FILED SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA 1 Matthew A. Haulk (SBN 272457) COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO Email: mhaulk@hhemploymentlaw.com 2 Jose M. Herrera (SBN 289590) JUL 18 2024 Email: jherrera@hhemploymentlaw.com 3 HAULK & HERRERA LLP 100 Pine Street, Suite 1250 4 San Francisco, CA 94111 Telephone: (415) 745-3219 5 Facsimile: (415) 745-3301 6 Attorneys for Plaintiffs JESUS LOPEZ CAMACHO and VICTOR ACEVADO and the Proposed Class 8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 **COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO** 10 Case No.: CIVSB2222867 JESUS LOPEZ CAMACHO, an individual, 11 [Assigned to Hon. David S. Cohn, Dept. Son behalf of himself and others similarly 12 situated, VICTOR ACEVADO, an individual, TONY RAPHAEL on behalf of others similarly situated, 13 PROPOSIED ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR Plaintiffs. 14 PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT V. 15 [Notice, Memorandum of Points and ELECTUS CONSTRUCTION, INC., DAVID 16 Authorities and Declarations of Matthew A. NAVARRO, and DOES 1 - 50, inclusive, Haulk, Jesus Lopez Camacho and Victor 17 Acevado filed concurrently herewith] Defendants. 18 July 18, 2024 Date: 8:30 a.m. Time: 19 Dept.: S-**3**6 20 Complaint Filed: October 11, 2022 August 10, 2023 FAC Filed: 21 Trial Date: Not Set 22 TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD: 23 Plaintiffs Jesus Lopez Camacho and Victor Acevedo aka Victor Godinez ("Plaintiffs") 24 and Defendants Electus Construction, Inc., and David Navarro ("Defendants") have reached 25 26 terms of settlement for a putative class action. Plaintiffs have filed a motion for preliminary approval of a class action settlement of the 27 claims asserted against Defendants in this action, memorialized in the JOINT STIPULATION 28

FOR CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENTAGREEMENT (see DECLARATION OF MATT A. HAULK IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT ["Haulk Decl."], at Exh. 1). The JOINT STIPULATION FOR CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENTAGREEMENT is referred to herein as the "Agreement" or "Settlement."

After reviewing the Agreement, the Notice process, and other related documents, and having heard the argument of Counsel for respective parties IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The Court preliminarily finds that the terms of the proposed class action Settlement are fair, reasonable, and adequate, pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 382. In granting final approval of the class action settlement the Court has considered the factors identified in *Dunk v. Ford Motor Co.*,48 Cal. App. 4th 1794 (1996), as approved in *Wershba v. Apple Computer, Inc.*, 91 Cal. App. 4th 224 (2001) and *In re Microsoft IV Cases*, 135 Cal. App. 4th 706 (2006).
- 2. The Court finds that the Settlement has been reached as a result of intensive, serious and non-collusive arms-length negotiations with the assistance of a neutral private mediator, Kevin Barnes, Esq. The Court further finds that the parties have conducted thorough investigation and research, and the attorneys for the parties are able to reasonably evaluate their respective positions. The Court also finds that settlement at this time will avoid additional substantial costs, as well as avoid the delay and risks that would be presented by the further prosecution of the action. The Court finds that the risks of further prosecution are substantial.
- 3. The parties' Settlement is granted preliminary approval as it meets the criteria for preliminary settlement approval. The Court finds that it is appropriate to notify the members of the proposed settlement Class of the terms of the proposed settlement.
- 4. The parties' proposed notice plan is constitutionally sound because individual notices will be mailed to all Class Members whose identities are known to the parties, and such notice is the best notice practicable. The parties' proposed Class Notice (DECLARATION OF MATTHEW A. HAULK IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY

APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT, Exhibit 2) is sufficient to inform Class Members of the terms of the Settlement, their rights under the settlement, their rights to object to the Settlement, their right to receive a payment under the settlement or elect not to participate in the settlement, and the processes for doing so, and the date and location of the final approval hearing and are therefore approved.

5. The following persons are certified as Class Members solely for the purpose of entering a settlement in this matter:

All individuals who worked for Defendants in California as non-exempt employees at any time from October 11, 2018, through the date that a preliminary approval order is entered.

- 6. Plaintiffs are appointed the Class Representatives. The Court finds Plaintiffs' counsel are adequate, as they are experienced in wage and hour class action litigation and have no conflicts of interest with absent Settlement Class Members, and that they adequately represented the interests of absent class members in the Litigation. Matthew A. Haulk and Jose M. Herrera of Haulk & Herrera LLP are appointed Class Counsel.
- 7. The Court appoints ILYM Group, Inc. to act as the Settlement Administrator, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Agreement.
- 8. Class Members will be bound by the Agreement unless they submit a timely and valid written request to be excluded from the Settlement within 45 days after mailing of the Class Notice or, and in the case of a re-mailed Notice, forty-five (45) days from the original mailing or fifteen (15) days from the date of re-mailing, whichever is greater, or in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.
- 9. Any Request for Exclusion shall be submitted to the Settlement Administrator rather than filed with the Court. Class members are not required to send copies of the Request for Exclusion to counsel. The Settlement Administrator shall file a declaration concurrently with the filing of any motion for final approval, authenticating a copy of every Request for Exclusion received by the administrator.
- 10. Prior to the Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiffs shall file a timely motion for final approval of the Settlement as provided in the Agreement.

- 11. Defendants are directed to provide the Settlement Administrator the Class Data in the manner and within the time frame specified in the Agreement.
- 12. The Settlement Administrator is directed to mail the approved Class Notice by first-class mail to the Class Members in accordance with the Agreement.
  - 13. A final approval hearing will be held on <u>December 4</u>, 2024, at
- 8:30 a in Department S-26, to determine whether the settlement should be granted final approval as fair, reasonable, and adequate as to the Participating Class Members. At that time, the Court will hear all evidence and arguments necessary to evaluate the Settlement. Participating Class Members and their counsel may support or oppose the Settlement, if they so desire, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Class Notice and this Order. Non-Participating Class Members shall not have a right to object to the class action components of the Settlement.
- approval hearing in person or by his or her own attorney and show cause why the Court should not approve the settlement, or object to the motion for awards of the Class Representative Enhancement Award and Attorney's Fees and Costs. For any written comments or objections to be considered at the hearing, the Participating Class Member must submit a written objection in accordance with the deadlines set forth in the Class Notice, or as otherwise permitted by the Court.
- 15. Any written objection shall be submitted to the Settlement Administrator rather than filed with the Court. Class Members are not required to send copies of the Objection Form to counsel. The Settlement Administrator shall provide a declaration consistent with its obligations in the Agreement.
- 16. The Court reserves the right to continue the date of the final approval hearing without further notice to Class Members.
- 17. Class Counsel shall give notice to any objecting party of any continuance of the hearing of the motion for final approval.

| 1  | 18. The Court retains jurisdiction to consider all further applications arising out of or |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | [PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT |   |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Attorneys for Defendants ELECTUS CONSTRUCTION, INC. and DAVID NAVARRO                            |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5.   |  | By Personal Service. I personally delivered the documents on the date shown below to the persons at the addresses listed above in Item 4. (1) For a party represented by an attorney, delivery was made to the attorney or at the attorney's office by leaving the documents in an envelope or package clearly labeled to identify the attorney being served with a receptionist or an individual in charge of the office. (2) For a party delivery was made to the party or by leaving the documents in the party's residence between the hours of eight in the morning and six in the evening with some person not less than 18 years of age. |  |  |  |  |  |
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