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CLASS AND REPRESENTATIVE ACTION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Class and Representative Action Settlement Agreement is between (1) Plaintiff Norbertha Flores Avena—individually and on behalf of the Class Members defined below—and (2) Defendant Pacific Scientific Energetic Materials Company (California) LLC (collectively, the "Parties"). By this Agreement, the Parties intend, with judicial approval, to settle the Action (defined below). If this Agreement is not finally approved, or is otherwise nullified, then the Parties shall return to their positions preceding this Agreement and Defendant shall retain all rights to challenge Plaintiff's claims and the certification of any class or collective, unless the Parties agree to seek reconsideration of the ruling or Court approval of a renegotiated agreement.

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1. Definitions

The following definitions apply to this Agreement. Each defined term appears throughout in initial capital letters.

- 1.1. Action. "Action" means the lawsuit entitled *Norbertha Flores Avena v. Pacific Scientific Energetic Materials Company (California) LLC*, et al., filed May 14, 2020 in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of San Benito as Case No. CU-20-00062, and all complaints filed therein.
- **1.2. Administrative Costs**. "Administrative Costs" means all costs that the Settlement Administrator incurs in administering this Agreement.
- **1.3. Agreement**. "Agreement" means this Class and Representative Action Settlement Agreement, which includes all its Recitals and all the attached Exhibits.
- **1.4.** Class Counsel. "Class Counsel" refers to Matern Law Group, PC. For purposes of providing any notice under this Agreement, Class Counsel shall refer to Matthew J. Matern and Matthew W. Gordon, 1230 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, California 90266.
- 1.5. Class Counsel Award. "Class Counsel Award" refers to the amount of attorney's fees and costs that the Court awards in connection with resolving the Action in accordance with this Agreement.
- 1.6. Class Members. "Class Members" refers to those individuals who for purposes of this Agreement will be certified as members of the class, defined as follows: all individuals whom Defendant employed in California as nonexempt employees at any time during the Settlement Period for Class Members.
 - **1.7.** Class Period. See "Settlement Period."
 - **1.8.** Class Representative. "Class Representative" refers to Plaintiff Norbertha Flores Avena.
 - **1.9. Complaint**. "Complaint" refers to any and all complaints filed in the Action.
- **1.10. Consideration Period**. "Consideration Period" refers to the 45 calendar days following initial mailing of the Notice of Settlement, during which an individual can submit an Objection or a Request for Exclusion.

- **1.11. Court**. "Court" refers to the judge presiding over this Action in the California Superior Court for the County of San Benito.
- **1.12. Defendant**. "Defendant" refers to Pacific Scientific Energetic Materials Company (California) LLC.
- **1.13. Defense Counsel**. "Defense Counsel" refers to Seyfarth Shaw LLP. For purposes of providing any notices required under this Agreement, Defense Counsel shall refer to Timothy M. Rusche, trusche@seyfarth.com.
- **1.14. Effective Date**. "Effective Date" shall be the later of (a) the Court's final approval of the Agreement, if no objections have been filed, (b) the time of appeal has expired if an objection has been filed, (c) or the final resolution of any appeal that has been filed.
- 1.15. Fairness Hearing. "Fairness Hearing" is the hearing at which the Court decides whether the terms of the Agreement are fair, reasonable, and adequate and meet all requirements for Final Approval.
- **1.16. Final Approval Order**. "Final Approval Order" is the order the Court issues, in connection with the Fairness Hearing, that approves this Agreement.
- 1.17. Gross Settlement Amount. "Gross Settlement Amount" refers to the maximum payment Defendant may be obligated to make in connection with the Agreement: \$1,700,000. This sum includes all Individual Settlement Payments, any Service Award, the PAGA Payment, Administrative Costs, and the Class Counsel Award; provided, however, it excludes Defendant's share of employer payroll taxes. No portion of the Gross Settlement Amount shall revert to Defendant.
- 1.18. Individual Settlement Payment. "Individual Settlement Payment" refers to the amount the Settlement Administrator distributes from the Net Settlement Amount to each Settlement Class Member.
- **1.19. Judgment**. "Judgment" refers to the final judgment entered by the Court in this Action after finally approving the Agreement.
- **1.20. LWDA**. "LWDA" refers to the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency, which enforces the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 ("PAGA"), and which receives the LWDA portion of the PAGA Payment.

- 1.21. Net Settlement Amount. "Net Settlement Amount" refers to the portion of the Gross Settlement Amount that remains after accounting for any Service Award, the PAGA Payment, Administrative Costs, and the Class Counsel Award.
- **1.22. Notice of Settlement**. "Notice of Settlement" means a notice of the terms of the Agreement, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A.
- **1.23. Objection**. "Objection" refers to a written statement timely submitted to the Settlement Administrator that contains (1) the Objector's full name and current mailing address, (2) the last four digits of the Objector's social security number, (3) the specific reason(s) for the Objection, and (4) all evidence and supporting papers (including, without limitation, all briefs, written evidence, and declarations) for the Court to consider.
- **1.24. Objector**. "Objector" refers to a Settlement Class Member who has submitted an Objection.
- **1.25. PAGA Members.** "PAGA Members" refers to all individuals whom Defendant employed in California as nonexempt employees at any time during the Settlement Period for PAGA Members.
- **1.26. PAGA Payment**. "PAGA Payment" refers to a payment in settlement of a claim for civil penalties under the Private Attorney General Act of 2004, 75% shall be payable to the LWDA and 25% shall be payable to PAGA Members.
 - **1.27.** Parties. "Parties" refers collectively to (1) Plaintiff and (2) Defendant.
 - **1.28. Plaintiff**. "Plaintiff" refers to Class Representative Norbertha Flores Avena.
- **1.29. Preliminary Approval**. "Preliminary Approval" refers to the court order granting preliminary approval of this Agreement.
- **1.30. Qualified Settlement Fund**. "Qualified Settlement Fund" means a qualified settlement fund established pursuant to U.S. Treasury Regulation section 468B-1, 29 C.F.R. § 468B-1.
- **1.31. Released Parties**. "Released Parties" refers to Defendant and each and all of its current or former subsidiaries, parents, affiliates, joint ventures, predecessors, insurers, agents, employees, successors, assigns, officers, officials, directors, attorneys, personal representatives, executors, and shareholders, including their respective pension, profit sharing, savings, health, and other employee

benefits plans of any nature, the successors of such plans, and those plans' respective current or former trustees and administrators, agents, employees, and fiduciaries.

- **1.32. Request for Exclusion**. "Request for Exclusion" refers to a timely, written, opt-out request signed by a Class Member and submitted to the Settlement Administrator with the following information: (1) the Class Member's full name and current mailing address, (2) the last four digits of the Class Member's social security number, (3) an express statement that the Class Member wishes to be excluded from the terms of the Agreement.
- 1.33. Released Class Claims. "Released Class Claims" refers to all claims that this Agreement will extinguish as to all Settlement Class Members who do not submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion, upon the deposit of the Gross Settlement Amount in the Qualified Settlement Fund.
- **1.34. Released PAGA Claims.** "Released PAGA Claims" refers to all claims that this Agreement will extinguish as to all PAGA Members, upon the deposit of the Gross Settlement Amount in the Qualified Settlement Fund.
- 1.35. Service Award. "Service Award" refers to any payment that the Court awards for service as a Class Representative and for entering into special agreements described in Paragraph 8 of this Agreement.
- **1.36. Settlement Administrator**. "Settlement Administrator" refers to the third-party administrator, identified below, that the Parties select.
- **1.37. Settlement Class**. "Settlement Class" refers to all Class Members who do not file a timely and valid Request for Exclusion.
- **1.38. Settlement Period**. "Settlement Period for Class Members" refers to the period beginning on May 14, 2016 through the Court's preliminary approval of the Agreement, or December 18, 2023, whichever is earlier. "Settlement Period for PAGA Members" refers to the period beginning on March 10, 2019 through the Court's preliminary approval of the Agreement, or December 18, 2023, whichever is earlier.

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2. Recitals and Procedural History

- **2.1. Business of Defendant**. Defendant is engaged in the business of electronic and laser fabrication assembly and inert and explosive device assembly, and it has employed individuals in California.
- 2.2. **Allegations in Complaint**. On May 14, 2020 Plaintiff brought this Action against Defendant, in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of San Benito, as an individual and on behalf of a class of similarly situated employees. Plaintiff filed a first amended complaint adding a claim under California's Private Attorneys General Act, and she subsequently filed a second amended complaint. The Action has asserted claims for, among other things: (1) failure to provide required meal periods (Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7, 510, 512, 1194, 1197, and California Wage Order No. 1-2001 § 11), (2) failure to provide required rest periods (Cal. Lab. Code §§226.7, 512, and California Wage Order No. 1-2001, § 12); (3) failure to pay overtime wages (Cal. Lab. Code §§ 200, 203, 226, 510, 558, 1193.6, 1194, 1198 and California Wage Order No. 1-2001 § 3); (4) failure to pay minimum wages (Cal. Lab. Code §§ 200, 201, 202, 203, 226, 510, 558, 1193.6, 1194, 1197, and 2699 and California Wage Order No. 1-2001 § 4); (5) failure to pay all wages due to discharged and quitting employees (Cal. Lab. Code §§ 201, 202, and 203; (6) and (7) failure to furnish accurate itemized wage statements and maintain records (Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226, 226.3, 1174, 1174.5, and Cal Wage Order No. 1-2001 § 7); (8) failure to indemnify for business expenses (Cal. Lab. Code § 2802); (9) unfair and unlawful business practices (Cal. Business & Prof. Code § 17200, et seq.); (10) penalties under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act (Cal. Lab. Code §§ 2698 – 2699.5), including for violations of Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 221, 225.5 223, 224, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 1999, and 2802.
- 2.3. Defendant's Denials. Defendant denies (1) all the material allegations in this Action, (2) that Defendant violated any applicable laws, (3) that Defendant is liable for damages, penalties, interest, restitution, attorneys' fees, or costs, or for any other remedy on account of the claims asserted in the Action, and (4) that class certification, collective action certification, or representative treatment is appropriate as to any claim in the Action. Defendant contends that its policies, procedures, and practices comply with all laws asserted in the Action. Defendant has agreed to settle the Action solely to avoid the

burden, expense, and uncertainty of litigation. Any statements in this Agreement are made for settlement purposes only.

- **2.4.** Class Counsel's Investigation. Class Counsel has investigated the facts relating to the claims alleged in the Action and also has analyzed all defenses. Class Counsel interviewed Class Members regarding the claims in the Action, and has examined Defendant's compliance with its policies, procedures, and practices.
- 2.5. Negotiation of Settlement. Class Counsel has engaged in arms-length negotiations with Defendant with a view toward achieving substantial benefits while avoiding the cost, delay, and uncertainty of further litigation. Plaintiff will urge that the Court approve this Agreement after considering (1) the factual and legal defenses to the claims asserted, which render uncertain the ultimate outcome of the Action, (2) the potential difficulties Plaintiff would encounter in establishing her claims and maintaining class or treatment, (3) the substantial benefits produced by this Agreement, (4) that this Agreement provides relief in an expeditious and efficient manner, compared to any manner of recovery possible after litigation and potential appeal, and (5) that this Agreement allows Class Members to opt out of the Action and individually pursue the claims alleged on behalf of the class in the Action.
- 2.6. Certification for Settlement Purposes. This Agreement is contingent upon approval of class certification under California Code of Civil Procedure Section 382 for settlement purposes only, and the execution of a general release and confidential settlement agreement by Plaintiff. Defendant expressly reserves the right to challenge the propriety of class certification, collective action certification, or representative treatment for any other purpose should the Court not approve the Agreement.

3. The Gross Settlement Amount.

The Gross Settlement Amount is \$1,700,000. In no event shall Defendant, absent its further agreement, be obligated to pay more than that amount, except Defendant's share of employer payroll taxes. The Gross Settlement Amount includes all Individual Settlement Payments, any Service Award, the Class Counsel Award, the PAGA Payment, and Administrative Costs. No portion of the Gross Settlement Amount shall revert to Defendant.

4. The Net Settlement Amount

- **4.1. Calculation of the Amount**. The Net Settlement Amount is the portion of the Gross Settlement Amount that remains after deducting amounts for any Service Award, the PAGA Payment, Administrative Costs, and the Class Counsel Award.
- 4.2. Calculation of Estimated Individual Settlement Payments. Estimated Individual Settlement Payments will be calculated on the basis of the number of actual weeks worked attributed to a Class Member in proportion to the total number of actual weeks worked attributed to all Class Members during the Settlement Period for Class Members, following the formula described in Section 7 of this Agreement, on the assumption that each eligible individual will fully participate in the Agreement.

5. Selection of Settlement Administrator and Notice of Settlement

- **5.1. Selection of Settlement Administrator**. The Parties will mutually select a qualified settlement administrator to serve as the Settlement Administrator before the hearing on Preliminary Approval.
- 5.2. Settlement Administration. The Settlement Administrator will, as necessary, print, copy, format, and translate materials, mail notices to Class Members, perform a skip trace for undeliverable addresses, establish and maintain a Qualified Settlement Fund, obtain appropriate tax identification numbers, calculate Individual Settlement Payments, calculate payroll withholdings and payroll taxes, prepare and file all required IRS Forms, mail Individual Settlement Payments and tax forms, establish a hotline telephone number for class member communications, post notices regarding settlement on the Settlement Administrator's website, remit all tax payments and required documentation to federal and state taxing authorities, implement the process for any uncashed settlement checks, and perform all other duties associated with settlement administration, including, but not limited to, all those specified in this Agreement. Any dispute relating to settlement administration shall, after good-faith efforts by the Parties to resolve the dispute, be referred to the Court.
- **5.3. Confidential Data for the Settlement Administrator**. Within 15 calendar days of Preliminary Approval, Defendant will give the Settlement Administrator a confidential class list containing the names, employee ID numbers, last known address and telephone number(s), dates of

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employment, numbers of weeks worked during the Settlement Period for Class Members and number of pay periods worked during the Settlement Period for PAGA Members. Defendant shall also provide, when needed, social security numbers to facilitate the administration of this Agreement. The Settlement Administrator shall keep the class data provided by Defendant strictly confidential and shall use the class data only for the purposes described in this Agreement, and shall return the class data to Defendant or confirm the destruction of same upon completing the work called for by this Agreement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Settlement Administrator may provide Class Counsel with a redacted list of potential Individual Settlement Payments, which shall not include Class Member names or addresses or identify any Class Member by name or address.

- 5.4. Mailing Materials to Class Members. Within 30 calendar days of Preliminary

 Approval, the Settlement Administrator shall send the Notice of Settlement to Class Members via First

 Class U.S. Mail, using the last-known mailing address for each Class Member. Any mailing returned as
 undeliverable shall be sent within five calendar days via First Class U.S. Mail to any available
 forwarding address. If no forwarding address is available, then the Settlement Administrator shall
 attempt to determine the correct address by using a computer-based skip-trace search, and shall then
 perform, if feasible, a re-mailing via First Class U.S. Mail within five calendar days. If no current
 address is available for a Class Member, then the Notice of Settlement for that Class Member will be
 deemed undeliverable. Only one re-mailing is required. If a Class Member cannot be located within two
 attempts at mailing, then the Notice of Settlement for that Class Member will be deemed undeliverable.

 Any Class Member re-mailed a Notice of Settlement shall have his or her Consideration Period extended
 by 15 calendar days.
- **5.5. Proof of Mailing**. At least 20 court days prior to the Fairness Hearing, the Settlement Administrator shall provide a declaration of due diligence and proof of mailing with regard to the mailing of the Notice of Settlement to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, which they shall in turn provide to the Court.

6. Responses to Notice of Settlement

6.1. Consideration Period. Within the Consideration Period, Class Members may opt out of the proposed class action settlement by submitting a Request for Exclusion (as provided below) or may

submit a dispute (as provided for in the Notice of Settlement) or may submit an Objection (as provided below). Except as specifically provided herein, no response postmarked after the Consideration Period shall be considered.

- **6.2.** Requests for Exclusion and Opt Out Rights. Class Members will have the opportunity to opt out by submitting a Request for Exclusion.
- 6.2.1. Opt Out Procedure. Class Members may opt out of the class action settlement by mailing the Settlement Administrator a Request for Exclusion. A Request for Exclusion, to be valid, must be signed and dated by the Class Member, must provide the Class Member's full name, current address, current telephone number, and the last four digits of the Class Member's social security number, and must include an express statement that the Class Member wishes to be excluded from the terms of the class settlement. Any Request for Exclusion that does not include all of the required information or that is not submitted in a timely manner will be deemed ineffective.
- 6.2.2. Effect of Opting Out. Any Class Member who opts out of the class settlement may not submit an Objection, shall not receive any Individual Settlement Payment, and shall not be bound by the releases that this Agreement entails; provided, however, any such Class Member employed at any time within the Settlement Period for PAGA Members shall still receive a share of the PAGA Payment and be bound by the Released PAGA Claims. Each Class Member who does not submit a timely, valid Request for Exclusion shall be bound by the releases that this Agreement entails.
- 6.2.3. Tolerance of Opt-Outs—Defendant's Right to Withdraw. If the number of Class Members who opt out by submitting Requests for Exclusion exceeds 5 percent of the total number of Class Members, then Defendant may, in the exercise of its sole discretion, withdraw from this Agreement. Defendant's right to withdraw expires 15 calendar days after the end of the Consideration Period. If Defendant exercises its right to withdraw pursuant to this provision, Defendant shall pay all Administrative Costs.
- **6.3. Objections**. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, only those Class Members who do not submit a Request for Exclusion shall be entitled to object to the terms of the Agreement.
- **6.3.1. Objection Procedure.** Any written Objection must be made using the procedures set forth in the Notice of Settlement, and must contain (1) the Objector's full name and

current mailing address, (2) the last four digits of the Objector's social security number, (3) the specific reason(s) for the Objection, and (4) all evidence and supporting papers (including, without limitation, all briefs, written evidence, and declarations) for the Court to consider. Objectors can also appear at the Fairness Hearing either in person or through counsel. An Objection may be withdrawn at any time.

- **6.3.2. Waiver of Objections.** Class Members who fail to submit an Objection to the Settlement Administrator in the manner specified in the Notice of Settlement or who fail to appear either in person or through counsel at the Fairness Hearing shall be deemed to have waived any objection and shall be foreclosed from objecting to this Agreement, whether by appeal or otherwise.
- 6.4. Proof of Responses. At least 20 court days prior to the Fairness Hearing, the Settlement Administrator will prepare a declaration to submit to the Court regarding responses to the Notice of Settlement, including such information as any inability to deliver mailings because of invalid addresses, the number of any Requests for Exclusion, and the employee ID numbers of those Class Members who submitted timely and valid Requests for Exclusion, and the number of any Objections and a copy of all documents submitted with any Objections.
- 6.5. Binding Effect of Settlement. Although a Class Member might not timely submit a Request for Exclusion because of inability to locate the Class Member's current address, or for other reasons beyond the Class Member's control, that Class Member shall nonetheless be bound by this Agreement.
- 6.6. No Interference with Class Member Responses. Each Party agrees not to encourage any Class Member to submit an Objection or a Request for Exclusion and agrees not to retaliate against any Class Member for participating in this Agreement.

7. Administration of Settlement Proceeds

- **7.1. Final Funding of Gross Settlement Amount**. Within 15 calendar days of the Effective Date, Defendant will deposit the Gross Settlement Amount into the Qualified Settlement Fund.
- 7.2. Administrative Costs. Administrative Costs shall not exceed \$15,000, which shall be deducted from the Gross Settlement Amount. The amount of Administrative Costs is not a material term: if the Court approves a lesser amount, then the other terms of this Agreement shall remain in effect and the difference shall become part of the Net Settlement Amount.

- **7.3.** Class Counsel Award. Class Counsel intend to request—and Defendant agrees not to oppose—a payment from the Gross Settlement Amount for (a) attorney's fees in an amount up to one-third of the Gross Settlement Amount, or \$566,666.67 and (b) litigation costs actually incurred in representing the interests of the class, supported by adequate documentation, in an amount up to \$35,000.
- **7.3.1. Approval of Class Counsel Award Not Material**. Approval of the Class Counsel Award is not a material term. If the Court approves only a lesser amount, then the other terms of this Agreement shall remain in effect and the difference shall become part of the Net Settlement Amount.
- 7.3.2. Timing of Class Counsel Award. The Settlement Administrator shall issue the Class Counsel Award by 15 calendar days after the Gross Settlement Amount is deposited into the Qualified Settlement Fund. Within 10 calendar days after the Effective Date, Class Counsel shall instruct the Settlement Administrator as to how the Class Counsel Award may be paid. The Settlement Administrator shall issue an appropriate Internal Revenue Service Form 1099 to Class Counsel. Class Counsel shall be solely responsible for paying all applicable taxes on any Class Counsel Award and shall indemnify and hold harmless Defendant from any claim or liability for taxes, penalties, or interest arising as a result of the Class Counsel Award. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, and the Settlement Class waive any additional claim for attorneys' fees and costs incurred in connection with the Action, if Final Approval is granted by the Court and the Effective Date passes..
- **7.4. Service Award**. Class Counsel intends to request a payment from the Gross Settlement Amount for a Service Award for the Class Representative in an amount up to \$10,000. Any Service Award would be in addition to the Class Representative's Individual Settlement Payment.
- **7.4.1. Approval of Service Award Not Material.** Approval of a Service Award is not a material term. If the Court does not approve a Service Award or approves only a lesser amount than that requested, then the other terms of this Agreement shall remain in effect and the difference shall become part of the Net Settlement Amount.
- **7.4.2. Timing of Service Award.** The Settlement Administrator shall pay any Service Award within 15 calendar days after the Gross Settlement Amount is deposited into the

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Qualified Settlement Fund. The Class Representative shall be solely responsible for paying all applicable taxes on any Service Award and shall indemnify and hold harmless Defendant from any claim or liability for taxes, penalties, or interest arising as a result of the Service Award.

7.5. **PAGA Payment**. The Parties will seek approval for a PAGA Payment from the Gross Settlement Amount in the amount of \$51,000, 75% of which will go to the LWDA and 25% of which will go to PAGA Members. Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement, PAGA Members who submit a valid, timely Request for Exclusion shall receive a share of 25% of the PAGA Payment and shall be bound by the Released PAGA Claims. Each PAGA Member shall be entitled to a share of 25% of the PAGA Payment allocated to PAGA Members ("Individual PAGA Payment"), calculated as described below. Defendant's time records regarding the number of pay periods actually worked shall control for purposes of the calculation. Defendant will provide to the Settlement Administrator the total number of pay periods that each PAGA Member worked during the Settlement Period for PAGA Members and the total number of pay periods that all PAGA Members worked during that period ("Total PAGA Member Pay Periods"). Each PAGA Member's Individual PAGA Payment shall be calculated by the Settlement Administrator as follows: (1) the number of pay periods attributed to the PAGA Member during the Settlement Period for PAGA Members shall be divided by the Total PAGA Member Pay Periods, and (2) the result shall be multiplied by 25% of the PAGA Payment. Otherwise stated, the formula for a PAGA Member is: (individual's pay periods ÷ Total PAGA Member Pay Periods) * .25 * PAGA Payment amount.

7.5.1. Reduction of PAGA Payment Not Material. Any reduction in the requested PAGA Payment is not a material term. If the Court approves only a lesser amount than that requested, then the other terms of this Agreement shall remain in effect and the difference shall become part of the Net Settlement Amount. But some approval of a PAGA Payment is a material term. If the Court does not approve a PAGA Payment, then the entire Agreement will be, at Defendant's sole discretion, void and unenforceable. If Defendant elects to void the Agreement pursuant to this provision, Defendant shall pay all Administrative Costs.

7.5.2. Timing of PAGA Payment. The Settlement Administrator shall pay the PAGA Members and 75% of any approved PAGA Payment to the LWDA by 15 calendar days after the

Gross Settlement Amount is deposited into the Qualified Settlement Fund. PAGA Members' Individual PAGA Payment may be combined with their Individual Settlement Payment in one check.

- 7.6. Individual Settlement Payments. Each Settlement Class Member shall be entitled to an Individual Settlement Payment consisting of a share of the Net Settlement Amount, calculated as described below. Defendant's time records regarding the number of workweeks actually worked shall control for purposes of calculation.
- 7.6.1. Number of Workweeks. Defendant will provide to the Settlement Administrator the total number of workweeks that each Settlement Class Member worked during the Settlement Period for Class Members and the total number of workweeks that all Settlement Class Members worked during that period ("Total Settlement Class Member Workweeks").

Defendant estimates that in 2019, Class Members worked approximately 58,000 shifts, in 2020 Class Members worked approximately 54,000 shifts, and in 2021 Class Members worked approximately 53,000 shifts. If these estimates are materially incorrect, Plaintiff shall have the right to void this Agreement. Defendant also estimates that between May 14, 2014 and August 20, 2023, Class Members worked approximately 120,123 weeks. If the number of weeks Class Members worked during this period is more than 10% greater than 120,123, Plaintiff shall have the right to void this Agreement.

- 7.6.2. Calculation of Individual Settlement Payments. Each Settlement Class Member's Individual Settlement Payment shall be calculated by the Settlement Administrator as follows: (1) the number of workweeks attributed to the Settlement Class Member during the Settlement Period for Class Members shall be divided by the Total Settlement Class Member Workweeks, and (2) the result shall be multiplied by the Net Settlement Amount. Otherwise stated, the formula for a Class Member is: (individual's workweeks ÷ Total Settlement Class Member Workweeks) * Net Settlement Amount.
- 7.7. Timing of Individual Settlement Payments. The Settlement Administrator shall issue Individual Settlement Payments no later than 15 calendar days after the Gross Settlement Amount is deposited into the Qualified Settlement Fund.
- 7.8. Tax Allocation of Individual Settlement Payments and Individual PAGA Payments.

 Each Individual Settlement Payment will be allocated for tax purposes as follows: 80% Form 1099

income for statutory and civil penalties and interest, and 20% Form W-2 income for wages. Each PAG.
Member's share of the PAGA Payment will be allocated for tax purposes solely as Form 1099 income.
The Settlement Administrator will make required tax withholdings from each Individual Settlement
Payment for the portion allocated to Form W-2 income and will remit the withholding and the
employer's share of payroll taxes to the appropriate taxing authorities. The Settlement Administrator
shall issue any necessary IRS Form 1099 and Form W-2 statements to Class Members for their
respective Individual Settlement Payments.

- **7.8.1. Responsibility for Taxes**. Settlement Class Members and PAGA Member shall be solely responsible for paying all taxes due on their respective payments and shall indemnify and hold harmless Defendant and the Released Parties from any claim or liability for taxes, penalties, or interest arising as a result of the payments.
- **7.8.2. Approval of Tax Allocations Not Material.** Approval of the allocations of the payments set forth above is not a material term. If the Court approves a different tax allocation of the payments, then the other terms of this Agreement shall remain in effect.
- 7.9. Undeliverable or Uncashed Checks. All Individual Settlement Payment and Individual PAGA Payment checks will remain negotiable for 180 days from the date of their mailing. The Settlement Administrator shall notify Class Counsel and Defense Counsel of any undeliverable and uncashed checks. After 180 days from the mailing, the amount of any Individual Settlement Payment and Individual PAGA Payment check that has not been cashed will be transmitted by the Settlement Administrator to the California Controller's Office Unclaimed Property Fund.
- **7.10. Certification of Completion**. Upon fully administering this Agreement, the Settlement Administrator will certify the completion to the Court and counsel for all Parties in a declaration, summarizing the total money paid and the status of any uncashed checks.

8. Releases

8.1. Released Class Claims. Upon the deposit of the Gross Settlement Amount in the Qualified Settlement Fund established by the Settlement Administrator, by operation of the Final Approval and Judgment, and except as to rights that this Agreement creates, each Settlement Class Member—and each Settlement Class Member's executors, administrators, representatives, agents, heirs,

successors, assigns, trustees, spouses, or guardians—will release each Released Party from any claims, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, penalties, guarantees, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, and action or causes of action that was or could have been asserted in this Action based on or arising out of the facts alleged in this Action regardless of the theory of liability, including, without limitation any claims under state law, claims for failure to provide meal periods, claims for failure to provide rest periods, claims for failure to pay wages, claims for failure to pay overtime and minimum wages, claims failure to pay all wages due upon termination of employment, claims for failure to furnish accurate itemized wage statements and maintain records, claims for failure to indemnify for business expenses, and claims under the applicable Wage Order and Labor Code sections 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 218.6, 221, 225.5, 223, 224, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1193.6, 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 1999, and 2802, as well as claims under Business and Professions Code section 17200 *et seq*. based on alleged violations of these Labor Code provisions. This release only applies to claims arising during the Settlement Period for Class Members.

- **8.2.** Released PAGA Claims. Upon the deposit of the Gross Settlement Amount in the Qualified Settlement Fund established by the Settlement Administrator, by operation of the Final Approval and Judgment, and except as to rights that this Agreement creates, each PAGA Member—and each PAGA Member's executors, administrators, representatives, agents, heirs, successors, assigns, trustees, spouses, or guardians—will release each Released Party from all claims under Labor Code section 2698 *et seq.* that were or could have been asserted in this Action based on or arising out of the facts alleged in this Action regardless of the theory of liability, including claims predicated upon alleged violations of Labor Code sections 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 218.6, 221, 225.5, 223, 224, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1193.6, 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 1999, and 2802. This release only applies to claims arising during the Settlement Period for PAGA Members.
- 8.3. Additional Release by Class Representative. In addition to the release given by each Settlement Class Member, the Class Representative generally releases claims against each Released Party through the date of preliminary approval of this Agreement, excluding her pending claims currently alleged in *Norbertha Flores Avena v. Pacific Scientific Energetic Materials Company* (California) LLC, San Benito Superior Court Case No. CU-21-00240. This general release includes

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claims arising from the Class Representative's relationship with Defendant, including, without limitation, claims for unpaid wages and liquidated damages, under the Fair Labor Standards Act, claims for discrimination, harassment, or retaliation pursuant to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. section 2000 et seq., the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, California Gov't Code Section 12900 et seq., and claims for violation of public policy. This general release by the Class Representative also includes a waiver of rights under California Civil Code Section 1542, which states:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

9. **Settlement Approval Procedure**

- 9.1. Motion for Preliminary Approval. Plaintiff will obtain a hearing to request preliminary approval of this Agreement, to obtain entry of an order that would (i) conditionally certify a settlement class for settlement purposes only, (ii) grant preliminary approval of this Agreement, (iii) approve a Notice of Settlement, (iv) enjoin Class Members from initiating or prosecuting any claim to be released under this Agreement, unless they first submit a Request for Exclusion, and (v) set a date for a Final Approval hearing.
- **9.1.1.** Contents of Motion. The motion for preliminary approval shall include the bases for demonstrating that conditional certification of a settlement class is appropriate, and that the settlement amounts are reasonable in light of the facts and law pertaining to the claims alleged. The motion shall be accompanied by a signed declaration by Class Counsel discussing the risks of continued litigation and the decision that this Agreement serves the best interests of class members. Before filing any motion, Class Counsel will consider in good faith any comments by Defendant's counsel.
- **9.1.2.** Notice to LWDA. Upon moving for preliminary approval, Plaintiff will also submit the proposed settlement agreement to the LWDA, pursuant to Labor Code section 2699(1)(2).
- 9.2. Motion for Final Approval. Class Counsel will obtain a hearing for a Motion for Final Approval, to obtain an order to (a) approve this Agreement, (b) adjudge its terms to be fair, reasonable,

and adequate, (c) recite the Released Class Claims and Released PAGA Claims, (d) direct that the terms of the Agreement be carried out, and (e) retain jurisdiction to oversee enforcement of this Agreement.

- **9.3. Motion for Class Counsel Award**. In connection with a Motion for Final Approval, Class Counsel may move for approval of an attorneys' fees and costs award in the amount of (a) up to one-third of the Gross Settlement Amount for fees and (b) up to \$35,000 for litigation costs actually incurred in representing the interest of the Class, supported by adequate documentation.
- **9.4. Motion for Service Award**. In connection with a Motion for Final Approval, Class Counsel may move for approval of a Service Award for the Class Representative in an amount of up to \$10,000.
- 9.5. Entry of Judgment. Upon Final Approval, the Parties shall request that the Court (a) enter Judgment in accordance with this Agreement, without further fees or costs, (b) enter an order as to the Class Counsel Award, (c) enter an order as to any Service Award, and (d) enter an order permanently enjoining all members of the Settlement Class from pursuing or seeking to reopen claims that have been released by this Agreement.
- **9.5.1. Notice of Final Judgment**. Notice of Judgment will be posted on the Settlement Administrator's website.
- 9.5.2. Effect of Failure to Obtain Final Judgment. If the Court fails to enter Judgment in accordance with this Agreement, or if the Judgment is vacated or reversed, then the Action shall proceed and the Parties shall split the Administrative Costs, unless the Parties jointly agree to seek reconsideration or a renegotiated settlement. Defendant retains the right to contest whether any aspect of the Action should be maintained as a class, collective action, or representative action, and to contest the merits of the claims asserted in the Action.
- 9.6. Appeal Rights. Only an Objector has the right to appeal a judgment that is in accord with this Agreement. The Class Representative and Class Counsel hereby waives any right to appeal any judgment, ruling, or order based on this Agreement, including any Final Approval Order. This waiver includes all rights to any post-judgment proceeding and appellate proceeding, such as a motion to vacate judgment, a motion for new trial, and any extraordinary writ, and the Judgment therefore will become non-appealable at the time it is entered. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to

oppose any appeal or post-judgment proceeding. If an appeal is taken from the Judgment, then the time to consummate this Agreement (including making payments under the Agreement) will be suspended until the appeal is finally resolved.

10. Miscellaneous

10.1. Execution of this Agreement.

10.1.1. Parties' Authority. The signatories hereto represent that they are fully authorized to bind the Parties to all the terms of this Agreement. The Parties agree that Class Members are so numerous that it is impossible or impractical to have each Class Member execute this Agreement. This Agreement may be executed on behalf of Class Members by a Class Representative.

10.1.2. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, and all signed and delivered counterparts together may constitute one Agreement binding upon the Parties.

10.1.3. Facsimile or Scanned Signatures. A Party may sign and deliver this Agreement by signing on the designated signature block and transmitting that signature page via facsimile or as an attachment to an email to counsel for the other Party. Any such signature shall be deemed an original for purposes of this Agreement and shall be binding upon the Party who transmits the signature page.

10.2. Discharge of Obligations. Defendant shall fully discharge its obligations to Plaintiff and the Settlement Class through the remittance of the Gross Settlement Amount to the Qualified Settlement Fund and payment of the employer's share of payroll taxes, regardless of whether checks representing Individual Settlement Payments are actually negotiated by Settlement Class Members. Once Defendant has complied with its obligation to fund the Gross Settlement Amount and employer's share of payroll taxes, it will be deemed to have satisfied all terms and conditions under this Agreement, shall be entitled to all protections afforded to them under this Agreement, and shall have no further obligations under the terms of the agreement, regardless of what occurs with respect to the further administration of the Settlement, including any requests to be included in the Settlement Class, challenges to the completeness or accuracy of any Individual Settlement Payment, or issues regarding the completeness or accuracy of the class data.

10.3. Construction.

- **10.4. Inadmissibility of Settlement Documents**. The Parties agree that this Agreement and all exhibits thereto shall be inadmissible in any proceeding, except a proceeding to approve or enforce this Agreement. This Agreement will operate as a complete defense to—and may be used as the basis for an injunction against—any proceeding attempted in breach of this Agreement.
- 10.5. No Tax Advice. Nothing in this Agreement is advice by Class Counsel or Defense Counsel regarding taxes or taxability, and no Party is relying upon Class Counsel or Defense Counsel for such advice. Each Party instead is relying exclusively on the Party's own independent tax counsel in connection with this Agreement.
- 10.6. No Impact on Employee Benefits. This Agreement does not affect any right or obligation under any benefits plan. No payment made under this Agreement shall be considered as compensation or hours worked or hours paid for purposes of determining eligibility, vesting, participation, or contributions with respect to any employee benefit plan. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "employee benefit plan" means every "employee benefit plan," as defined in the Employee Retirement and Income Security Act of 1974, 29 U.S.C. section 1002(3). The term also includes any 401(k) plan, bonus, pension, stock option, stock purchase, stock appreciation, welfare, profit sharing, retirement, disability, vacation, severance, hospitalization, insurance, incentive, deferred compensation, or any other similar benefit plan, practice, program, or policy, regardless of whether any such plan is considered an employee benefit plan.
- 10.7. No Prior Assignments or Undisclosed Liens. The Class Representative and Class Counsel represent that they have not assigned, transferred, conveyed, or otherwise disposed of any Released Claim or claim to attorneys' fees and costs award to be paid under this Agreement. The Class Representative and Class Counsel further represent and warrant that there are not any liens or claims against any amount that Defendant is to pay under this Agreement. The Class Representative, Settlement Class Members, and Class Counsel agree to indemnify and to hold Defendant harmless from any liability, losses, claims, damages, costs, or expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, resulting from a breach of these representations or from any lien or assignment. Nothing herein is intended to constitute legal advice regarding the taxability of any amount paid pursuant to this Agreement, nor may it be relied upon as such.

10.8.	Cooperation of the Parties	s. The Parties will	comply with the	e covenants of g	good faith
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10.8.1. Affirmative Duty to Cooperate. Each Party, upon the request of another
agrees to perform such acts and to execute and to deliver such documents as are reasonably necessary to
carry out this Agreement. In the same spirit, the Parties agree to make all reasonable efforts to avoid
unnecessary Administrative Costs.

agree that, upon the execution of this Agreement, the Action shall be stayed except any proceeding needed to obtain Preliminary Approval, Final Approval, or Judgment. The Parties further agree that upon the execution of this Agreement, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 583.330(a), the time within which the Action must be brought to trial under Code of Civil Procedure § 583.310 shall be extended for the period between the date on which the Agreement is fully executed to the date on which Judgment is entered. If the Court denies Preliminary Approval or Final Approval of the Agreement, the Parties agree that the period of time between the date on which the Agreement is fully executed through the date on which Preliminary Approval or Final Approval is denied shall be excluded from the computation of the time within which the Action must be brought to trial pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 583.310.

10.8.3. No Solicitation of Objections or Opt Outs. The Parties represent that they have not solicited, encouraged, or assisted—and will not solicit, encourage, or assist—Objections or Requests for Exclusion.

10.8.4. Waiver of Right to Object by Class Representative. The Class Representative, by signing this Agreement, agrees not to object to any term of this Agreement.

- **10.9. Confidential Information**. Class Counsel will destroy all confidential documents and information provided by Defendant within 60 calendar days of this Agreement's completion. Class Counsel further agree that no information provided by Defendant shall be used for any purpose other than prosecution of this Action.
- **10.10. No Media Announcements or Other Undue Publicity**. No Party shall make any public statement to the news, print, electronic, or Internet media concerning this Agreement, and the Parties shall decline to respond to media inquiries concerning this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement,

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however, prevents Class Members from discussing or disclosing information about unlawful acts in the workplace, such as harassment or discrimination or any other conduct that they have reason to believe is unlawful, or discussing with any person or persons wages, hours or other terms and conditions of employment, nor from engaging in lawful protected activity with or on behalf of coworkers regarding same. Class Counsel shall not publicize the settlement in their marketing materials, website, or other advertising media. Nothing in this Agreement prevents Class Counsel from placing in their marketing materials, website, or other advertising media a comment that Class Counsel secured payment for their clients in this Action, so long as any such comment does not mention the name of this case, the name of any Party or Class Member, or the identity of Defense Counsel. Should Plaintiff or Class Counsel intentionally breach this provision, Plaintiff shall forfeit to Defendant the full amount of her Service Award. Defendant may also enforce this provision through an action for injunctive relief. Plaintiff waives any obligation to post a bond in connection with any such action. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Class Counsel can post on his website that the "Lawsuit Settled" and refer questions to the Settlement Administrator.

10.11. Disputes. If the Parties dispute the interpretation of this Agreement, then they will attempt to resolve the dispute informally. If those efforts fail, they will mediate the dispute. The Parties will split the costs of the mediator, and the Parties will bear their own fees and costs. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over enforcement and implementation of this Agreement, and can require specific performance, although the Court lacks jurisdiction to modify the terms of this Agreement. If a Party institutes legal action to enforce this Agreement, then the prevailing Party will be entitled to recover attorney's fees and costs incurred in vindicating that Party's position.

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