

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**JOHN BAKOPOULOS, PENNY BOWERS,  
JENNIFER O’CONNOR, and MELVIN  
JETER**, on behalf of themselves and all others  
similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

**MARS PETCARE US, INC.,**

Defendant.

**No. 1:20-cv-06841**

**Honorable Manish S. Shah**

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Plaintiffs John Bakopoulos, Penny Bowers, Jennifer O’Connor and Melvin Jeter (collectively “Plaintiffs”) and Defendant Mars Petcare US, Inc. (“Defendant” or “Mars”), jointly submit this status report pursuant to ECF No. 50 regarding discovery and settlement progress:

The Parties have reached an agreement in principle to resolve the case and expect to have that completed in the coming weeks.

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Dated: July 28, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Brian D. Straw, an attorney, certify that I electronically filed the Joint Status Report with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the parties of record on this 28th day of July 2022.

*/s/ Brian D. Straw* \_\_\_\_\_  
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