeted impressions* advertising the class action settlement in a consumer friendly way with extensive reach to all potential Class participants whom may participate or qualify. The media will run in a timely manner, over a

^{1 &}quot;Technical reach" is defined as calculating a class based upon one large general media buy with a frequency cap of one (often using less expensive remnant inventory without guaranteed visible impressions) and estimating its reach against adult population of the country. Unfortunately, this is not the best practicable method compared to custom targeting of potential class members on top-tier networks (like Google, Yahoo, and Facebook). This is particularly troublesome without "unbiased evidence supporting the plan's adequacy" as recommended by the *Claims Guide*.

² GfK MRI is the leading provider of media and consumer research in the country. They are the primary source for audience data for the magazine industry in the United States.

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course of 30 days, that is consistent with the judgment and the settlement agreement per the court. All reach and frequency calculations are supported by "unbiased evidence supporting the plan's adequacy" using 3rd-party comScore reporting.

Objective of Settlement Administration

Digital Settlement Group will Create, Execute, and Manage all assets required for potential class members to learn more about the action and file a claim. This will include establishing a Settlement Web Site, managing a toll-free number, monitoring a dedicated P.O. Box, and distributing settlement funds to Class Members.

Marketing Analysis

The media plan to inform the public of both the long form and short form notice is the result of a campaign analysis done by Digital Settlement Group, which included a thorough analysis of the potential Internet and print usage by consumers who may have purchased a Kashi branded product as well as an industry cross reference on the "health food" category in which it falls. Digital Settlement Group uses proprietary historical data trends and reach indexing in a similar time period of up to 36 months from over 400 Direct to Consumer products.

Potential Class Members are being targeted nationwide, *excluding California*, and defined as "All persons who purchased one of the Products since May 3, 2008 for personal use and not for resale." The Products are defined as all Kashi products labeled as "All Natural," "100% Natural" and/or "Nothing Artificial."

Section 1: Print Publication Overview

While the Internet has a high saturation of health customers (and continues to grow), a targeted print publication element has been proposed to ensure potential class members with limited Internet access or usage aren't neglected.

To develop the print notice, both proprietary data from previous notice plans and GfK MRI Doublebase (2014) data was used to evaluate the reach to the class. As noted earlier, the goal of the campaign is to reach adults, aged 18 and older, who have demonstrated an interest in products similar to those in this class action. In addition to raw data, an extensive marketing analysis was performed to ensure publications used by people with an interest in "Health/Wellness Foods" would be represented.

Two print publications were selected for their efficiency and reach with the targeted class:

<u>Food Network Magazine</u> will reach a *targeted* 1,017,000 potential class members out of a total audience of 11.9 million. This publication was selected because, as verified by GfK MRI, the publication has the biggest audience of all monthly food titles. (It has a larger audience than competitors like *Bon Appétit, Cooking Light*, and *Every Day with Rachel Ray*.) A 1/3 page Short Form Notice will appear in the magazine and reach an estimated 5% of the targeted class.

<u>Prevention Magazine</u> will reach a targeted 868,000 potential class members with a total audience of 10.5 million in the United States. It indexes at 120 with the "Health/Wellness Foods" customer, making it 20% more likely for a potential class member to read the magazine than an average magazine reader. This publication has a reach of 4.5% of the targeted class and the notice will be presented in a half-page format.

By targeting the most widely read monthly food publication as well as the most widely read

health magazine, the print publication portion is designed to effectively supplement the Internet notice portion of the plan. The print portion alone will reach an audience of over 22 million print magazine readers with an estimated 1.8 million *targeted* adult health-food customers in the United States. When taking duplication into account, the overall reach of the print publications is over 9.28%.

Print Publication Impressions: 22,400,000 Total Audience with 1,885,000 Targeted Health Food Adults

Section 2: Targeted Website & Portal Ads Overview

The Internet is an extremely powerful tool for reaching potential class members and driving them to the settlement website. According to Pew Research (January 2014), 87% of all adults in the United States use the Internet, up from 79% in 2010. Over a decade of Internet marketing experience has been leveraged to design the most effective plan.

Digital Settlement Group subscribes directly to comScore and doesn't rely on partners to provide reporting. The Reach and Frequency calculations have been generated using custom comScore reporting developed specifically for this campaign. In developing this plan, the targeted class is defined as adults in the United States who have demonstrated an interest in health, diet, and exercise (who frequently advise others on the subject). comScore estimates this targeting results in a potential class of 35,896,000.

The fact that these users "frequently advise others" indicates the reach is likely higher than the numbers alone demonstrate. However, in the spirit of the *Claims Guide*, we are conservative in our estimates and do not inflate any numbers based on "speculative reach that only might occur" through social media or those who frequently advise others on health, diet, and exercise.

Furthermore, it should be noted that this targeted class is much larger than the actual class because Kashi is a subset of all health customers in the United States. However, because we cannot provide direct notice to only Kashi customers, we have defined a much larger, conservative class that is best practicable.

Demographic Website Relevant and Information Ads

The sites below are the top properties, which will offer the deepest reach and fastest execution time to inform potential class members of the class action settlement. These advertisements will notify people of the class action and direct them to the settlement

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Media Placement	Campaign	Average Frequency	Web Reach
	Impressions		
Google Ad Network	23,964,000	1.0	39.22%
Google Search Network	98,000	N/A	.27%
Yahoo Audience Network	19,640,000	1.0	34.26%
Subtotal	43,702,000		60.15%

website to participate.

"<u>Google</u>" (and its partner sites) reaches 94.5% of Internet population according to comScore 2015³. This notice plan will display an estimated 24 million impressions on Google properties. According to comScore (February 2015), Google Sites are the most popular on the United States Internet. In addition, approximately 98,000 highly targeted "search terms" advertisements will be incorporated into the plan, specifically "Kashi" products. Per the *Claims Guide*, this is to help satisfy "extra effort" where the class is "highly concentrated."

Whenever possible and cost effective, settlement notice advertisements on Google will be targeted based on user behavior. For example, when a user visits Google.com to search for "Kashi," an ad for the settlement could be prominently displayed. Not only is this highly targeted, but it's timely because the user is actively looking for the information. With traditional media (like print, radio, or television), the ads are passive in that there's no way to know the user is looking for specific information or if they have time to engage. Search advertising, like that from Google, targets the right potential class members at the right time.

"<u>Yahoo</u>" (and its partner sites) reaches 85% of the Internet population according to comScore (February 2015). This notice plan will deliver an estimated 19,640,000 million impressions using behavioral targeting against comScore's adult

³ Data Source: comScore, February 2015. <u>http://www.comscore.com/Insights/Market-Rankings/comScore-Ranks-the-Top-50-US-Digital-Media-Properties-for-February-2015</u> comScore is a global leader in online business analytics, providing industry standard Internet audience measurement and demographics.

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"Health/Direting/Exercising" demographic. Yahoo Sites are the third most popular on the United States Internet, based upon comScore (February 2015) data.

Whenever possible and cost effective, behavioral targeting from Yahoo uses software to deliver banner advertisements to users who have shown interest in a product or category. Ads are displayed only when users have demonstrated interest through searched key words, have clicked on similar ads, or have viewed web sites or categories related to the product. Unlike traditional media (like print publications), this allows a notice plan to target potential class members more accurately with significantly less "wasted" impressions.

The banner links will allow for instant access to the Short and Long Form Notices, Claim Form, and other pertinent documents. Digital Settlement Group will track every single "impression" of the ad to ensure the maximum number of impressions and breadth of the campaign. Digital Settlement Group will monitor text and graphical advertisements to ensure the most effective advertisements will be displayed during the execution of the notice plan. The notice advertisements will be designed to "command class members' attention" and "be written in clear, concise, easily understood language." Because of our significant experience developing online marketing programs, we have an expert understanding on the use of colors, fonts, and design elements to make the banner advertisements the most effective and responsive.

The overall campaign duration will be 30 days. Based on comScore's Reach and Frequency reporting on this Internet Notice Plan and taking into account overlap of users across the properties, the plan will reach 60.15% of the 35.8 million adult Internet users who are in the Health/Diet/Exercise demographic.

Web & Portal Advertising Targeted Impressions: 43,702,000

Section 3: Settlement Administration

Digital Settlement Group has over 15 years' experience hosting high-profile websites, including PCI-compliant e-commerce websites. Digital Settlement Group manages more than 300 ongoing websites and campaigns at any given time. Digital Settlement Group's in-house IT department continuously develops cutting edge software and database applications to keep on the forefront of the industry, manage administration expectations, and ensure timely and accurate reporting.

Digital Settlement Group continuously strives to improve the quality of services and meet the Court guidelines of each class action.

Settlement Web Site

Digital Settlement Group will create and maintain a dedicated web site for the Class Members to learn about the Settlement. It will feature the ability to download all relevant documents (in industry standard PDF format), including Claim Forms, Important Dates, Frequently Asked Questions, Long Form Notice, and the Short Form notice. The site will be designed for broad compatibility with browsers and platforms using best practices. All traffic to the site will be monitored with proprietary fraud detection systems, similar to those used on ecommerce platforms, to help ensure legitimate Class Members receive the maximum benefit.

A 3rd party monitoring service will check the site at regular intervals to ensure the site is functioning properly and, if required, provide an independent report on the total up-time of the site.

The Settlement Web Site will be updated in a timely manner, based upon the Court-approved schedule. For example, when the deadline for filing a claim has passed, that option will be removed from the site.

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Telephone

Digital Settlement Group will establish a toll-free telephone number for those who do not have access to the Internet (or prefer to use the telephone). The phone will have an IVR (Interactive Voice Response) system which will allow potential class members to request a Claim Form, learn more about the settlement, or ask questions not already answered on the Settlement Web Site.

Digital Settlement Group's IVR team pioneered the use of IVR for Direct Response, with clients including top-tier financial institutions such as Chase and CitiBank. With experience in industry standard institutional banking security compliance guidelines as well as strict e-commerce PCI compliance standards, Digital Settlement Group has experience in secure call center capture and operations. Furthermore, all calls and call durations will be accurately documented and reported.

Claim Submission

Digital Settlement Group will set up and monitor a dedicated P.O. Box to receive correspondence related to the Kashi Settlement, including Claim Forms, Exclusions, and Objections. Digital Settlement Group will provide a way for potential class members to file a claim online or download and print a claim form which they can send through traditional mail.

Per the Term Sheet, Class Members will have the option of presenting a proof of purchase. As administrator, Digital Settlement Group will track and verify proof of purchase when calculating the refund due. Also, in accordance with the Term Sheet, "Any claims process will allow class members who do not have proof of purchase to make a claim by way of a verified statement, and all class members will have the option of making a claim online."

Settlement Fund Distribution

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Digital Settlement Group will oversee and execute the distribution of funds to qualified Class Members as ordered by the Court. The company is highly experienced in automated payment distribution, managing an average of \$250,000 to \$500,000 in check-based payments per month. To date, the team has successfully distributed over \$6 million dollars.

Section 4: Notice & Administration Summary

The total cost for notice and administration is \$300,000 USD. The notice and administration will meet the legal requirements as set forth per the court as well as the Class Action Settlement agreement. The notice plan has been designed to reach the largest target audience in a cost-efficient and timely manner. Furthermore, the notice plan provides the best notice practicable, with similar reach to other Court-approved notice plans in the same product category.

Digital Settlement Group will adjust the notice plan on an as needed basis in order to maximize the number of claims filed.

Digital Settlement Group will use a reporting system that will allow it to optimize which placements are producing the greatest numbers of claims. Weekly reports will be provided to counsel with detailed information about the progress of the notice plan and the status of the administration.

Total impressions for the media are segmented as follows:

	Total Impressions:	45,587,000
Online Portal/Display	Graphic & Text	43,702,000
Print Publication	Graphic & Text	1,885,000
Media Category	Туре	Targeted Impressions

Given the budget allowed by the Settlement Agreement, Digital Settlement Group believes the proposed notice and administration serve the class in the most efficient manner.

Important Terms

This plan assumes print publications will display a summary notice of approximately 300 words.

Internet advertisements will not contain the full summary notice. Internet text and banner advertisements will be "clickable" to the settlement web site.

All final advertisements must be approved by the individual magazine and Internet publishers. In the event an outside publisher rejects an advertisement, replacement(s) with equal or greater reach may be substituted.

Space and availability in the magazines and Internet properties listed may be limited and change without notice.

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Appendix A – Digital Settlement Group CV

Digital Settlement Group has served as a Court-approved notice provider in numerous state and federal court class actions, including:

Taromina, v. Gaspari Nutrition, U.S. Dist. Ct., Central Dist., No. CV12-05424

Hogan, et al. v. USPlabs, LLC, Los Angeles County Superior Court, No. BC486925.

Wike v. HCG Platinum, LLC, Los Angeles County Superior Court, No. BC451080.

Keller v. Gaspari Nutrition, U.S. Dist. Ct., Central Dist., No. CV11-06158.

In re Wellnx Marketing & Sales Practices, U.S. Dist. Ct., D. Mass, MDL No. 1861.

Hojiwala, et al. v. Idea Village Products Corp., et al., Superior Court for the State of California, County of Orange, Case No. 30-2008-00060295.

Pearson, et al. v. NBTY, Inc, N.D. Ill, No. CV11-07972.

Arreguin v. Telebrands, San Bernadino Superior Court, No. CIVRS1307798.

Messick v. Applica, Florida Southern District Court, No. 0:12-CV-60464.

In approving *In Re: Wellnx Marketing & Sales Practices* (a national, 18 state multidistrict class action litigation), the Court noted: "the effort to provide notice to the class went well beyond what due process would require at its minimum. In fact, it was both an intelligent and effusive, if I can use that word, notification process, which has given me new some ideas for similar cases in the future for the proper way of giving notice in a case like this where it is

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hard to otherwise ascertain the identity of the class members."

In approving the *Wike v. HCG Platinum, et al* settlement, Judge Jayne L. Johnson wrote, "The Court finds that the Notice Plan set forth in Article IV of the Settlement Agreement and effectuated pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances and shall constitute sue and sufficient notice to the Settlement Class of the pendency of the Action, certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only, the terms of the Settlement Agreement, and the Final Approval Hearing, and satisfies the requirements of California law and federal due process law."

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EXHIBIT H Products subject to settlement in Garcia v Kashi, No. 12-21678-CIV-LENARD/GOODMAN (S.D.Fla.)

GoLean Chewy Chocolate Almond Toffee Protein & Fiber Bars GoLean Chewy Cookies and Cream Protein & Fiber Bars GoLean Chewy Malted Chocolate Crisp Protein & Fiber Bars GoLean Chocolate Malted Crisp Protein & Fiber Bars GoLean Chewy Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Protein & Fiber Bars GoLean Chewy Peanut Butter Chocolate Protein & Fiber Bars GoLean Chocolate Malted Crisp Protein & Fiber Bar GoLean Crunchy! Chocolate Almond Protein & Fiber Bars GoLean Crunchy! Chocolate Caramel Protein & Fiber Bars GoLean Crunchy! Chocolate Peanut Protein & Fiber Bars GoLean Crunchy! Chocolate Pretzel Protein & Fiber Bars GoLean Crunchy! Cinnamon Coffee Cake Protein & Fiber Bars GoLean Oatmeal Raisin Protein & Fiber Bar GoLean Peanut Butter & Chocolate Protein & Fiber Bar GoLean Roll! Caramel Peanut Protein & Fiber Bar GoLean Roll! Chocolate Peanut Protein & Fiber Bar GoLean Roll! Chocolate Turtle Protein & Fiber Bar GoLean Roll! Fudge Sundae Protein & Fiber Bar GoLean Roll! Oatmeal Walnut Protein & Fiber Bar TLC Baked Apple Spice Soft-Baked Snack Bars TLC Blackberry Graham Soft-Baked Snack Bars TLC Cherry Dark Chocolate Chewy Granola Bars TLC Cherry Vanilla Soft-Baked Snack Bars TLC Cranberry Walnut Fruit & Grain Bars

TLC Cranberry Walnut Layered Granola Bars TLC Dark Chocolate Coconut Fruit & Grain Bars TLC Dark Chocolate Coconut Layered Granola Bar TLC Dark Mocha Almond Chewy Granola Bars TLC Honey Almond Flax Chewy Granola Bars TLC Honey Toasted 7 Grain Granola Bars TLC All Natural Chewy Granola Bar in Honey Toasted Kashi TLC Crunchy Granola Bar Honey Toasted 7 Grain TLC Peanut Peanut Butter Chewy Granola Bars TLC Peanutty Dark Chocolate Layered Granola Bar TLC Pumpkin Pie Fruit & Grain Bars TLC Pumpkin Pecan Layered Granola Bar TLC Pumpkin Pecan Fruit & Grain Bars TLC Pumpkin Spice Flax Crunchy Granola Bars TLC Raspberry Chocolate Fruit & Grain Bars TLC Raspberry Chocolate Layered Granola Bar TLC Ripe Strawberry Soft-Baked Snack Bars TLC Roasted Almond Crunch Crunchy Granola Bars TLC Trail Mix Chewy Granola Bars 7 Grain Waffles Blueberry Waffles GoLean Blueberry Waffles GoLean Strawberry Flax Waffles GoLean Original 7 Grain Waffles Berry Blossoms Squares Cereal GoLean Crisp Toasted Berry Crumble Cereal GoLean Crunch Cereal

GoLean Crunch Honey Almond Flax Cereal

Honey Sunshine Squares Cereal

Cocoa Beach Granola

Mountain Medley Granola

Summer Berry Granola

GoLean Chocolate Shake

GoLean Vanilla Shake

GoLean Creamy Instant Hot Cereal Truly Vanilla

GoLean Hearty Instant Hot Cereal with Clusters Honey & Cinnamon TLC Country Cheddar Cheese Crackers

TLC Honey Sesame Snack Crackers

TLC Original 7 Grain with Sea Salt Pita Crisps

Kashi Pita Crisps Zesty Salsa

Kashi TLC Crackers Asiago Cheese

Kashi TLC Crackers Toasted Asiago

Kashi TLC Entertainer Cracker - Mediterranean Bruchetta

Kashi TLC Crackers Party Mediterranean Bruschetta

Kashi TLC Entertainer Cracker - Stoneground 7 Grain

Kashi TLC Crackers Party Stoneground 7 Grain

Kashi TLC Crackers Fire Roasted Vegetable

Kashi TLC Entertainer Cracker - Garlic and Thyme

Kashi TLC Entertainer Cracker - Stoneground 7 Grain

Kashi TLC Entertainer Cracker - Original 7 Grain

Kashi TLC Crackers Original 7 Grain

Kashi TLC Crackers-Natural Ranch

TLC Happy Trail Mix Chewy Cookies

TLC Oatmeal Dark Chocolate Chewy Cookies

TLC Oatmeal Raisin Flax Chewy Cookies Kashi Entrée Chicken Florentine Kashi Chicken Pasta Pomodoro Kashi Entrée Lemongrass Coconut Chicken Kashi Entrée Mayan Harvest Bake Kashi Entrée Pesto Pasta Primavera Kashi Entrée Southwest Style Chicken Kashi Entrée Spicy Black Bean Enchilada Kashi Tuscan Veggie Bake Kashi Pizza Caribbean Carnival Kashi Pizza 5 Cheese & Tomato Kashi Pizza Margherita Kashi Pizza Margherita – Thin Crust Kashi Pizza Margherita – Stone-Fired Thin Crust Tomato Garlic Cheese Stone-Fired Thin Crust Pizza Kashi Pizza Mexicali Black Bean Kashi Pizza Mushroom Trio & Spinach Kashi Pizza Mushroom Trio & Spinach - Thin Crust Kashi Pizza Basil Pesto Kashi Pizza Basil Pesto – Stone-Fired Thin Crust Kashi Pizza Roasted Garlic Chicken Kashi Pizza Roasted Vegetable Kashi Pizza Roasted Vegetable - Thin Crust Heart to Heart Honey Oat Waffles Heart to Heart Honey Toasted Oat Cereal Heart to Heart Instant Oatmeal Apple Cinnamon Heart to Heart Instant Oatmeal Golden Maple

Heart to Heart Instant Oatmeal Raisin Spice Heart to Heart Oat Flakes & Blueberry Clusters Cereal Heart to Heart Blueberry Cereal Heart to Heart Roasted Garlic Whole Grain Crackers Heart to Heart Warm Cinnamon Oat Cereal Heart to Heart Original Whole Grain Crackers Case 1:12-cv-21678-JAL Document 179-2 Entered on FLSD Docket 06/05/2015 Page 1 of 24

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Case No.: 12-21678-CIV-LENARD/GOODMAN

LAURA EGGNATZ, KATRINA GARCIA, and JULIE MARTIN, individually, and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

KASHI COMPANY, a California Corporation,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF GILLIAN L. WADE IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF <u>CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT</u> I, Gillian L. Wade, do hereby declare and state as follows:

1. I am a Partner at the Law Offices of Milstein Adelman, LLP, counsel of record for Plaintiffs Laura Eggnatz and Katrina Garcia, and am licensed to practice before all courts in the State of California. I have personal knowledge of all of the facts stated herein, and if called to testify as a witness, I could and would competently testify to them.

2. This declaration is made in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of the Class Action Settlement.

3. The Settlement¹ provides substantial relief for the Class and the terms of the Settlement are fair, adequate and reasonable.

4. In view of the procedural posture and significant risks presented in this Litigation, the Settlement is a tremendous result for the Class.

5. In advance of the June 4, 2014 mediation before the Honorable Judge Richard Haden (Ret.), Kashi provided Plaintiffs with certain documents regarding the Products, the Challenged Ingredients and the Products' national sales during the class period (May 8, 2008 to present). My co-counsel and I relied on this information and these representations in the continued settlement negotiations.

6. After the close of fact and expert discovery, full briefing of class certification and Kashi's Motion for Summary Judgment, and following an in-person settlement meeting in Chicago with Defendant's lead counsel, the parties attended another full day of formal mediation before Judge Haden on March 24, 2015.

¹ All capitalized defined terms used herein have the same meanings ascribed in the Agreement.

7. At the March 24, 2015 mediation, my co-counsel and I had the benefit of fact and expert discovery, including expert reports and depositions, document production, Class Representative and Rule 30(b)(6) depositions.

8. With the assistance of Judge Haden at the March 24, 2015 mediation, the Parties reached an agreement to resolve this Litigation on a national class basis (except California, in light of the *Astiana v. Kashi* settlement in California).

9. At all times throughout the mediation proceedings and settlement discussions, the negotiations were adversarial, non-collusive and at arm's length.

10. Following more than two additional months of arms-length negotiations regarding the terms of the settlement agreement, the Parties executed a Settlement Agreement on June 5, 2015 memorializing the agreement reached at mediation, subject to Preliminary Approval and Final Approval as required by Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The Settlement followed months of protracted, extensive and hard-fought negotiations.

11. Each of the relevant factors weighs in favor of Preliminary Approval. First, the Settlement was reached at the third mediation in the absence of collusion, and is the product of good-faith, informed and arm's length negotiations by competent counsel.

12. A preliminary review of the factors related to the fairness, adequacy and reasonableness of the Settlement demonstrates the Settlement falls well within the range of reasonableness. Any settlement requires parties to balance the merits of the claims and defenses asserted against the attendant risks of continued litigation and delay. Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification (ECF 118) and Kashi's Motion for Summary Judgment (ECF 119) were both fully briefed at the time a settlement was reached, and Class Members faced the prospect of being

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forced to pursue *individual* non-class actions, or having judgment entered in Kashi's favor. With the benefit of full merits and expert discovery and preliminary trial preparations, Plaintiffs, co-counsel and I concluded the benefits of this Settlement outweigh the risks attendant to continuing to fight over class certification and the merits of Plaintiffs' claims.

13. The Settlement was the result of serious, informed, and non-collusive arm's length negotiations. We did not reach a Settlement with Kashi until after years of negotiation, multiple mediation sessions, full merits and expert discovery, as well as extensive and hard-fought motion practice. My co-counsel and I conducted a thorough investigation and analysis of Plaintiff's claims and Kashi's defenses, reviewed thousands of pages of documents produced by Kashi, reviewed expert testimony (including reports, rebuttal reports and depositions), which enabled us to gain an understanding of the evidence related to central questions in the case and prepared us for well- informed settlement negotiations.

14. The Settlement ultimately required three formal, full-day mediation sessions before Judge Haden over the span of nearly three years.

15. While Plaintiffs, co-counsel and I are confident in the strength of Plaintiffs' case, we are also pragmatic in our awareness of the fact that in order to succeed at trial, Plaintiffs would be required to succeed on their pending Motion for Class Certification and overcome Kashi's defenses on the merits. Kashi vigorously opposed Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification, which was filed weeks after an order from the Honorable Beth J. Bloom denying class certification in a similar consumer class action regarding 'all natural' claims. *See Randolph v. J.M. Smucker Co.*, No. 13-CIV-80581, 303 F.R.D. 679, 685-692 (Dec. 23, 2014).

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16. Moreover, Kashi put forward evidence, including internal consumer surveys and expert testimony, demonstrating consumers have varying definitions of the term 'natural,' and that the 'all natural' claims are not material to reasonable consumers. Although Plaintiffs, co-counsel and I are confident we could have overcome Kashi's challenges with our own expert's consumer survey and testimony regarding commonality and typicality, we recognize the risks associated with proving class-wide damages. If Plaintiffs were to prevail on their Motion for Class Certification, with Kashi's summary judgment motion under submission, Plaintiffs also faced an imminent risk of judgment being entered against them.

17. Protracted litigation carries inherent risks that would have delayed and endangered Class Members' recovery. Even if Plaintiffs prevailed at trial, recovery could be delayed for years by an appeal. This Settlement provides relief to Class Members without further delay. Under the circumstances, the Plaintiffs, my co-counsel and I appropriately determined the Settlement outweighs the risks of continued litigation.

18. My co-counsel and I have a thorough understanding of the practical and legal issues Plaintiffs would continue to face taking this case to verdict, based on our experience in other consumer fraud class actions and the procedural posture of this Litigation at the time settlement was reached. Plaintiffs faced a number of serious challenges in this Litigation, class certification and the materiality of the 'all natural' claims chief among them.

19. The cash available to the Class is reasonable given the procedural posture and the complexity of the Litigation and the significant barriers that stood between now and any final judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and the Class: denial of class certification; interlocutory Rule 23(f) appeal of class certification; subsequent decertification; summary judgment; trial; and,

post-trial appeals. Additionally, the non-monetary relief—Kashi's agreement to remove the 'all natural' claims from Products containing at least one of the Challenged Ingredients and participate in the Non-GMO Verification project for other Products—also provides meaningful benefits.

20. The traditional means for handling claims like those at issue here would unduly tax the court system, require a massive expenditure of public and private resources, and given the relatively small value of the claims of individual Class Members, would be impracticable. The Settlement is the best vehicle for Class Members to receive the relief to which they are entitled in a prompt and efficient manner. The Parties already expended significant resources, including retaining and deposing experts, and additional pretrial and trial proceedings in this Court and the appellate courts would have involved additional substantial and expensive resources. Absent settlement, this case would take at least another two years to exhaust all appeals.

21. Plaintiffs, co-counsel and I had access to sufficient information to adequately evaluate the merits of the case and weigh the benefits of settlement against further litigation. This Settlement was reached at a pivotal stage in the Litigation: after full merits and expert discovery with pending motions for class certification and summary judgment and a June 1, 2015 trial date. Plaintiffs settled the Litigation with the benefit of discovery, which enabled co-counsel and me to evaluate with confidence the strength and weaknesses of Plaintiffs' claims and Kashi's defenses. Plaintiffs also faced the very real prospect of being foreclosed from any recovery at all in this Court, depending on the outcome of either motion.

22. My co-counsel and I are qualified and competent counsel with extensive experience and expertise prosecuting complex class actions, including consumer actions similar to the instant case.

Milstein Adelman, LLP ("MA") is a plaintiff law firm comprising twenty-three lawyers, 23. based out of Santa Monica, California. MA has more than twenty years of experience leading and handling consumer class actions and complex litigation. MA has represented thousands of plaintiffs in over 250 complex actions, and has recovered over \$500 million for its clients. The class action attorneys at MA specialize in consumer products litigation and have particular expertise in cases involving false advertising and consumer deception. The firm has been appointed as lead or co-lead class counsel in several matters, including: Arreguin v. Telebrands (SBSC CVRS 13307798) (2015); Paul v. Wine.com (SFSC CGC13534734) (2015); Toney v. Just Fabulous (LASC BC533943) (2015); McCrary v. The Elations Company, LLC, (CDCA 13CV00242) (2014); Smith v. Intuit, Inc. (NDCA 1200222) (2013); Solomon v. Ramona's Mexican Food Products, Inc. (LASC BC463914) (2013); Cabral v. Supple, LLC (CDCA 12CV00085) (2013); Saenz v. SEIU United Healthcare Workers West (ACSC RG09478973) (2013); Griar, et al., v. Glaxosmithkline, Inc. et al. (LASC BC288536) (2012); In re Budeprion XL Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation (MDL No. 2107) (2012); Keller v. Gaspari Nutrition, Inc., (CDCA 11CV06158) (2011); Weeks et al v. Kellogg, et al., (CDCA 09CV08102) (2011); Williams, et al. v. Biotab Nutraceuticals, Inc. (LASC BC414808) (2010); Wally v. CCA Industries, Inc. (CASC BC422833) (2010); Fallon v. E.T. Browne Drug Co., Inc. (LASC BC 411117) (2009); Oliver, et al. v. Atmos Corporation (SJSC CV0119362) (2009); Salcido v. Iomedix (LASC BC 387942) (2009); Deist, et. al. v. Viking Industries, (SJSC CV 025771) Apr. 9, 2009); Ceballos v. Fuze Beverage, LLC (LASC

BC 394521) (2009); Heath, et al. v. County of San Bernardino, (EDCA 06CV00411) (2008); Klyachman, et al. v. The Vitamin Shoppe, et al. (NJSC L173907) (2008); Shaffer v. Continental Casualty Company, et al., (CDCA 06CV02235) (2008) (class certification aff'd. at D.C. 06CV02235); Klotzer, et al. v. International Windows (SCSC FCS021196) (2007); LaRosa v. Nutramerica Corp. ("Trimspa"), (LASC BC309427) (2007); Abigana, et al. v. Rylock Company Ltd. (ACSC 2002 076625) (2006); Hufschmidt v. Allstate Insurance Company (LASC BC291782) (2004).

I am a partner at MA leading the class action department. I have been with MA for over ten 24. years and became a partner in 2010. My practice focuses on representing plaintiffs in complex litigation and consumer class actions, with particular emphasis on consumer fraud involving and actions arising under California's Unfair Competition Law and the Consumer Legal Remedies Act. I have played integral roles as lead and co-lead counsel in class actions recovering millions of dollars for consumers. I have had significant involvement in the resolution of over 50 consumer fraud class actions and have been appointed lead class counsel or co-lead in several state and federal class actions throughout the United States, including: Toney v. Just Fabulous (LASC BC533943) (2015) (representing "VIP" members of JustFab regarding overcharges for restocking fees and monthly auto-billing); Paul v. Wine.com (SFSC Case No. CGC-13-534734) (2015) (alleging violations of the auto-purchase renewal statute and misleading "free shipping" representations); Arreguin v. Telebrands (CVRS 13307798) (2015) (representing purchasers of defective "Pockethose" product); McCrary v. The Elations Co., LLC (EDCV 13-00242 JGB) (C.D. Cal. 2014) (representing California purchasers of Elations "joint health supplement beverage" alleging false claims of "clinical-proof" on product labeling); Solomon v. Ramona's

Food Products (LASC No. BC 451080) (2014) (representing purchasers of mislabeled food products); Cabral v. Supple, LLC (5:12-cv-00085-MWF) (C.D. Cal. 2013) (representing California purchasers of Supple beverage for falsely representing product efficacy and benefits); Smith, et al. v. Intuit, Inc. (5:12-cv-00222-EJD) (N.D. Cal. 2014) (alleging fraudulent charges associated with Turbo Tax); Saenz v. SEIU United Healthcare Workers-West (Alameda Super. Ct. No. RG09478973) (2013) (representing individuals against labor union for data security breach); In re Budeprion XL and Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation (MDL No. 2107) (E.D. Pa. 2012) (co-lead class counsel in centralized proceeding alleging fraudulent omissions on the labeling of generic anti-depressant); Keller v. Gaspari Nutrition, Inc. No. 2:11-cv-06158-GAF (C.D. Cal. 2012) (representing purchasers of testosterone pills); Pabst v. Genesco, Inc., 3:11-cv-01592-SI (N.D. Cal. 2012) (representing California consumers regarding privacy violation); Wike v. HCG Platinum, LLC. (LASC. No. BC451080) (2012) (representing purchasers of the dietary supplement HCG Platinum); Litwin v. iRenew, et al., LASC. No. BC447114 (representing purchasers of iRenew brand bracelet) (2011); Weeks, et al. v. Kellogg, et al., CV-09-08102 (MMM) (C.D. Cal. 2010) (representing purchasers of food products regarding alleged false "immunity" claims); Thompson, et al., v. Biotab Nutraceuticals, Inc. (LASC No. BC414808, 2010) (representing national class of purchasers of dietary supplement for male enhancement); Fallon v. ET Browne Drug Corp. (LASC No. 411117) (2009) (representing class of purchasers of mislabeled cosmetic products); Shaffer v. Continental Casualty Company (2:06-cv-2235-PSG) (C.D. Cal. 2008) (representing national class of elderly insureds alleging consumer fraud and financial abuse of the elderly in the sale and marketing of long term care insurance policies); Heath, et al. v. County of San Bernardino

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(5:06-CV-00411-VAP) (C.D. Cal. 2008) (representing limited term firefighters for civil rights and FLSA violations).

25. I am involved in multiple class actions centralized by the MDL Panel throughout the Country and have been appointed to the Plaintiffs' Executive Committees in several federal class actions centralized by the MDL Panel, including: *In re Nutramax Cosamin Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation* (MDL No. 2489)(D. Md.); *In re Pom Wonderful Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation* (MDL No. 2199)(C.D. Cal.); *In re Budeprion XL Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation* (MDL No. 2107) (E.D. Pa.); *In re Liberty Refund Anticipation Loan Litig.* (MDL No. 2334) (N.D. Ill.) and *In re H&R Block Refund Anticipation Litig.* (MDL No. 2373) (N.D. Ill.).

26. Prior to joining Milstein Adelman, I was a litigation associate at Jones Day where I defended corporations in consumer fraud class actions, ERISA cases, and actions arising under the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

27. My associate, Sara D. Avila, is a member of MA's class action and complex litigation practice group. Her practice focuses on representing plaintiffs in complex litigation and consumer class actions, with particular emphasis on consumer fraud actions involving false and misleading advertising, e-commerce and actions arising under California's Unfair Competition Law and the Consumer Legal Remedies Act. Ms. Avila has had significant involvement in over 20 consumer class actions. She also has experience representing plaintiffs in actions stemming from consumer deception, habitability statutes, employment violations, bad faith insurance disputes and antitrust actions. Ms. Avila has been appointed class counsel in several state and federal class actions, including *Arreguin v. Telebrands*, No. CV-RS-13307798 (San Bernardino

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Superior Court 2015); *Paul v. Wine .com*, No. CG-C-13534734 (San Francisco Superior Court 2015); *McCrary v. The Elations Company, LLC*, No. 13-cv-00242 (C.D. Cal. 2015); *Saenz v. SEIU United Healthcare Workers-West*, No. RG09478973 (Alameda Superior Court 2013); *Weeks v. Kellogg*, CV-09-08102 (MMM) (C.D. Cal. 2011); and, *Pabst v. Genesco, Inc.*, 3:11-cv-01592-SI (N.D. Cal. 2011).

28. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a true and correct copy of the firm resume for The Law Offices of Howard W. Rubinstein, P.A.

29. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a true and correct copy of the firm resume for The Chaffin Law Firm.

30. Attached hereto as **Exhibit C** is a true and correct copy of the firm resume for The Law Offices of L. DeWayne Layfield.

31. DSG's actual costs and expenses have been estimated to be approximately \$300,000, and will be paid by Defendant. I have been advised by the Claims Administrator that *Prevention* and *Food Network Magazine* impose deadlines for payment and copy that are approximately 60-75 days before they appear on stores shelves.

32. *Astiana v. Kashi*, No. 3:11-cv-01967-H (BGS) (S.D. Cal.), involved a common fund that was not exhausted by claims, the class members there actually received approximately \$4.30 for each product claimed. Id. at 11. Specifically, in *Astiana*, the notice program generated approximately 18,176 claims and no opt-outs. The Parties had the benefit of this information in determining an appropriate remedy for the Class in this Settlement.

I declare and state under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California

that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 5th day of June in Santa Monica, California.

<u>/s/ Gillian L. Wade</u> Gillian L. Wade, Declarant Case 1:12-cv-21678-JAL Document 179-2 Entered on FLSD Docket 06/05/2015 Page 14 of 24

EXHIBIT A

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Howard W. Rubinstein received his Juris Doctor (J.D.) from South Texas College of Law in 1977. Howard W. Rubinstein is a member in good standing and eligible to practice in the State of Florida, and is a member of the following federal courts: United States District Court for the District of Columbia, United States District Court of Colorado, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, and United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida.

Michael T. Fraser is of counsel with the Law Offices of Howard W. Rubinstein, P.A. Mr. Fraser is a graduate of Stetson University and earned his law degree from Nova Southeastern University, where he graduated *cum laude* and served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Nova Law Review*. Mr. Fraser has represented individuals, businesses, and governmental entities in numerous complex litigation matters, including matters involving consumer fraud. Mr. Fraser is licensed to practice in all California and Florida state courts, as well as in the United States District Court for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida, the United States District Court for the District of Colorado, and the United States District Court for the Northern and Eastern Districts of California.

The Law Offices of Howard W. Rubinstein, P.A. handle a variety of class actions, with an emphasis on consumer protection law, including but not limited to, the following prior cases:

- Rappaport v. Jamba Juice Co., No.: CGC-12-521091 (San Francisco Superior Court);
- Klacko, et al v. Diamond Foods, Inc., Case No. 14-80005-BB (Southern District of Florida);

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- Zuckerman v. AT&T Corp., No. BC24653 (Los Angeles Superior Court);
- Singer v. Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., No. 02-30957 (Miami-Dade Circuit Court);
- Engineer v. Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., Inc., No. 03-0049 (Miami-Dade Circuit Court);
- Todd v. American Multi-Cinema, No. 02-1944 (S.D. Tex.);
- Salazar v. Phillip Morris USA Inc., No. 09-339 (S.D. Tex.);
- Weeks v. Mead Johnson Nutrition Co., No. 09-cv-05835-DSF (C.D. Cal.);
- Jolly v. McNeil Nutritionals, No. 06-cv-06973-DSF (C.D. Cal.);
- Galvez v. Touch-Tel USA, No. 08-cv-05642-RGK (C.D. Cal.);
- Galvan v. KDI Distribution, No. 08-cv-02107-JVS-AN (C.D. Cal.);
- Jiminez v. King's Districtuion, Inc., No. 09-cv-02107-JVS-AN (C.D. Cal.);
- Carillo v. Mars, Inc., No. 09-cv-0543-DMG-RZ (C.D. Cal.);
- Williams v. Gerber Products Co., No. 06-55921 (9th Cir.);
- Weeks, et al. v. Kellogg, et al., No. CV-09-08102(MMM)(RZx) (C.D. Cal.);
- Fraser v. Genesco, Inc., No. C 11-04881-SI (N.D. Cal.);
- Ford, et al. v. The Coca-Cola Co., No. 09-cv-395 (E.D.N.Y.);
- Bialuski v. Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., No. BC 432516 (Los Angeles Superior Court);
- Nasseri v. Cytosport, Inc., No. BC 439181 (Los Angeles Superior Court);
- Carrera v. Bayer Corp., No. 12-2621 (3rd Cir.);
- Moore v. GNC Holdings, Inc., No. 12-61703 (S.D. Fla.);
- In Re Light Cigarettes Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation, No. 10-8043 (1st Cir.);
- In Re Hydroxycut Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation, No. 09-MD-02087 (S.D. Cal.);
- In Re Enfamil Lipil Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation, No. 11-MD-02222 (S.D. Fla.).

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EDUCATION

University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, Florida			
Juris Doctor, May 2010			
GPA: 3.57	Magna Cum Laude		
Honors:	Florence T. Robbins Scholarship, sponsored by Greenberg Traurig		
	Dean's List-Fall 2007 through Spring 2009 (4 semesters)		
	Dean's List Scholarship Award (Fall 2009)		
	Dean's Honor Award for Legal Research and Writing (Spring 2008)		

Rice University, Houston, TX

Bachelor of Arts in Hispanic Studies, May 2007GPA: 3.96Honors:Magna Cum LaudePhi Beta KappaNational Honors SocietyActivities:Instructor of Rice Aikido ClubRice Salsera ClubPiano Concert Fund Raiser for Magnificat House

Duchesne Academy, Houston, TX

Graduate, May 2004 GPA: 4.0 Honors: Valedictorian Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Merit University of Texas, National Hispanic Scholar

LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

The Chaffin Law Firm, Miami, FL; 2012- Present

Maritime Personal Injury, Contract, Class Actions (see below)

The Law Offices of Howard Rubinstein, Miami, FL; 2011-Present

Class Action Lawsuits, specifically consumer fraud including:

Krzykwa vs. Campbell's Soup Co.; Case No.12-62058-CIV-Dimitroleas; SD FL Rojas vs. General Mills; Case No. 12-05099-CIV-WHO; ND CA Stacey B. Fishbein, Katrina Garcia, Catalina Saldarriaga and Russel Marchewka vs. All Market Inc.d/b/a Vita Coco; Case No. 11-Civ-5580 (JPO); SD NY Patrick J. Vital and Russell Marchewka, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated v, One World Company, LLC, a foreign limited liability company, aka One Natural Experience;Case No. 12-00314-CJC (MLGx); CD CA Cox v. Gruma Corporation; Case No.12-cv-06502-YGR; ND CA Frito Lay North America, Inc. "All Natural" Litigation; CaseNo. 12-MD-02431-RRM-RLM; ED NY

<u>Reich & Binstock, P.C.</u> Houston, TX; Summer 2007 Legal Intern. Case 1:12-cv-21678-JAL Document 179-2 Entered on FLSD Docket 06/05/2015 Page 20 of 24

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L. DeWayne Layfield was born in Beaumont, Texas on November 18, 1963. He graduated from The University of Texas School of Law with Honors and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1990. Thereafter, he clerked for the Honorable Thomas Gibbs Gee, Circuit Judge United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. At the conclusion of the clerkship, he joined Vinson & Elkins LLP in their Houston, Texas office. In 1995, Mr. Layfield joined Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc. as senior litigation counsel. In 1997, Mr. Layfield returned to private practice. Mr. Layfield's practice has involved class and non-class mass tort litigation, the nationwide coordination of tort litigation as well as commercial, contract, and environmental litigation. Mr. Layfield has assisted with the prosecution or defense of thousands of individual claims and class litigation involving tens of thousands of individuals. Mr. Layfield has been appointed class counsel in the following matters:

- (1) Cause No. 1:99cv0120; *Ethan Shaw, et al. v. Toshiba America Information Systems, et al.*; In the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas;
- (2) Cause No. A-162,152; *Hal LaPray, et al. v. Compaq Computer Corporation*; In the 60th Judicial District Court, Jefferson County, Texas;
- (3) Cause No. A-164,880; *Muzette Alvis, et al. v. Hewlett-Packard Company*; In the 58th Judicial District Court, Jefferson County, Texas;
- (4) Cause No. E-165,336; *David Packard, et al. v. eMachines, Inc., et al.*; In the 172nd Judicial District Court, Jefferson County, Texas;
- (5) Cause No. E-167,872; *Sandra Geter, et al. v. Farmers Group, Inc., et al.*; In the 172nd Judicial District Court, Jefferson County, Texas; and
- (6) Cause No. 8725; Anderson Brothers Partnership, et al. v. EnerMart Energy Services Trust, et al.; In the 287th Judicial District Court, Parmer County, Texas
- (7) Cause No. CJ-2003-967; Debbie Barrett, Individually and on Behalf of Those Similarly Situated v. Hewlett Packard Company; In the District Court for Cleveland County, Oklahoma;
- (8) Cause No. CJ-2003-969; *Stephen Grider, Beverly Grider v. Compaq Computer Corporation*; In the District Court for Cleveland County, Oklahoma

Mr. Layfield is also a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in MDL-1840 In Re Fuel Temperature Sales Practices.

These class actions and other individual actions prosecuted by Mr. Layfield have resulted in cash payments to or for the benefit of his clients of over \$750 million. Considering cash equivalent payments and other benefits the recovery for these clients is well over \$2 billion.

In addition, Mr. Layfield has been counsel for defendants in class action litigation.

Mr. Layfield graduated *summa cum laude* with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Lamar University in 1987. Prior to graduation from Lamar, Mr. Layfield was the owner of a consulting company that developed engineering and process control software for corporate clients such as DuPont. Throughout his education and legal career, Mr. Layfield has studied and gained hands-on experience with computer-related technology. He has lectured and written on the use of technology

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in the practice of law. He has served on various technology-related groups and committees at The University of Texas School of Law, Vinson & Elkins LLP, and Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc.

Mr. Layfield is admitted to practice before the courts of Texas as well as the Federal Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of Texas and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He is a member of the American Bar Association, American Association for Justice, Defense Research Institute; a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation; has been named a Super Lawyer and included in the Best Lawyers in America and is a past Member of the State Bar or Texas Committee on Jury Service.

While at The University of Texas School of Law, Mr. Layfield served as Editor in Chief of the *Texas Law Review* and was a member of Chancellors and the Order of the Coif. Mr. Layfield also published a Note in the *Texas Law Review* regarding CERCLA and the federal common law. While at Lamar University, Mr. Layfield was elected to Tau Beta Pi and Omega Chi Epsilon as well as other honorary societies.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 5th day of June, 2015, this filing complies with Local Rule 5.1 and this Court's January 29, 2015 Order (Dkt. 173).

By: /s/ Gillian L. Wade Gillian L. Wade

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was filed and served via CM/ECF electronic transmission on June 5, 2015 to those parties that are registered with the Court to receive electronic notifications in this matter.

By: /s/ Michael T. Fraser Michael T. Fraser Case 1:12-cv-21678-JAL Document 179-3 Entered on FLSD Docket 06/05/2015 Page 1 of 24

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

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LAURA EGGNATZ, KATRINA GARCIA, and JULIE MARTIN, individually, and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

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DECLARATION OF MARK SCHEY REGARDING NOTICE PLAN

I, MARK SCHEY, declare:

1. I am a founding partner of Digital Settlement Group, LLC ("DSG") and have personal knowledge of all matters set forth herein unless otherwise indicated.

2. The purpose of this Declaration is to provide the Court with my and Digital Settlement Group, LLC's qualifications and experience regarding the development of Class Action Notice Plans and to provide information regarding the Notice Plan for distributing settlement notices in conjunction with *Garcia v. Kashi Company*.

OVERVIEW OF THE NOTICE PLAN

3. Due to the nature of the product being sold predominantly at retail, the Class Members are not known, so an effective notice plan is required. DSG developed a notice program using

both print publication and Internet advertising to reach a substantial portion of Class Members. One of the concerns noted in Federal Judicial Center's *Judges' Class Action Notice and Claims Process Checklist and Plain Language Guide* ("Claims Guide") is that claims administrators are "often accountants by training and may lack personal knowledge or the training to conduct reach analyses." Digital Settlement Group has expertise in marketing and media-planning. We use industry-leading reporting tools from GfK MRI and comScore. Our notice programs are not designed for "technical reach¹" at the expense of response or other Claims Guide recommendations, but to create the "best practicable" plan. In other words, we design notice plans in the same way a company would design an advertising campaign for their product.

EXPERIENCE

4. As the founder of DSG, I have served as the court-approved notice provider in numerous state and federal court class actions including a multi-district false advertising case entitled *In Re Wellnx Sales and Marketing Practices Litigation*, MDL NO. 07-md-1861 (RGS). I'm a recognized expert at consumer product noticing where the classes are difficult to ascertain in products ranging from top-selling glucosamine supplements (*Pearson, et al. v. NBTY, Inc*, N.D. Ill, No. CV11-07972) to some of the most popular products at retail (*Arreguin v. Telebrands*, San Bernadino Superior Court, No. CIVRS1307798). I have also served as an Internet noticing expert for some of the largest class action administration companies, as well as every class action listed

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in the CV attached as Appendix A in **Exhibit 1**. Furthermore, I have over twenty years of marketing experience with a specialty in television and Internet advertising. As far back as the 1993, I managed the official online sites for 20th Century Fox on behalf of News Corporation. I have served as a marketing expert for a variety of consumer products companies, where my responsibility included creative directing national marketing campaigns and producing and directing national television commercials (which have been featured in trade magazines, like *Advertising Age*, and generated hundreds of millions of dollars in retail revenue). I have personally managed tens of million of dollars in Internet advertising for consumer products.

5. DSG is comprised of experts in Internet marketing and class action noticing with over 20 years experience. The principals have provided Internet marketing for clients including Fortune 500 companies. This experience is leveraged to execute the most efficient notice strategies and administration. Most recently, DSG is currently court-appointed notice provider and administrator in a matter entitled *Miller, et al v. Basic Research*, The United States District Court for the District of Utah, Central Division, No. 2:07-CV-00871. A CV is attached as Appendix A in **Exhibit 1**. The principals of DSG have successfully executed hundreds of television and Internet campaigns. DSG partners with the largest digital properties including Google, Facebook, Yahoo, AOL, and MSN. The media team behind DSG is directly responsible for managing and spending an average of \$4 million dollars per month in media. This high level spending allows us to negotiate cost effective deals that are applied to all our programs.

NOTICE PLAN OBJECTIVE

6. The objective of the Notice Plan is to execute the best practicable notice plan using a combination of print publication and top-tier Internet advertising. Advertisements will direct potential Class Members to a Settlement Web Site, where they will be able to download all important documents, review frequently asked questions, and file a claim. A toll-free number with an Interactive Voice Response ("IVR") system will also be available to answer potential questions. A detailed 12-page proposal is attached as **Exhibit 1**.

Case Background and Targeted Class

7. It is alleged that Defendant falsely advertised or marketed food products and violated certain laws in making "All Natural", "100% Natural" and "Nothing Artificial" statements on the labels of certain Kashi Products. The Defendant denies all claims made against it, denies that it violated any laws, and denies that its labeling is false or misleading.

8. The "Class" means all consumers, excluding California residents, who purchased any package of the Products in the United States during the Settlement Class Period (between May 3, 2008 through the date of the Preliminary Approval Order).

9. Excluded from the Class are: (a) employees, officers and directors of Kellogg and Kashi; (b) persons or entities who purchased the Products for the purpose of re-sale; (c) retailers or resellers of the Products; (d) governmental entities; (e) persons who timely and properly exclude themselves from the Class as provided herein; (f) the Court, the Court's immediate family, and Court staff; and (g) California residents.

10. Due to the consumer nature of the Products, there is no way to identify the vast majority of individual Class Members. Therefore, Class Members must be reached through a consumer media campaign. To verify the effectiveness of the proposed Notice Plan, all reach and frequency

calculations are supported by "unbiased evidence supporting the plan's adequacy" using 3rdparty reporting from comScore and GfK MRI.

Consumer Publication

11. Two print publications were selected for their efficiency and reach with the targeted class: (1) 1/3 page Short Form Notice will appear once in *Food Network Magazine* and will reach a targeted 1,017,000 potential class members out of a total audience of 11.9 million. This publication was selected because, as verified by GfK MRI, the publication has the biggest audience of all monthly food titles. (It has a larger audience than competitors like *Bon Appétit*, *Cooking Light*, and *Every Day with Rachel Ray*.) Food Network Magazine will reach an estimated 5% of the targeted class; (2) A ¹/₂ page Short Form Notice will appear once in *Prevention* magazine, reaching a targeted 868,000 potential class members with a total audience of 10.5 million in the United States. It indexes at 120 with the "Health/Wellness Foods" customer, making it 20% more likely for a potential class member to read the magazine than an average magazine reader. This publication has a reach of 4.5% of the targeted class.

Internet Banner Advertisements

12. The Internet is an extremely powerful tool for reaching potential class members and driving them to the settlement website. According to Pew Research (January 2014), 87% of all adults in the United States use the Internet, up from 79% in 2010. DSG's extensive Internet marketing experience has been leveraged to design the most effective plan. DSG will target Class Members with over 23 million impressions on the *Google Ad Network*, approximately 98,000

impressions on the *Google Search Network*, and over 19 million impressions on the *Yahoo Audience Network*. The notice advertisements will be designed to "command class members' attention" and "be written in clear, concise, easily understood language." Clicking on the links will direct the Class Member to the Settlement Web Site.

Case Website

13. DSG will create a case-specific website and post-relevant documents and answers to frequently asked questions. Class Members will have the option to download copies of case documents (including the operative complaint, Stipulation of Settlement, long form Notice, Claim Form and any Court orders relating to the Settlement).

Toll-Free Telephone Number

14. DSG will create set up a toll-free telephone number to provide Class members with an additional opportunity to learn more about the settlement. The toll-free number will provide answers to frequently asked questions, as well as allow Class Members to request to have more information and a Claim Form mailed directly to them.

Reach and Frequency

15. The print publication effort will reach over 9% of Class Members. The targeted Internet campaign will reach a minimum of 60.15% of Class Members.

CONCLUSION

16. Based on my class action notice planning experience, the Notice tactics utilized in this Notice Program are consistent with other effective class action settlement notice plans.

17. The Class Action Notice Plan provides the best notice practicable and meets the "desire to actually inform." Furthermore, it provides the same reach and frequency evidence that Courts

have approved and that has withstood appellate scrutiny, other expert critiques, as well as collateral review.

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

Dated: June 4, 2015

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/s/ Angela Arango-Chaffin

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EXHIBIT 1

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Digital Settlement Group LLC

Eggnatz v. Kashi <u>Kashi Notice & Administration Plan</u>

June 1st, 2015

Digital Settlement Group LLC is comprised of experts in Internet marketing and class action noticing with over 15 years experience. Digital Settlement Group has served as a Courtapproved notice provider in numerous state and federal court class actions, including a multi-district false advertising case entitled "In Re Wellnx Sales and Marketing Practices Litigation," MDL NO. 07-md-1861 (RGS).

The principals have provided Internet marketing for clients ranging from Fortune 500 corporations like Kelloggs and News Corp to weight loss best-seller, TRIMSPA. This experience is leveraged to execute the most efficient notice strategies and administration.

The principals of Digital Settlement Group have successfully executed hundreds of television and Internet campaigns. Digital Settlement Group partners with the biggest and best digital properties including Google, Facebook, Yahoo, AOL, and MSN. The media team behind Digital Settlement Group is directly responsible for managing and spending an average of \$4 million dollars per month in media. This high level spending allows us to negotiate cost effective deals that are applied to all our programs.

Due to the nature of the product being sold predominantly at retail, the Class Members are not known, so an effective notice plan is required. A sample of Court-approved programs executed by Digital Settlement Group is attached as Appendix A.

One of the concerns noted in Federal Judicial Center's Judges' Class Action Notice and Claims

Process Checklist and Plain Language Guide ("*Claims Guide*") is that claims administrators are "often accountants by training and may lack personal knowledge or the training to conduct reach analyses." Digital Settlement Group has expertise in marketing and media-planning.

We use industry-leading reporting tools from GfK MRI and comScore. Our notice programs are not designed for "technical reach¹" at the expense of response or other *Claims Guide* recommendations, but to create the "best practicable" plan. In other words, we design notice plans in the same way a company would design an advertising campaign for their product.

Furthermore, based upon our historical results, the Notice Plan proposed here will have at least twice the response rate of a program using a "technical reach" of 70% using low-cost inventory.

Objective of Print Publication

Create, Execute and Manage notice for the settlement, containing the entirety of the short form notice wherever possible, in top national publications with over 22,400,000 total readers and a *targeted audience* of 1,885,000. Industry standard information from GfK MRI² was used to validate the analysis of the media's reach and relevancy.

Objective of Internet Media Campaign

Create, Execute and Manage a minimum of 43.7 *million targeted impressions* advertising the class action settlement in a consumer friendly way with extensive reach to all potential Class participants whom may participate or qualify. The media will run in a timely manner, over a

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² GfK MRI is the leading provider of media and consumer research in the country. They are the primary source for audience data for the magazine industry in the United States.

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course of 30 days, that is consistent with the judgment and the settlement agreement per the court. All reach and frequency calculations are supported by "unbiased evidence supporting the plan's adequacy" using 3rd-party comScore reporting.

Objective of Settlement Administration

Digital Settlement Group will Create, Execute, and Manage all assets required for potential class members to learn more about the action and file a claim. This will include establishing a Settlement Web Site, managing a toll-free number, monitoring a dedicated P.O. Box, and distributing settlement funds to Class Members.

Marketing Analysis

The media plan to inform the public of both the long form and short form notice is the result of a campaign analysis done by Digital Settlement Group, which included a thorough analysis of the potential Internet and print usage by consumers who may have purchased a Kashi branded product as well as an industry cross reference on the "health food" category in which it falls. Digital Settlement Group uses proprietary historical data trends and reach indexing in a similar time period of up to 36 months from over 400 Direct to Consumer products.

Potential Class Members are being targeted nationwide, *excluding California*, and defined as "All persons who purchased one of the Products since May 3, 2008 for personal use and not for resale." The Products are defined as all Kashi products labeled as "All Natural," "100% Natural" and/or "Nothing Artificial."

Section 1: Print Publication Overview

While the Internet has a high saturation of health customers (and continues to grow), a targeted print publication element has been proposed to ensure potential class members with limited Internet access or usage aren't neglected.

To develop the print notice, both proprietary data from previous notice plans and GfK MRI Doublebase (2014) data was used to evaluate the reach to the class. As noted earlier, the goal of the campaign is to reach adults, aged 18 and older, who have demonstrated an interest in products similar to those in this class action. In addition to raw data, an extensive marketing analysis was performed to ensure publications used by people with an interest in "Health/Wellness Foods" would be represented.

Two print publications were selected for their efficiency and reach with the targeted class:

<u>Food Network Magazine</u> will reach a *targeted* 1,017,000 potential class members out of a total audience of 11.9 million. This publication was selected because, as verified by GfK MRI, the publication has the biggest audience of all monthly food titles. (It has a larger audience than competitors like *Bon Appétit, Cooking Light*, and *Every Day with Rachel Ray*.) A 1/3 page Short Form Notice will appear in the magazine and reach an estimated 5% of the targeted class.

<u>Prevention Magazine</u> will reach a targeted 868,000 potential class members with a total audience of 10.5 million in the United States. It indexes at 120 with the "Health/Wellness Foods" customer, making it 20% more likely for a potential class member to read the magazine than an average magazine reader. This publication has a reach of 4.5% of the targeted class and the notice will be presented in a half-page format.

By targeting the most widely read monthly food publication as well as the most widely read

health magazine, the print publication portion is designed to effectively supplement the Internet notice portion of the plan. The print portion alone will reach an audience of over 22 million print magazine readers with an estimated 1.8 million *targeted* adult health-food customers in the United States. When taking duplication into account, the overall reach of the print publications is over 9.28%.

Print Publication Impressions: 22,400,000 Total Audience with 1,885,000 Targeted Health Food Adults

Section 2: Targeted Website & Portal Ads Overview

The Internet is an extremely powerful tool for reaching potential class members and driving them to the settlement website. According to Pew Research (January 2014), 87% of all adults in the United States use the Internet, up from 79% in 2010. Over a decade of Internet marketing experience has been leveraged to design the most effective plan.

Digital Settlement Group subscribes directly to comScore and doesn't rely on partners to provide reporting. The Reach and Frequency calculations have been generated using custom comScore reporting developed specifically for this campaign. In developing this plan, the targeted class is defined as adults in the United States who have demonstrated an interest in health, diet, and exercise (who frequently advise others on the subject). comScore estimates this targeting results in a potential class of 35,896,000.

The fact that these users "frequently advise others" indicates the reach is likely higher than the numbers alone demonstrate. However, in the spirit of the *Claims Guide*, we are conservative in our estimates and do not inflate any numbers based on "speculative reach that only might occur" through social media or those who frequently advise others on health, diet, and exercise.

Furthermore, it should be noted that this targeted class is much larger than the actual class because Kashi is a subset of all health customers in the United States. However, because we cannot provide direct notice to only Kashi customers, we have defined a much larger, conservative class that is best practicable.

Demographic Website Relevant and Information Ads

The sites below are the top properties, which will offer the deepest reach and fastest execution time to inform potential class members of the class action settlement. These advertisements will notify people of the class action and direct them to the settlement

Media Placement	Campaign	Average Frequency	Web Reach
	Impressions		
Google Ad Network	23,964,000	1.0	39.22%
Google Search Network	98,000	N/A	.27%
Yahoo Audience Network	19,640,000	1.0	34.26%
Subtotal	43,702,000		60.15%

website to participate.

"<u>Google</u>" (and its partner sites) reaches 94.5% of Internet population according to comScore 2015³. This notice plan will display an estimated 24 million impressions on Google properties. According to comScore (February 2015), Google Sites are the most popular on the United States Internet. In addition, approximately 98,000 highly targeted "search terms" advertisements will be incorporated into the plan, specifically "Kashi" products. Per the *Claims Guide*, this is to help satisfy "extra effort" where the class is "highly concentrated."

Whenever possible and cost effective, settlement notice advertisements on Google will be targeted based on user behavior. For example, when a user visits Google.com to search for "Kashi," an ad for the settlement could be prominently displayed. Not only is this highly targeted, but it's timely because the user is actively looking for the information. With traditional media (like print, radio, or television), the ads are passive in that there's no way to know the user is looking for specific information or if they have time to engage. Search advertising, like that from Google, targets the right potential class members at the right time.

"<u>Yahoo</u>" (and its partner sites) reaches 85% of the Internet population according to comScore (February 2015). This notice plan will deliver an estimated 19,640,000 million impressions using behavioral targeting against comScore's adult

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³ Data Source: comScore, February 2015. <u>http://www.comscore.com/Insights/Market-Rankings/comScore-Ranks-the-Top-50-US-Digital-Media-Properties-for-February-2015</u> comScore is a global leader in online business analytics, providing industry standard Internet audience measurement and demographics.

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"Health/Direting/Exercising" demographic. Yahoo Sites are the third most popular on the United States Internet, based upon comScore (February 2015) data.

Whenever possible and cost effective, behavioral targeting from Yahoo uses software to deliver banner advertisements to users who have shown interest in a product or category. Ads are displayed only when users have demonstrated interest through searched key words, have clicked on similar ads, or have viewed web sites or categories related to the product. Unlike traditional media (like print publications), this allows a notice plan to target potential class members more accurately with significantly less "wasted" impressions.

The banner links will allow for instant access to the Short and Long Form Notices, Claim Form, and other pertinent documents. Digital Settlement Group will track every single "impression" of the ad to ensure the maximum number of impressions and breadth of the campaign. Digital Settlement Group will monitor text and graphical advertisements to ensure the most effective advertisements will be displayed during the execution of the notice plan. The notice advertisements will be designed to "command class members' attention" and "be written in clear, concise, easily understood language." Because of our significant experience developing online marketing programs, we have an expert understanding on the use of colors, fonts, and design elements to make the banner advertisements the most effective and responsive.

The overall campaign duration will be 30 days. Based on comScore's Reach and Frequency reporting on this Internet Notice Plan and taking into account overlap of users across the properties, the plan will reach 60.15% of the 35.8 million adult Internet users who are in the Health/Diet/Exercise demographic.

Web & Portal Advertising Targeted Impressions: 43,702,000

Section 3: Settlement Administration

Digital Settlement Group has over 15 years' experience hosting high-profile websites, including PCI-compliant e-commerce websites. Digital Settlement Group manages more than 300 ongoing websites and campaigns at any given time. Digital Settlement Group's in-house IT department continuously develops cutting edge software and database applications to keep on the forefront of the industry, manage administration expectations, and ensure timely and accurate reporting.

Digital Settlement Group continuously strives to improve the quality of services and meet the Court guidelines of each class action.

Settlement Web Site

Digital Settlement Group will create and maintain a dedicated web site for the Class Members to learn about the Settlement. It will feature the ability to download all relevant documents (in industry standard PDF format), including Claim Forms, Important Dates, Frequently Asked Questions, Long Form Notice, and the Short Form notice. The site will be designed for broad compatibility with browsers and platforms using best practices. All traffic to the site will be monitored with proprietary fraud detection systems, similar to those used on ecommerce platforms, to help ensure legitimate Class Members receive the maximum benefit.

A 3rd party monitoring service will check the site at regular intervals to ensure the site is functioning properly and, if required, provide an independent report on the total up-time of the site.

The Settlement Web Site will be updated in a timely manner, based upon the Court-approved schedule. For example, when the deadline for filing a claim has passed, that option will be removed from the site.

Telephone

Digital Settlement Group will establish a toll-free telephone number for those who do not have access to the Internet (or prefer to use the telephone). The phone will have an IVR (Interactive Voice Response) system which will allow potential class members to request a Claim Form, learn more about the settlement, or ask questions not already answered on the Settlement Web Site.

Digital Settlement Group's IVR team pioneered the use of IVR for Direct Response, with clients including top-tier financial institutions such as Chase and CitiBank. With experience in industry standard institutional banking security compliance guidelines as well as strict ecommerce PCI compliance standards, Digital Settlement Group has experience in secure call center capture and operations. Furthermore, all calls and call durations will be accurately documented and reported.

<u>Claim Submission</u>

Digital Settlement Group will set up and monitor a dedicated P.O. Box to receive correspondence related to the Kashi Settlement, including Claim Forms, Exclusions, and Objections. Digital Settlement Group will provide a way for potential class members to file a claim online or download and print a claim form which they can send through traditional mail.

Per the Term Sheet, Class Members will have the option of presenting a proof of purchase. As administrator, Digital Settlement Group will track and verify proof of purchase when calculating the refund due. Also, in accordance with the Term Sheet, "Any claims process will allow class members who do not have proof of purchase to make a claim by way of a verified statement, and all class members will have the option of making a claim online."

Settlement Fund Distribution

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Digital Settlement Group will oversee and execute the distribution of funds to qualified Class Members as ordered by the Court. The company is highly experienced in automated payment distribution, managing an average of \$250,000 to \$500,000 in check-based payments per month. To date, the team has successfully distributed over \$6 million dollars.

Section 4: Notice & Administration Summary

The total cost for notice and administration is \$300,000 USD. The notice and administration will meet the legal requirements as set forth per the court as well as the Class Action Settlement agreement. The notice plan has been designed to reach the largest target audience in a cost-efficient and timely manner. Furthermore, the notice plan provides the best notice practicable, with similar reach to other Court-approved notice plans in the same product category.

Digital Settlement Group will adjust the notice plan on an as needed basis in order to maximize the number of claims filed.

Digital Settlement Group will use a reporting system that will allow it to optimize which placements are producing the greatest numbers of claims. Weekly reports will be provided to counsel with detailed information about the progress of the notice plan and the status of the administration.

Total impressions for the media are segmented as follows:

	Total Impressions:	45,587,000
Online Portal/Display	Graphic & Text	43,702,000
Print Publication	Graphic & Text	1,885,000
Media Category	Туре	Targeted Impressions

Given the budget allowed by the Settlement Agreement, Digital Settlement Group believes the proposed notice and administration serve the class in the most efficient manner.

Important Terms

This plan assumes print publications will display a summary notice of approximately 300 words.

Internet advertisements will not contain the full summary notice. Internet text and banner advertisements will be "clickable" to the settlement web site.

All final advertisements must be approved by the individual magazine and Internet publishers. In the event an outside publisher rejects an advertisement, replacement(s) with equal or greater reach may be substituted.

Space and availability in the magazines and Internet properties listed may be limited and change without notice.

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Appendix A – Digital Settlement Group CV

Digital Settlement Group has served as a Court-approved notice provider in numerous state and federal court class actions, including:

Taromina, v. Gaspari Nutrition, U.S. Dist. Ct., Central Dist., No. CV12-05424

Hogan, et al. v. USPlabs, LLC, Los Angeles County Superior Court, No. BC486925.

Wike v. HCG Platinum, LLC, Los Angeles County Superior Court, No. BC451080.

Keller v. Gaspari Nutrition, U.S. Dist. Ct., Central Dist., No. CV11-06158.

In re Wellnx Marketing & Sales Practices, U.S. Dist. Ct., D. Mass, MDL No. 1861.

Hojiwala, et al. v. Idea Village Products Corp., et al., Superior Court for the State of California, County of Orange, Case No. 30-2008-00060295.

Pearson, et al. v. NBTY, Inc, N.D. Ill, No. CV11-07972.

Arreguin v. Telebrands, San Bernadino Superior Court, No. CIVRS1307798.

Messick v. Applica, Florida Southern District Court, No. 0:12-CV-60464.

In approving *In Re: Wellnx Marketing & Sales Practices* (a national, 18 state multidistrict class action litigation), the Court noted: "the effort to provide notice to the class went well beyond what due process would require at its minimum. In fact, it was both an intelligent and effusive, if I can use that word, notification process, which has given me new some ideas for similar cases in the future for the proper way of giving notice in a case like this where it is

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hard to otherwise ascertain the identity of the class members."

In approving the *Wike v. HCG Platinum, et al* settlement, Judge Jayne L. Johnson wrote, "The Court finds that the Notice Plan set forth in Article IV of the Settlement Agreement and effectuated pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances and shall constitute sue and sufficient notice to the Settlement Class of the pendency of the Action, certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only, the terms of the Settlement Agreement, and the Final Approval Hearing, and satisfies the requirements of California law and federal due process law."

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA MIAMI DIVISION

Case No. 12-21678-CIV-LENARD/GOODMAN

KATRINA GARCIA and LAURA EGGNATZ, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, and JULIE MARTIN, individually,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

KASHI COMPANY, a California Corporation, and THE KELLOGG COMPANY, a Michigan Corporation,

Defendants.

[PROPOSED] ORDER PRELIMINARILY APPROVING CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT, CONDITIONALLY CERTIFYING THE SETTLEMENT CLASS, PROVIDING FOR NOTICE AND SCHEDULING ORDER

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs Katrina Garcia and Laura Eggnatz ("Plaintiffs") in this action entitled *Katrina Garcia, et al. vs. Kashi Company*, Case No. 12-21678-CIV-LENARD/ GOODMAN (the "Litigation") and Defendants Kashi Company ("Kashi") and The Kellogg Company ("Kellogg") ("Defendants") have entered into a Stipulation of Settlement, filed June 5, 2015 (the "Stipulation"), after lengthy arms-length settlement discussions;

WHEREAS, the Court has received and considered the Stipulation, including the accompanying exhibits;

WHEREAS, the Parties have made an application, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e), for an Order preliminarily approving the settlement of this Litigation, and for its dismissal with prejudice upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation;

WHEREAS, the Court has reviewed the Parties' application for such Order, and has found good cause for same.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

I. THE SETTLEMENT CLASS IS CERTIFIED

1. All defined terms contained herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in

the Stipulation.

2. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, and for settlement purposes only,

the Court hereby certifies this Litigation as a class action on behalf of the following Class:

All consumers who are not California residents and who purchased any of the Products listed in Exhibit H to the Stipulation during the Settlement Class Period for personal or household use. Excluded from the Class are: (a) Kashi's employees, officers and directors; (b) persons or entities who purchased the Products for the purpose of re-sale; (c) retailers or re-sellers of the Products; (d) governmental entities; (e) persons who timely and properly exclude themselves from the Class as provided herein; (f) the Court, the Court's immediate family, and Court staff; and (g).California residents.

3. With respect to the Class, the Court preliminarily finds the prerequisites for a class action under Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure have been met, in that: (a) the Class is so numerous that joinder of all individual Class members in the Litigation is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Class and those common questions of law and fact predominate over any individual questions; (c) the claims of the Class Representatives are typical of the claims of the Class; (d) the Class Representatives and Class Counsel will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Class; and (e) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.

4. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court hereby appoints Katrina Garcia and Laura Eggnatz as Class Representatives of the Class.

5. Having considered the factors set forth in Rule 23(g)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court hereby appoints Mark A. Milstein, Gillian L. Wade, and Sara D. Avila of Milstein Adelman LLP, L. DeWayne Layfield of the Law Office Of L. Dewayne Layfield, Angela Arango-Chaffin of the Chaffin Law Firm, and Michael T. Fraser of The Law Offices Of Howard W. Rubinstein as Co-Class Counsel to represent the Settlement Class members.

II. THE STIPULATION IS PRELIMINARILY APPROVED AND FINAL APPROVAL SCHEDULE SET

6. The Court hereby preliminarily approves the Stipulation and the terms and conditions of settlement set forth therein, subject to further consideration at the Settlement Hearing described below.

7. The Court has conducted a preliminary assessment of the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Stipulation, and hereby finds that the settlement falls within the range of reasonableness meriting possible final approval. The Court therefore preliminarily approves the proposed settlement as set forth in the Stipulation.

8. Pursuant to the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e), the Court will hold a final approval hearing (the "Settlement Hearing") on ______, 2015, at _____ a.m./p.m., in the Courtroom of the Honorable Joan A. Lenard, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Courtroom 12-1, U.S. Courthouse, 400 North Miami Avenue, Miami, FL 33128-1810, for the following purposes:

a. finally determining whether the Class meets all applicable requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 and, thus, the Class claims should be certified for purposes of effectuating the settlement;

b. determining whether the proposed settlement of the Litigation on the terms and conditions provided for in the Stipulation is fair, reasonable and adequate and should be approved by the Court;

c. considering the application of Class Counsel for a Fee and Expense Award as provided for under the Stipulation;

d. considering the application of Plaintiffs for Service Awards for serving as Class Representatives, as provided for under the Stipulation;

e. considering whether the Court should enter the [Proposed] Judgment, Final Order and Decree;

f. considering whether the release by the Settlement Class Members of the Released Claims as set forth in the Stipulation should be provided; and

g. ruling upon such other matters as the Court may deem just and appropriate.

9. The Court may reschedule, adjourn the Settlement Hearing and later reconvene such hearing without further notice to the Settlement Class Members.

10. The Parties may further modify the Stipulation prior to the Settlement Hearing so long as such modifications do not materially change the terms of the settlement provided thereunder. The Court may approve the Stipulation with such modifications as may be agreed to by the Parties, if appropriate, without further notice to Settlement Class Members.

11. Any objections to the proposed settlement must be postmarked or submitted online no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Settlement Hearing, including any memorandum and/or submissions in support of said objection, which deadline will be set forth in the Class Notice. Any replies to objections must be filed with this Court no later than fourteen (14) days before the Settlement Hearing.

12. Opening papers in support of the Settlement and any application for a Fee and Expense Award and/or Class Representative Service Awards must be filed with the Court and served no later than 45 days prior to the Settlement Hearing.

III. THE COURT APPROVES THE FORM AND METHOD OF CLASS NOTICE

13. The Court approves, as to form and content (or as may be amended by the Court), the proposed Notice of Class Action Settlement and Publication Notice (collectively the "Class Notice"), which are attached hereto as Exhibits A and B, respectively, to this Order.

14. The Court finds that the proposed methods for giving notice of the Settlement to the Members of the Settlement Class, as set forth in this Order and the Stipulation of Settlement, meet the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 and requirements of state and federal due process, is the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and shall constitute due and sufficient notice to all Persons entitled thereto. The Court authorizes the parties to make minor revisions to the Class Notice as they may jointly deem necessary or appropriate, without necessity of further Court action or approval.

15. The Court approves the designation of Digital Settlement Group, LLC, to serve as the Court-appointed Class Action Settlement Administrator for the settlement. The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall disseminate Class Notice and supervise and carry out the notice procedure, the processing of claims and other administrative functions, and shall respond to Class member inquiries, as set forth in the Stipulation and this Order under the direction and supervision of the Court.

16. The Court directs the Class Action Settlement Administrator to establish a Settlement Website, making available copies of this Order, Class Notice, Claim Forms that may be downloaded and submitted online or by mail, the Stipulation and all Exhibits thereto, frequently asked questions, a toll-free hotline, and such other information as may be of assistance to Class members or required under the Stipulation. The Claim Form shall be made available to Class members through the Settlement Website and on the websites of Class Counsel, at their options, no later than seven (7) days after the Court enters this Preliminary Approval Order, and continuously thereafter through the Claims Deadline.

17. The Class Action Settlement Administrator is ordered to provide Class Notice through the Settlement Website no later than seven (7) days after the Court enters the Preliminary Approval Order and through designated print publications no later than seventy-five (75) days after the Court enters the Preliminary Approval Order.

18. The costs of the Class Notice, processing of claims, creating and maintaining the Settlement Website, and all other Class Action Settlement Administrator and Class Notice expenses shall be paid by Kashi in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Stipulation.

IV. PROCEDURE FOR CLASS MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT

19. All Settlement Class Members shall be bound by all determinations and judgments in the Litigation concerning the settlement, whether favorable or unfavorable to the Class.

20. The Court approves the Parties' proposed form of the Claim Form. Any Class member who wishes to receive money from the settlement shall complete the Claim Form in

accordance with the instructions contained therein, and the Claim Form shall be postmarked or submitted on line to the Class Action Settlement Administrator no later than eight (8) days before the Settlement Hearing. Such deadline may be further extended without notice to the Class by Court Order.

21. The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall have the authority to accept or reject claims in accordance with the Stipulation, including the Claims Administration Protocols.

22. The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall send a letter to any applicable Settlement Class Member explaining the rejection of any claim no later than thirty (30) days after the Effective Date and of the opportunity and deadline to cure any deficiencies no later than forty-five (45) days after the Effective Date. The Class Action Settlement Administrator shall send payment to eligible Settlement Class Members no later than 90 days after the Effective Date.

23. Any Class member may enter an appearance in the Litigation, at his or her own expense, individually or through counsel. All Class members who do not enter an appearance will be represented by Class Counsel.

V. PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING EXCLUSION FROM THE CLASS

24. Any Person falling within the definition of the Class may, upon his or her request, be excluded from the Class. Any such Person must submit a completed request for exclusion to the Claims Administrator postmarked or submitted online no later than thirty (30) days before the Settlement Hearing (the "Opt-Out Deadline"), as set forth in the Class Notice. Requests for exclusion purportedly filed on behalf of groups of persons are prohibited and will be deemed to be void.

25. Any Class member who does not send a completed, signed request for exclusion to the Claims Administrator postmarked or submitted online on or before the Opt-Out Deadline will be deemed to be a Settlement Class Member for all purposes and will be bound by all further orders of the Court in this Litigation and by the terms of the settlement, if finally approved by the Court. The written request for exclusion must request exclusion from the Class, must be signed by the potential Settlement Class Member and include a statement indicating that the Person is a

member of the Class. All Persons who submit valid and timely requests for exclusion in the manner set forth in the Stipulation shall have no rights under the Stipulation and shall not be bound by the Stipulation or the Final Judgment and Order.

26. A list reflecting all requests for exclusions shall be filed with the Court by Plaintiffs at or before the Settlement Hearing.

VI. PROCEDURE FOR OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT

27. Any Class member who desires to object either to the settlement, Fee and Expense Award, or Class Representative Service Awards must timely file with the Clerk of this Court and timely serve on the Parties' counsel by hand or first-class mail a written notice of the objection, together with all papers that the Class member desires to submit to the Court no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Settlement Hearing (the "Objection Deadline"). The Court will consider such objection(s) and papers only if such papers are received on or before the Objection Deadline provided in the Class Notice, by the Clerk of the Court and by Class Counsel and Kashi's counsel. Such papers must be sent to each of the following persons:

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28. All objections must include the following information:

- a. the name of this Litigation;
- b. the objecting Class Member's full name and address;
- c. all grounds for the objection, accompanied by any legal support

known to the objecting Class Member or his or her counsel;

d. the identity of all counsel, including the lawyer's name, address and telephone number, who represent the objecting Class Member, including any former or current counsel who may be entitled to compensation for any reason related to the objection; e. a statement confirming whether the objecting Class Member or any counsel representing the objecting Class Member intends to personally appear and/or testify at the Settlement Hearing;

f. a list of any persons who may be called to testify at the Final Approval Hearing in support of the objection; and,

g. The signature of the objecting Class Member.

29. All objections must be filed with the Clerk and served on the Parties' counsel as set forth above no later than the Objection Deadline. Objections received after the Objection Deadline will not be considered at the Settlement Hearing. Any replies to objections must be filed with this Court no later than fourteen (14) days before Settlement Hearing.

30. All objections must include a reference to *Katrina Garcia, et al. v. Kashi Company*, Case No. 12-21678-CIV-LENARD/GOODMAN, the name of the Class member on whose behalf the objection is being submitted; and the Class member's address and telephone number. Attendance at the Settlement Hearing is not necessary; however, any Class member wishing to be heard orally with respect to approval of the settlement, the application for the Fee and Expense Award, or the application for Class Representative Service Awards, is required to provide written notice of their intention to appear at the Settlement Hearing no later than the Objection Deadline as set forth in the Class Notice. Class members who do not oppose the settlement, the applications for the Fee and Expense Award, or Class Representative Service Awards need not take any action to indicate their approval. A Person's failure to submit a written objection in accordance with the Objection Deadline and the procedure set forth in the Class Notice waives any rights the Person may have to object to the settlement, Fee and Expense Award, or Class Representative Service Awards, or to appeal or seek other review of the Final Judgment and Order.

31. If the agreement and Stipulation are finally approved, the Court shall enter a Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal approving the Stipulation. The proposed Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal is lodged herewith as Exhibit E. Said Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal shall be fully binding with respect to all members of the Settlement Class who did not request

exclusion by the date set in the Class Notice, in accordance with the terms of the Class Notice and the Agreement.

32. The court shall retain continuing jurisdiction over the Action, the Parties and the Settlement Class, and the administration, enforcement, and interpretation of the Stipulation.

DATED: _____, 2015

Submitted by:

FOR PLAINTIFFS

Dated: June 5, 2015

THE HONORABLE JOAN A. LENARD UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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