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9 Proposed Class

10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
11 **FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

12 NORIKO IKEDA, an individual on behalf
13 of herself and all others similarly situated,

14 **PLAINTIFF**

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17 v.

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21 KISS MY FACE, LLC; and DOES 1
22 through 25, inclusive.

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24 **DEFENDANT.**

Case No.

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

1 COMES NOW PLAINTIFF, NORIKO IKEDA, WHO HEREBY ALLEGES
2 THE FOLLOWING:

3 Plaintiff, NORIKO IKEDA (“Plaintiff”) brings this action on behalf of herself
4 and all others similarly situated against DEFENDANT, KISS MY FACE, LLC
5 (“DEFENDANT”).

6 The allegations in this Complaint, other than those with respect to Plaintiff,
7 NORIKO IKEDA, are stated on information and belief, have evidentiary support or are
8 likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation
9 and discovery.

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11 **NATURE OF ACTION**

12 1. Plaintiff, NORIKO IKEDA (“Plaintiff”) files this class action lawsuit on
13 behalf of herself and all similarly situated persons who purchased products branded by
14 KISS MY FACE, LLC, which is commonly known as “DEFENDANT”.

15 2. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of herself and a California and
16 Nationwide proposed class of purchasers of DEFENDANT for violations of California
17 Consumer Legal Remedies Act, California False Advertising Law, breach of express
18 warranty, unjust enrichment, fraud, negligent misrepresentation, and California Unfair
19 Competition Law. Plaintiff and class members purchased DEFENDANT’S Products
20 relying on such advertising, labeling, and statements: “naturally nourishing”, “nourish
21 naturally”, “100% Natural Minerals”, or “Natural Mineral Protection”.

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23 **PARTIES**

24 3. Plaintiff, NORIKO IKEDA (“Plaintiff”), is a citizen of California, who
25 resides in the County of Orange County.

1 4. Plaintiff altered her position in an amount equal to the amount she paid for
2 DEFENDANT' Products (as defined below in ¶14). Plaintiff will purchase
3 DEFENDANT'S Products in the future once the DEFENDANT'S Products' composition
4 conforms to its advertised labeling.

5 5. KISS MY FACE, LLC ("DEFENDANT") is an Delaware Limited Liability
6 Company with its principal place of business in P.O. Box 224, 144 Main St., Gardiner,
7 New York. DEFENDANT'S principal place of business in the state of New York.
8 DEFENDANT'S Products are marketed and sold in retail stores throughout the United
9 States. DEFENDANT'S Products contain false and misleading claims that are the subject
10 of the instant lawsuit. DEFENDANT is the owner, manufacturer, packager, and/or a
11 distributor of the Products, and is the company that created and/or authorized the false,
12 misleading, and deceptive advertisements and/or packaging and labeling for the Products
13 that claim it is natural or contains natural ingredients.

14 6. That the true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate
15 or otherwise of each of the DEFENDANT designated herein as a DOE are unknown to
16 Plaintiff at this time, who therefore, sue said DEFENDANT by fictitious names, and will
17 ask leave of this Court for permission to amend this Complaint to show their names and
18 capacities when the same have been ascertained. Plaintiff is informed and believes and
19 thereon alleges that each of the DEFENDANT designated as a DOE is legally
20 responsible in some manner for the events and happenings herein referred to, and caused
21 injuries and damages thereby to these Plaintiff as alleged herein.

22 7. On information and belief, Plaintiff alleges that at all times herein
23 mentioned, each of the DEFENDANT was acting as the agent, servant or employee of the
24 other DEFENDANT and that during the times and places of the incident in question,
25 DEFENDANT and each of their agents, servants, and employees became liable to

1 Plaintiff and class members for the reasons described in the complaint herein, and thereby
2 proximately caused Plaintiff to sustain damages as set forth herein. On information and
3 belief, Plaintiff alleges that DEFENDANT carried out a joint scheme with a common
4 business plan and policies in all respects pertinent hereto and that all acts and omissions
5 herein complained of were performed in knowing cooperation with each other.

6 8. On information and belief, Plaintiff alleges that the shareholders, executive
7 officers, managers, and supervisors of the DEFENDANT directed, authorized, ratified
8 and/or participated in the actions, omissions and other conduct that gives rise to the
9 claims asserted herein. DEFENDANT'S officers, directors, and high-level employees
10 caused DEFENDANT'S Products to be sold with knowledge or reckless disregard that
11 the statements and representations concerning DEFENDANT Products were false and
12 misleading.

13 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that each of said
14 DEFENDANT is in some manner intentionally, negligently, or otherwise responsible for
15 the acts, omissions, occurrences, and transactions alleged herein.

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17 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

18 10. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction according to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d),
19 because this case is a class action where the aggregate claims of all members of the
20 proposed class are in excess of \$5,000,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs and most
21 members of the proposed class are citizens of states different from DEFENDANT. This
22 Court also has supplemental jurisdiction over state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §
23 1367.

24 11. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(a), venue is proper. Plaintiff is a citizen of
25 Orange County, California. This Court has personal jurisdiction over DEFENDANT

1 because DEFENDANT conduct business in California and otherwise intentionally avail
2 themselves of the markets in California to render the exercise of jurisdiction by this Court
3 proper. DEFENDANT has marketed, promoted, distributed, and sold the products in
4 California and in this District where Plaintiff purchased DEFENDANT’S Products.

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6 **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

7 12. Plaintiff, NORIKO IKEDA has purchased DEFENDANT, KISS MY FACE,
8 LLC’S Products (sunscreen lotion and body wash/shower gel) from Sprouts in Orange
9 County, California since 2016.

10 13. DEFENDANT, KISS MY FACE, LLC falsely promotes, advertises, and
11 markets various skin care Products (as defined below) as all natural and/or made with all
12 natural ingredients. Based on DEFENDANT’S Products being labeled as ‘natural’,
13 Plaintiff and class members paid a premium over comparable products. Instead,
14 DEFENDANT’S Products that are labeled as natural contain artificial and synthetic
15 ingredients.

16 13. DEFENDANT manufactures, produces, and markets various skin care
17 Products that are sold throughout the United States. DEFENDANT claims that the
18 Products that are the subject of this action are DEFENDANT’S body/moisturizing lotions
19 and Body Wash products (“Products”).

20 14. The Products that are the subject of this lawsuit are defined as and include:
21 1) Sunscreen: Sun Spray Lotion and Kids Defense Lotion;
22 2) Body Wash: Sensitive Type, Anti-Stress, Cold & Flu, Peaceful Patchouli, Early to
23 Bed, Early to Rise, Silky Soft, Tropical Indulgence, and Active Athletic; and
24 3) Body Lotion: Olive & Aloe, Vitamin A & E, Honey & Calendula, Tropical Coconut,
25 Lavender Shea, and Peaches & Crème.

1 15. DEFENDANT prominently displays “naturally nourishing”, “nourish
2 naturally”, “100% Natural Minerals”, or “Natural Mineral Protection” on the face of its
3 Products.

4 23. The phrase “naturally nourishing”, “nourish naturally”, “100% Natural
5 Minerals”, or “Natural Mineral Protection” is a representation made by DEFENDANT in
6 advertising the Products to consumers that reasonable consumers believe contain only
7 natural ingredients.

8 24. DEFENDANT knew that Plaintiff and consumers will pay more for a
9 product labeled “natural,” and intended to deceive Plaintiff and putative class members
10 by labeling the Products as purportedly natural products. The phrases “naturally
11 nourishing”, “nourish naturally”, “100% Natural Minerals”, or “Natural Mineral
12 Protection” are misleading to a reasonable consumer, because the Products actually
13 contain artificial and synthetic ingredients - phenoxyethanol and/or ethylhexylglycerin.

14 15. DEFENDANT’S Products contain artificial or synthetic ingredients. Each
15 of the DEFENDANT’S Products each contains phenoxyethanol and/or
16 ethylhexylglycerin, and/or glycerin. In April 2016, the FDA filed complaints against four
17 (4) manufacturers of products that contain phenoxyethanol and/or ethylhexylglycerin,
18 which agreed to cease from advertising the their products as natural.¹

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20 **PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

21 34. In addition to asserting class claims, Plaintiffs assert claims on behalf of
22 class members pursuant to *California Business & Professions Code § 17200, et seq.* The
23 purpose of such claims is to obtain injunctive orders regarding the false labeling,

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25 ¹ [https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2016/04/four-companies-agree-stop-falselypromoting-](https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2016/04/four-companies-agree-stop-falselypromoting-their-personal-care)
26 [their-personal-care](https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2016/04/four-companies-agree-stop-falselypromoting-their-personal-care)

1 deceptive marketing and consistent pattern and practice of falsely promoting
2 DEFENDANT’S Products as natural, which requires the disgorgement of all profits
3 and/or restoration of monies wrongfully obtained through DEFENDANT’S unfair and
4 deceptive business practices. This private attorneys general action is necessary and
5 appropriate because DEFENDANT have engaged in wrongful acts described herein as
6 part of the regular practice of their businesses.

7 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

8 35. Plaintiff brings this action on her own behalf and on behalf of all other persons
9 similarly situated pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.
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11 36. The following Classes that Plaintiff seeks to represent are:

12 a. All persons residing in the United States who purchased the Products for
13 personal use and not for resale during the time period April 26, 2013, through the
14 present (“Class”).

15 b. All persons residing in the State of California who purchased the Products for
16 personal use and not for resale during the time period April 26, 2013, through
17 the present (“Sub-Class”).

18 37. The Class comprises many thousands of persons throughout the United
19 States and California, the joinder of whom is impracticable, and the disposition of their
20 claims in a Class Action will benefit the parties and the Court. The Class is sufficiently
21 numerous because millions of units of the Products have been sold in the United States
22 and State of California during the time period April 26, 2013, through the present (the
23 “Class Period”).

24 38. There is a well-defined community of interest in this litigation and the class
25 is easily ascertainable:
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- 1 a. Numerosity: The members of the class are so numerous that any form of
2 joinder of all members would be unfeasible and impractical. On information
3 and belief, Plaintiff believes the Class and Sub-Class exceed thousands of
4 members.
- 5 b. Typicality: Plaintiff is qualified to and will fairly and adequately protects the
6 interests of each member of the class with whom they have a well-defined
7 community of interest and the claims (or defenses, if any), are typical of all
8 members of the class.
- 9 c. Adequacy: Plaintiff does not have a conflict with the class and is qualified to,
10 and will fairly and adequately protect the interests of each member of the class
11 with whom they have a well- defined community of interest and typicality of
12 claims, as alleged herein. Plaintiff acknowledges that they have an obligation
13 to the Court to make known any relationship, conflict, or differences with any
14 member. Plaintiffs' attorneys and proposed class counsel are well versed in the
15 rules governing class action and complex litigation regarding discovery,
16 certification, and settlement.
- 17 d. Superiority: The nature of this action makes the use of class action adjudication
18 superior to other methods. Class action will achieve economies of time, effort,
19 and expense as compared with separate lawsuits, and will avoid inconsistent
20 outcomes because the same issues can be adjudicated in the same manner and at
21 the same time for the entire class.

22 39. There exist common questions of law and fact that predominate over
23 questions that may affect individual Class members. Common questions of law and fact
24 include, but are not limited to, the following:
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- 1 a. Whether DEFENDANT' conduct is a fraudulent business act or practice within the
meaning of Business and Professions Code section 17200, *et seq.*;
- 2 b. Whether DEFENDANT' advertising is untrue or misleading within the meaning of
3 Business and Professions Code section 17500, *et seq.*;
- 4 c. Whether DEFENDANT made false and misleading representations in their
advertising and packaging of the Products;
- 5 d. Whether DEFENDANT knew or should have known that the representations were
false;
- 6 e. Whether DEFENDANT represented that the Products has characteristics, benefits,
7 uses, or quantities which the Product does not have;
- 8 f. Whether DEFENDANT representations regarding the Products are false;
- 9 g. Whether DEFENDANT warranted the Products;
- 10 h. Whether DEFENDANT breached the express warranties it made;
- 11 i. Whether DEFENDANT committed statutory and common law fraud by doing so;
and
- 12 j. Whether DEFENDANT' conduct is an unlawful business act or practice within the
13 meaning of Business and Professions Code section 17200, *et seq.*;

14 40. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class, and Plaintiff will
15 fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the Class. Plaintiff has retained
16 competent and experienced counsel in class action and other complex litigation.

17 41. Plaintiff and the Class have suffered injury in fact and have lost money as a
18 result of DEFENDANT' false representations, statements, and advertising. Indeed,
19 Plaintiff purchased the Product based on DEFENDANT'S representations and statements
20 contained on its labeling. Plaintiff relied on DEFENDANT'S packaging and would not
21 have purchased the Product if she had known that the Product did not have the
22 characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities as represented.

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24 42. A class action is superior to other available methods for fair and efficient
25 adjudication of this controversy. The expense and burden of individual litigation would
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1 make it impracticable or impossible for Class members to prosecute their claims
2 individually.

3 43. The trial and litigation of Plaintiff's claims are manageable. Individual
4 litigation of the legal and factual issues raised by DEFENDANT'S conduct would
5 increase delay and expense to all parties and the court system. The class action device
6 presents far fewer management difficulties and provides the benefits of a single, uniform
7 adjudication, economies of scale, and comprehensive supervision by a single court.
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9 44. DEFENDANT has acted on grounds generally applicable to the entire Class,
10 thereby making final injunctive relief and/or corresponding declaratory relief appropriate
11 with respect to the Class as a whole. The prosecution of separate actions by individual
12 Class members would create the risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect
13 to individual members of the Class that would establish incompatible standards of
14 conduct for DEFENDANT.

15 45. Absent a class action, DEFENDANT will likely retain the benefits of their
16 wrongdoing. Because of the small size of the individual Class members' claims, few, if
17 any, Class members could afford to seek legal redress for the wrongs complained of
18 herein. Absent a representative action, the Class members will continue to suffer losses
19 and DEFENDANT will be allowed to continue these violations of law and to retain the
20 proceeds of their ill-gotten gains.
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22 46. Excluded from the class are DEFENDANT in this action, any entity in
23 which DEFENDANT have a controlling interest, including, but not limited to officers,
24 directors, shareholders, current employees and any and all legal representatives, heirs,
25 successors, and assigns of DEFENDANT.
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1 47. Were if not for this class action, most class members would find the cost
2 associated with litigating claims extremely prohibitive, which would result in no remedy.

3 48. This class action would serve to preserve judicial resources, the respective
4 parties' resources, and present fewer issues with the overall management of claims, while
5 at the same time ensuring a consistent result as to each class member.

6 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

7 Consumers Legal Remedies Act, California Civil Code §§ 1750, et seq.
8 By Plaintiff and Proposed California Class against DEFENDANT
(Injunctive Relief Only with Reservation)

9 49. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations contained in all
10 preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

11 50. Plaintiff and Class are "consumers" as defined by Cal. Civ. Code § 1761(d)
12 and the Product is a "good" as defined by Cal.Civ.Code § 1761(a).

13 51. The California's Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code §
14 1770(a)(5), expressly prohibits "representing that goods or services have sponsorship,
15 approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities which they do not have
16 or that a person has a sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation, or connection which he or
17 she does not have." California's Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code §
18 1770(a)(7), prohibits representing that goods or services are of a particular standard,
19 quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another.
20 And, California's Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 1770(a)(9),
21 expressly prohibits "[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as
22 advertised". DEFENDANT'S claims that the Products are "natural", which are
23 misleading since it contains artificial or synthetic ingredients - phenoxyethanol and/or
24 ethylhexylglycerin and therefore violates Cal. Civ. Code § 1770(a)(5), (7), and (9).

1 53. DEFENDANT's ongoing deliberate manipulation of violates the following
2 subsections of Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a) in these respects:

3 a. DEFENDANT's acts and practices constitute misrepresentations concerning
4 characteristics, benefits or uses, which it does not have;

5 b. DEFENDANT misrepresented that is of a particular standard,
6 quality and/or grade, when they are of another;

7 c. DEFENDANT's acts and practices described herein constitute the
8 advertisement of DEFENDANT's Products without the intent to sell them as advertised;

9 d. DEFENDANT's acts and practices constitute representations that
10 DEFENDANT Products have been supplied in accordance with previous representations
11 when it has not.

12 54. Plaintiff and the proposed Sub-Class of California class members suffered
13 injuries caused by DEFENDANT because they would not have purchased DEFENDANT
14 Products if the true facts were known concerning its false and misleading regarding its
15 "natural" claims, statements and representations.

16 55. On or about April 25, 2017, prior to filing this action, a notice letter was
17 served on DEFENDANT. Plaintiff served the letter on DEFENDANT advising
18 DEFENDANT that it is in violation of the CLRA, demanding remedies for Plaintiff and
19 class members pursuant to California Civil Code §1782(a).

20 56. Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief only for this violation of the CLRA, but
21 reserves it right to amend this complaint to include allegations for the recovery of
22 damages under the CLRA pursuant to California Civil Code §1780(a)(3).

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24 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

25 Violation Of California Business & Professions Code §§17500, et seq.
26 Plaintiff and Proposed California Class against DEFENDANT

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

Breach of Express Warranty

By Plaintiff and Proposed Nationwide Class against DEFENDANT

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3 64. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations contained in all
4 preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

5 65. Plaintiff brings this claim individually and on behalf of the proposed Class
6 against DEFENDANT.

7 66. DEFENDANT, as the designer, manufacturer, marketer, distributor, and/or
8 seller, made express statements or representations of fact or promise concerning the
9 Products. These representations, promises were part of the basis of the bargain, wherein
10 Plaintiff and other Class members purchased the DEFENDANT' Products in reasonable
11 reliance on those statements or representations.

12 67. DEFENDANT' Products is not fit for such purposes because each of the
13 express warranties that the Products are "natural" are false statements, representations,
14 and warranties.

15 68. DEFENDANT's breach of express warranty is the direct and proximate
16 cause of Plaintiff and Proposed Nationwide Class members that have been injured and
17 harmed because they would not have purchased DEFENDANT Products on the same
18 terms if the true facts were known concerning its "natural" claims regarding the Products
19 since it did not have the characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities as
20 promised.

21 69. As a proximate result of this breach of warranty by DEFENDANT, Plaintiff
22 and the Class have suffered damages in an amount to be determined at trial.
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FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Violations of California Commercial Code § 2313
By Plaintiff and Proposed California Class against DEFENDANT

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3 70. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations contained in all
4 preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

5 71. DEFENDANT made statements, representations, and affirmations of fact or
6 promises, or descriptions of goods carrying health and wellness claims regarding the
7 Products. Plaintiff and other Class members reasonably relied on DEFENDANT's
8 statements and representations regarding the Product at the time of purchasing the
9 Products. California Commercial Code § 2313(1).

10 72. DEFENDANT breached its express warranties by selling products and
11 goods that are not "natural" since the Products contain artificial or synthetic ingredients -
12 phenoxyethanol and/or ethylhexylglycerin and/or glycerin.

13 73. DEFENDANT's breached was the actual and proximate cause of the injury
14 to Plaintiff and Class members in the form of money that was paid in exchange for the
15 Products.

16 74. Plaintiff seeks damages on behalf of herself and other Class members as a
17 result of DEFENDANT' breaches of express warranty.
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20 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

Fraud

21 Plaintiff and Proposed Nationwide Class against DEFENDANT

22 92. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations contained in all
23 preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

24 93. Plaintiff brings this claim individually and on behalf of the proposed Class
25 against DEFENDANT.
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1 94. As discussed above, DEFENDANT provided Plaintiff and Class members
2 with false or misleading material information and failed to disclose material facts about
3 DEFENDANT' Products.

4 95. DEFENDANT misrepresented the "natural" claims related to the Products.

5 96. These misrepresentations and omissions were made with knowledge of their
6 falsehood.

7 97. The misrepresentations and/or omissions made by DEFENDANT, upon
8 which Plaintiff and Class members reasonably and justifiably relied, were intended to
9 induce and actually induced Plaintiff and Class members to purchase DEFENDANT'
10 Products.

11 98. The fraudulent actions of DEFENDANT caused damage to Plaintiff and
12 Class members, who are entitled to damages, punitive damages, and other legal and
13 equitable relief as a result.

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15 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

16 **Negligent Misrepresentation**

17 **Plaintiff and Proposed Nationwide Class against DEFENDANT**

18 99. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations contained in all
19 preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

20 100. Plaintiff brings this claim individually and on behalf of the proposed Class
21 against DEFENDANT.

22 101. DEFENDANT misrepresented the nature of the Products. DEFENDANT
23 had a duty to disclose this information.

24 102. At the time DEFENDANT made these representations, DEFENDANT knew
25 or should have known that these representations were false or made them without
26 knowledge of their truth or veracity.

1 103. DEFENDANT negligently misrepresented and omitted material facts about
2 the Products. Plaintiff and the Class relied upon the negligent statements or omissions.

3 104. The negligent misrepresentations and/or omissions made by DEFENDANT,
4 upon which Plaintiff and Class members reasonably and justifiably relied, were intended
5 to induce and actually induced Plaintiff and Class members to purchase DEFENDANT'
6 Products.

7 105. Plaintiff and Class members would not have paid a premium or purchased
8 DEFENDANT' Products if the true facts had been known.

9 106. The negligent actions of DEFENDANT caused damage to Plaintiff and
10 Class members, who are entitled to damages and other legal and equitable relief as a
11 result.

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13 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

14 Violation California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq.
15 By Plaintiff and Proposed California Class against DEFENDANT

16 107. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations contained in all
17 preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

18 108. Plaintiff brings this claim individually and on behalf of the proposed Sub-
19 Class against DEFENDANT.

20 109. DEFENDANT is subject to California's Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus.
21 & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq. The UCL provides, in pertinent part: "Unfair competition
22 shall mean and include unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business practices and unfair,
23 deceptive, untrue or misleading advertising"

24 110. DEFENDANT has knowledge that its "natural" claims are false or
25 misleading as a result the Products contain artificial or synthetic ingredients -
26 phenoxyethanol and/or ethylhexylglycerin and/or glycerin.

1 112. In addition, DEFENDANT violated the same Acts as a result of violating
2 False Advertising Law, California Business and Professions Code §§17500, et seq., The
3 Consumers Legal Remedy Act Cal. Civ. Code §§1750, et seq., California Commercial
4 Code §§2313 and 2314.

5 113. DEFENDANT's misrepresentations and other conduct, described herein,
6 violated the "unlawful" prong of the UCL by violating the California Consumer's Legal
7 Remedy Act, California's False Advertising Act, and express and implied warranty law,
8 including, but not limited to the California Commercial Code in addition to other state
9 and federal laws.

10 114. DEFENDANT's misrepresentations and other conduct, described herein,
11 violated the "unfair" prong of the UCL in that its conduct is substantially injurious to
12 consumers, offends public policy, and is immoral, unethical, oppressive, and
13 unscrupulous, as the gravity of the conduct outweighs any alleged benefits.
14 DEFENDANT conduct constitutes a unfair violation because DEFENDANT conduct is
15 unethical, unscrupulous, and injurious to consumers given the false and misleading
16 labeling. The harm is substantial given significant given false claims and representation
17 which caused harm to the Plaintiff and class members.

18 115. DEFENDANT has specific knowledge that its "natural" claims are false and
19 misleading, but continued to market the DEFENDANT' Products with the intent of
20 making substantial profits.

21 116. DEFENDANT' conduct is also unfair given the huge profits derived from
22 the sale of the DEFENDANT Products at the expense of consumers as a result of the
23 false and misleading advertising claims.

24 117. DEFENDANT violated the "fraudulent" prong of the UCL by making false
25 statements, untruths, and misrepresentations about health and wellness claims relating to
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1 its Products, as described herein this complaint, which are likely to deceive reasonable
2 consumers and the public.

3 118. Plaintiff, the Class, and the Subclass lost money or property as a result of
4 DEFENDANT's UCL violations because they would not have purchased DEFENDANT'
5 Products or paid the premium price, if the true facts were known concerning its false and
6 misleading health and wellness claims.

7 119. DEFENDANT's business practices, as detailed above, are unethical,
8 oppressive and unscrupulous, and they violate fundamental policies of this state. Further,
9 any justification for DEFENDANT's wrongful conduct is outweighed by the adverse
10 effects of such conduct.

11 120. Plaintiff, the Class, and Sub-Class members could not reasonably avoid the
12 harm caused by DEFENDANT's wrongful practices. Assuming, arguendo, that
13 DEFENDANT's practices are not express violations of the laws set forth above, those
14 practices fall within the penumbra of such laws and a finding of unfairness can properly
15 be-tethered to the public policies expressed therein. Thus, DEFENDANT engaged in
16 unfair business practices prohibited by California Business & Professions Code § 17200
17 et seq.

18 121. Plaintiff, the Class, and the Sub-Class are entitled to restitution and
19 injunctive relief.

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21 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

22 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,
23 seeks judgment against DEFENDANT, as follows:

- 24 a. For an order certifying the nationwide Class and the Subclass under Rule 23 of the
25 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

- 1 b. Plaintiff as the representative of the Class and Subclass and Plaintiff's attorneys as
2 Class Counsel to represent members of the Class and Subclass;
- 3 c. For an order declaring the DEFENDANT's conduct violates the statutes and laws
4 referenced herein;
- 5 d. For an order finding in favor of Plaintiff, the nationwide Class, and the Subclass on
6 all counts asserted herein;
- 7 e. For compensatory and punitive damages in amounts to be determined by the Court
8 and/or jury;
- 9 f. For prejudgment interest on all amounts awarded;
- 10 g. For an order of restitution and all other forms of equitable monetary relief;
- 11 h. For injunctive relief as pleaded or as the Court may deem proper; and
- 12 i. For an order awarding Plaintiff, the Class, and the Subclass their reasonable
13 attorneys' fees and expenses and costs of suit.

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15 **DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

16 Plaintiff demands a trial by jury of all issues so triable.

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18 Respectfully submitted,

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20 Dated: April 26, 2017

NATHAN & ASSOCIATES, APC

21 By: /s/ Reuben D. Nathan
22 Reuben D. Nathan, Attorney for
23 Plaintiff, NORIKO IKEDA

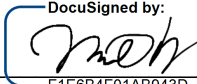
Declaration Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1780(d)

I, Noriko Ikeda, declare as follows:

1. I am the Plaintiff in the foregoing action. I am also a citizen of the State of California.
2. I am competent and have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein. If called as a witness, I could and would testify thereto.
3. The complaint filed in this action is filed in the proper place for filing the complaint and trial under California Civil Code Section 1780(d) since Defendants do business in this District.
4. I have purchased Kiss My Face, LLC's Sunscreen lotion and Body Wash/Shower Gel ("Products") in this District in the county of Orange, California within the last year of executing this declaration.
5. I relied on the natural labeling claims, which was a substantial factor in causing me to purchase the Products and I understood them to mean that the Products were natural and did not contain artificial and/or synthetic ingredients (or chemicals). I would not have purchased the Products had I known that the representation was false and misleading.

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, executed at Irvine, California.

DATED: April 22, 2017

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NORIKO IKEDA