

## CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between Plaintiff JIHYUN KWON (“Plaintiff”) and Defendant WOOLTARI USA, INC. (“Wooltari”). The Agreement refers to Plaintiff and Wooltari collectively as “Parties,” or individually as “Party.”

### 1. DEFINITIONS.

- 1.1 “Actions” means Plaintiff’s Class Action lawsuit alleging wage and hour violations against Wooltari, and Plaintiff’s representative PAGA Action lawsuit seeking penalties pursuant to the PAGA against Wooltari.
- 1.2 “Administrator” means ILYM Group, Inc., the neutral entity the Parties have agreed to appoint to administer the Settlement.
- 1.3 “Administration Expenses Payment” means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount to reimburse its reasonable fees and expenses in accordance with the Administrator’s “not to exceed” bid submitted to the Court in connection with Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.4 “Aggrieved Employee” means all current and former non-exempt employees that worked either directly or via a staffing agency for Wooltari at any location in California at any time from during the PAGA Period.
- 1.5 “Class” means all current and former non-exempt employees that worked either directly or via a staffing agency for Wooltari at any location in California at any time during the Class Period.
- 1.6 “Class Action” means Plaintiff’s class action lawsuit alleging wage and hour violations against Wooltari captioned *Jihyun Kwon v. Wooltari USA, Inc.*, Case No. 22STCV37161 initiated on November 23, 2022 and pending in Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles.
- 1.7 “Class Counsel” means Zach Crosner, Esq., Jamie Serb, Esq., Michael Jones, Esq., and Crosner Legal, PC.
- 1.8 “Class Counsel Fees Payment” and “Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment” mean the amounts allocated to Class Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses, respectively, incurred to prosecute the Actions.
- 1.9 “Class Data” means Class Member identifying information in Wooltari’s possession including the Class Member’s name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, telephone number, and number of Class Period Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods.
- 1.10 “Class Member” or “Settlement Class Member” means a member of the Class, as either a Participating Class Member or Non-Participating Class Member (including a Non-Participating Class Member who qualifies as an Aggrieved Employee).

- 1.11 “Class Member Address Search” means the Administrator’s investigation and search for current Class Member mailing addresses using all reasonably available sources, methods and means including, but not limited to, the National Change of Address database, skip traces, and direct contact by the Administrator with Class Members.
- 1.12 “Class Notice” means the Court approved Notice of Class Action Settlement and Hearing Date for Final Court Approval, to be mailed to Class Members in English and with a Korean translation in the form, without material variation, attached as **Exhibit A** and incorporated by reference into this Agreement.
- 1.13 “Class Period” means the period from November 23, 2018 to October 2, 2023.
- 1.14 “Class Representative” means the named Plaintiff in the operative complaint in the Actions seeking Court approval to serve as a Class Representative.
- 1.15 “Court” means the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.
- 1.16 “Defendant” means named Defendant Wooltari USA, Inc.
- 1.17 “Defense Counsel” means Elliott Kim, Esq., Chong Roh, Esq., and the Law Offices of Elliott Kim.
- 1.18 “Effective Date” means the date by when both of the following have occurred: (a) the Court enters a Judgment on its Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement; and (b) the Judgment is final. The Judgment is final as of the latest of the following occurrences: (a) if no Participating Class Member objects to the Settlement, the day the Court enters Judgment; (b) if one or more Participating Class Members objects to the Settlement, the day after the deadline for filing a notice of appeal from the Judgment; or if a timely appeal from the Judgment is filed, the day after the appellate court affirms the Judgment and issues a remittitur.
- 1.19 “Final Approval” means the Court’s order granting final approval of the Settlement.
- 1.20 “Final Approval Hearing” means the Court’s hearing on the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.21 “Final Judgment” means the Judgment Entered by the Court upon Granting Final Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.22 “Gross Settlement Amount” means \$300,000.00, which is the total amount Wooltari agrees to pay under the Settlement except as provided in Paragraph 9 below. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Counsel Fees, Class Counsel Expenses, and the Administrator’s Expenses.
- 1.23 “Individual Class Payment” means the Participating Class Member’s pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount calculated according to the number of Workweeks worked during the Class Period.

- 1.24 “Individual PAGA Payment” means the Aggrieved Employee’s pro rata share of 25% of the PAGA Penalties calculated according to the number of Workweeks worked during the PAGA Period.
- 1.25 “Judgment” means the judgment entered by the Court based upon the Final Approval.
- 1.26 “LWDA” means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency entitled, under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.27 “LWDA PAGA Payment” means the 75% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.28 “Net Settlement Amount” means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Administration Expenses Payment. The remainder is to be paid to Participating Class Members as Individual Class Payments.
- 1.29 “Non-Participating Class Member” means any Class Member who opts out of the Settlement by sending the Administrator a valid and timely Request for Exclusion.
- 1.30 “Operative Complaint” means the First Amended Complaint, which will add to the Class Action, the PAGA claims alleged in the PAGA Action, as required under the terms of this Settlement.
- 1.31 “PAGA Action” means Plaintiff’s representative PAGA lawsuit seeking penalties pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act, Labor Code §§ 2698 et seq. against Wooltari, captioned *Jihyun Kwon v. Wooltari USA, Inc.*, Case No. 23STCV06707, initiated on March 27, 2023 and pending in Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles.
- 1.32 “PAGA Pay Period” means any Pay Period during which an Aggrieved Employee worked for Wooltari for at least one day during the PAGA Period.
- 1.33 “PAGA Period” means the period from January 21, 2022 to October 2, 2023.
- 1.34 “PAGA” means the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698. et seq.).
- 1.35 “PAGA Notice” means Plaintiff’s January 3, 2023 letter to Wooltari and the LWDA providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a).
- 1.36 “PAGA Penalties” means the total amount of PAGA civil penalties to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount (\$20,000.00), allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees (\$5,000.00) and the 75% to LWDA (\$15,000.00) in settlement of PAGA claims.
- 1.37 “Participating Class Member” means a Class Member who does not submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion from the Settlement.

- 1.38 “Plaintiff” means Jihyun Kwon, the named plaintiff in the Actions.
- 1.39 “Preliminary Approval” means the Court’s Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.40 "Preliminary Approval Order" means the proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of PAGA Settlement.
- 1.41 “Released Class Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.2 below.
- 1.42 “Released PAGA Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 6.2 below.
- 1.43 “Released Parties” means: Wooltari and each of its former and present directors, officers, shareholders, owners, members, attorneys, insurers, predecessors, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, and affiliates.
- 1.44 “Request for Exclusion” means a Class Member’s submission of a written request to be excluded from the Class Settlement signed by the Class Member.
- 1.45 "Response Deadline" means 45 days after the Administrator mails Notice to Class Members and Aggrieved Employees, and shall be the last date on which Class Members may: (a) fax, email, or mail Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement, or (b) fax, email, or mail his or her Objection to the Settlement. Class Members to whom Notice Packets are resent after having been returned undeliverable to the Administrator shall have an additional 15 calendar days beyond the Response Deadline has expired.
- 1.46 “Settlement” means the disposition of the Actions effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.
- 1.47 “Workweek” means any week during which a Class Member worked for Wooltari for at least one day, during the Class Period.

## 2. **RECITALS.**

- 2.1 On November 23, 2022, Plaintiff filed her Class Action lawsuit alleging causes of action against Wooltari for: (1) unpaid minimum wages and liquidated damages; (2) unpaid overtime wages; (3) failure to provide meal periods; (4) failure to provide rest periods; (5) failure to furnish accurate wage statements; (6) failure to timely pay all wages due upon separation of employment; (7) failure to provide one day of rest for every workweek; (8) failure to reimburse business expenses; and (9) unfair competition. On January 3, 2023, Plaintiff sent written PAGA Notice to Wooltari and the LWDA. On March 27, 2023, Plaintiff filed her representative PAGA Action lawsuit seeking penalties against Wooltari for its alleged employment violations. Wooltari denies the allegations in both the Actions, denies

any failure to comply with the laws identified by the Actions and denies any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.

- 2.2 Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a), Plaintiff gave timely written notice to Wooltari and the LWDA by sending the PAGA Notice.
- 2.3 On August 3, 2023, the Parties participated in an all-day mediation presided over by mediator Steve Cerveris, Esq. which led to this Agreement to settle the Actions.
- 2.4 Prior to mediation, Plaintiff obtained informal discovery, including a substantial sampling of time and wage records from the Class Members as well as Wooltari's applicable policies. Plaintiff's investigation was sufficient to satisfy the criteria for court approval set forth in *Dunk v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (1996) 48 Cal.App.4th 1794, 1801 and *Kullar v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 116, 129-130 ("*Dunk/Kullar*").
- 2.5 The Court has not yet granted class certification.
- 2.6 The Parties, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel represent that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or affected by the Settlement.

### 3. **MONETARY TERMS.**

- 3.1 **Gross Settlement Amount.** Except as otherwise provided by Paragraph 9 below, Wooltari promises to pay Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$300,000.00) as the Gross Settlement Amount. Wooltari will also separately pay any and all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments. Wooltari has no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount (or any payroll taxes) prior to the deadline stated in Paragraph 6.1 of this Agreement. The Administrator will disburse the entire Gross Settlement Amount without asking or requiring Participating Class Members or Aggrieved Employees to submit any claim as a condition of payment. None of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Wooltari.
- 3.2 **Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount.** The Administrator will make and deduct the following payments from the Gross Settlement Amount, in the amounts specified by the Court in the Final Approval:
  - 3.2.1 **To Class Counsel:** A Class Counsel Fees Payment of not more than 33.3%, which is currently estimated to be One Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$100,000.00) and a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than Fifteen Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$15,000.00). Wooltari will not oppose requests for these payments provided they do not exceed these amounts. If the Court approves a Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment less than the amounts

requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. Released Parties shall have no liability to Class Counsel or any other Plaintiff's Counsel arising from any claim to any portion any Class Counsel Fee Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. Class Counsel assumes full responsibility and liability for taxes owed on the Class Counsel Fees Payment and the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and holds Wooltari harmless, and indemnifies Wooltari, from any dispute or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these Payments.

**3.2.2 To the Administrator:** An Administrator Expenses Payment not to exceed \$3,999.00 except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent the Administration Expenses are less or the Court approves payment less than \$3,999.00, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount.

**3.2.3 To Each Participating Class Member:** An Individual Class Payment calculated by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members during the Class Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Participating Class Member's Workweeks.

**3.2.3.1 Tax Allocation of Individual Class Payments.** 20% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of wage claims (the "Wage Portion"). The Wage Portions are subject to tax withholding and will be reported on an IRS W-2 Form. 40% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of claims for penalties. The Remaining 40% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to interest (along with the portion allocated for penalties, the "Non-Wage Portions"). The Non-Wage Portions are not subject to wage withholdings and will be reported on IRS 1099 Forms. Participating Class Members assume full responsibility and liability for any employee taxes owed on their Individual Class Payment.

**3.2.3.2 Effect of Non-Participating Class Members on Calculation of Individual Class Payments.** Non-Participating Class Members will not receive any Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will retain amounts equal to their Individual Class Payments in the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members on a pro rata basis.

3.2.4 **To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees:** PAGA Penalties in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$20,000.00) to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 75% (\$15,000.00) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (\$5,000.00) allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments.

3.2.4.1 The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the amount of the Aggrieved Employees' 25% share of PAGA Penalties \$5,000.00 by the total number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Aggrieved Employee's PAGA Period Pay Periods. Aggrieved Employees assume full responsibility and liability for any taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment.

3.2.4.2 If the Court approves PAGA Penalties of less than the amount requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

#### 4. **SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS.**

4.1 **Class Workweeks and Aggrieved Employee Pay Periods.** Based on a review of its records to date, Wooltari estimates there are 76 Class Members who collectively worked a total of 3,947 Workweeks, and 76 Aggrieved Employees who worked a total 1,607 of PAGA Pay Periods.

4.2 **Class Data.** Not later than 15 days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, Wooltari will simultaneously deliver the Class Data to the Administrator, in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Class Members' privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Class Data in confidence, use the Class Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access to the Class Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Class Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Wooltari has a continuing duty to immediately notify Class Counsel if it discovers that the Class Data omitted class member identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Class Data as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which Wooltari must send the Class Data to the Administrator, the Parties and their counsel will expeditiously use best efforts, in good faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related to missing or omitted Class Data.

4.3 **Funding of Gross Settlement Amount.** Wooltari shall fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount, and also fund the amounts necessary to fully pay Wooltari's share of payroll taxes by transmitting the funds to the Administrator as follows: :

- \$50,000 no later than 30 days after the Effective Date

- \$50,000 no later than 60 days after the Effective Date
- \$50,000 no later than 90 days after the Effective Date
- \$50,000 no later than 120 days after the Effective Date
- \$50,000 no later than 150 days after the Effective Date
- \$50,000 and Wooltari's share of payroll taxes no later than 180 days after the Effective Date

4.4 **Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount.** Within 14 days after Wooltari fully funds the Gross Settlement Amount per the schedule in paragraph 4.3, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual Class Payments, all Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the Administration Expenses Payment, the Class Counsel Fees Payment, and the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. Disbursement of the Class Counsel Fees Payment, and the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment shall not precede disbursement of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments.

4.4.1 **Check Mailing.** The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual Class Payments and/or Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Class Members via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall prominently state the date (not less than 180 days after the date of mailing) when the check will be voided. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void date. The Administrator will send checks for Individual Settlement Payments to all Participating Class Members (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator will send checks for Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees including Non-Participating Class Members who qualify as Aggrieved Employees (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator may send Participating Class Members a single check combining the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment. Before mailing any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

4.4.2 **Returned or Replaced Checks.** The Administrator must conduct a Class Member Address Search for all other Class Members whose checks are returned undelivered without USPS forwarding address. Within 7 days of receiving a returned check the Administrator must re-mail checks to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Class Member Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Class Members whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a



replacement check to any Class Member whose original check was lost or misplaced, requested by the Class Member prior to the void date.

4.4.3 **Uncashed Checks.** For any Class Member whose Individual Class Payment check or Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Class Member thereby leaving no "unpaid residue" subject to the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 384, subd. (b).

4.4.4 **No Effect On Benefits.** The payment of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Wooltari to confer any additional benefits or make any additional payments to Class Members (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

5. **RELEASES OF CLAIMS.** Effective on the date when Wooltari fully funds the entire Gross Settlement Amount and funds all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portion of the Individual Class Payments, Plaintiff and Class Members will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:

5.1 **Release by Plaintiff and Participating Class Members:** Plaintiff and all Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Released Parties from (i) all claims that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the Class Period facts stated in the Class Action lawsuit Complaint, including: (1) unpaid minimum wages and liquidated damages; (2) unpaid overtime wages; (3) failure to provide meal periods; (4) failure to provide rest periods; (5) failure to furnish accurate wage statements; (6) failure to timely pay all wages due upon separation of employment; (7) failure to provide one day of rest for every workweek; (8) failure to reimburse business expenses; and (9) unfair competition. Except as set forth in Section 5.3 of this Agreement, Participating Class Members do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers' compensation, or claims based on facts occurring outside the Class Period.

5.2 **Release by Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees:** Plaintiff and all Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the PAGA Period facts stated in the PAGA Action Complaint and the PAGA Notice, including: (1) failure to provide meal periods or compensation in lieu thereof; (2)

failure to provide rest periods or compensation in lieu thereof; (3) failure to pay minimum wages; (4) failure to pay overtime wages; (5) violation of California day of rest law; (6) failure to maintain accurate records; (7) failure to furnish accurate itemized wage statements; (8) failure to produce employment records; (9) failure to reimburse business expenses; (10) failure to provide sick leave; (11) failure to provide supplemental paid sick leave; (12) unlawful labor conditions; (13) seating violations; (14) failure to pay vested vacation; (15) failure to timely pay all wages upon separation of employment; and (16) unlawful criminal inquiries.

6. **MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL.** The Parties agree to jointly prepare and file a motion for preliminary approval (“Motion for Preliminary Approval”) that complies with the Court’s current checklist for Preliminary Approvals.

- 6.1 **Consolidation of Claims.** Within 14 days of full execution of this Agreement, the Parties will file a joint stipulation to file a First Amended Complaint in Plaintiff’s Class Action lawsuit to add the PAGA cause of action from Plaintiff’s PAGA Action lawsuit into the Class Action. This joint stipulation will include clean copy of the proposed First Amended Complaint as well as a redlined copy of the proposed First Amended Complaint indicating all revisions made to Plaintiff’s original Class Action Complaint. Should the Court grant the Parties’ joint stipulation to file a First Amended Complaint, Plaintiff will file the clean copy of the proposed First Amended Complaint and will thereafter dismiss Plaintiff’s PAGA Action in its entirety without prejudice. Should the Court deny the Parties’ joint stipulation to file a First Amended Complaint, the Parties will work together to remedy any issues the Court takes with the proposed method of consolidating of the Class Action and PAGA Action lawsuits. If necessary, the Parties will cooperate with the Court’s direction to ensure that all of Plaintiff’s claims from both Actions are consolidated into a single action as efficient and expeditiously as practicable.
- 6.2 **No Known Conflicts Or Pending Lawsuits.** Plaintiff, Wooltari, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel have no known conflicts or potential conflicts of interest with the Administrator. Wooltari and Defense Counsel are not aware of any other pending matters or actions asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by this Settlement.
- 6.3 **Plaintiff’s Responsibilities.** Plaintiff will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel all documents necessary for obtaining Preliminary Approval. Defendant will not oppose Class Counsel’s motion for preliminary approval of the settlement so long as the motion and supporting papers are consistent with the terms of this Agreement. Class Counsel will provide Defendant’s counsel with a reasonable opportunity to review, and provide comments to, the motion for preliminary approval of the settlement before the motion and supporting papers are filed with the Court. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Defendant may, without opposing the preliminary approval motion, advise the Court if Defendant disagrees with any of

the factual statements included by the Named Plaintiff in the motion and supporting papers. Defendant's Counsel will meet and confer with Class Counsel regarding any disputed factual statements before notifying the Court of any disputes.

- 6.4 **Responsibilities of Counsel.** Class Counsel and Defense Counsel are jointly responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the Motion for Preliminary Approval no later than 30 days after the full execution of this Agreement; obtaining a prompt hearing date for the Motion for Preliminary Approval; and for appearing in Court to advocate in favor of the Motion for Preliminary Approval. Class Counsel is responsible for delivering the Court's Preliminary Approval to the Administrator.
- 6.5 **Duty to Cooperate.** If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed Motion for Preliminary Approval and/or the supporting declarations and documents, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve the disagreement. If the Court does not grant Preliminary Approval or conditions Preliminary Approval on any material change to this Agreement, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to modify the Agreement and otherwise satisfy the Court's concerns.

## 7. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

- 7.1 **Selection of Administrator.** The Parties have jointly selected to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, ILYM Group, Inc. agrees to be bound by this Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this Agreement in exchange for payment of Administration Expenses. The Parties and their Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the Administrator other than a professional relationship arising out of prior experiences administering settlements.
- 7.2 **Employer Identification Number.** The Administrator shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number for purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and providing reports state and federal tax authorities.
- 7.3 **Qualified Settlement Fund.** The Administrator shall establish a settlement fund that meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") under US Treasury Regulation section 468B-1.
- 7.4 **Notice to Class Members.**
  - 7.4.1 No later than three (3) business days after receipt of the Class Data, the Administrator shall notify Class Counsel that the list has been received and

state the number of Class Members, PAGA Members, Workweeks, and Pay Periods in the Class Data.

- 7.4.2 Using best efforts to perform as soon as possible, and in no event later than 14 days after receiving the Class Data, the Administrator will send to all Class Members identified in the Class Data, via first-class United States Postal Service (“USPS”) mail, the Class Notice with Korean translation substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit A**. The first page of the Class Notice shall prominently estimate the dollar amounts of any Individual Class Payment and/or Individual PAGA Payment payable to the Class Member, and the number of Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if applicable) used to calculate these amounts. Before mailing Class Notices, the Administrator shall update Class Member addresses using the National Change of Address database.
- 7.4.3 Not later than 3 business days after the Administrator’s receipt of any Class Notice returned by the USPS as undelivered, the Administrator shall re-mail the Class Notice using any forwarding address provided by the USPS. If the USPS does not provide a forwarding address, the Administrator shall conduct a Class Member Address Search, and re-mail the Class Notice to the most current address obtained. The Administrator has no obligation to make further attempts to locate or send Class Notice to Class Members whose Class Notice is returned by the USPS a second time.
- 7.4.4 The deadlines for Class Members’ written objections, Challenges to Workweeks and/or Pay Periods, and Requests for Exclusion will be extended an additional 15 days beyond the 45 days otherwise provided in the Class Notice for all Class Members whose notice is re-mailed. The Administrator will inform the Class Member of the extended deadline with the re-mailed Class Notice.
- 7.4.5 If the Administrator, Wooltari or Class Counsel is contacted by or otherwise discovers any persons who believe they should have been included in the Class Data and should have received Class Notice, the Parties will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, in an effort to agree on whether to include them as Class Members. If the Parties agree, such persons will be Class Members entitled to the same rights as other Class Members, and the Administrator will send, via email or overnight delivery, a Class Notice requiring them to exercise options under this Agreement not later than 15 days after receipt of Class Notice, or the deadline dates in the Class Notice, which ever are later.

## **7.5 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-Outs).**

- 7.5.1 Class Members who wish to exclude themselves (opt-out of) the Class Settlement must send the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail, a signed

written Request for Exclusion not later than 45 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 15 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed). A Request for Exclusion is a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative that reasonably communicates the Class Member's election to be excluded from the Settlement and includes the Class Member's name, address and email address or telephone number. To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely faxed, emailed, or postmarked by the Response Deadline.

7.5.2 The Administrator may not reject a Request for Exclusion as invalid because it fails to contain all the information specified in the Class Notice. The Administrator shall accept any Request for Exclusion as valid if the Administrator can reasonably ascertain the identity of the person as a Class Member and the Class Member's desire to be excluded. The Administrator's determination shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. If the Administrator has reason to question the authenticity of a Request for Exclusion, the Administrator may demand additional proof of the Class Member's identity. The Administrator's determination of authenticity shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.

7.5.3 Every Class Member who does not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion is deemed to be a Participating Class Member under this Agreement, entitled to all benefits and bound by all terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the Participating Class Members' Releases under Paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of this Agreement, regardless whether the Participating Class Member actually receives the Class Notice or objects to the Settlement.

7.5.4 Every Class Member who submits a valid and timely Request for Exclusion is a Non-Participating Class Member and shall not receive an Individual Class Payment or have the right to object to the class action components of the Settlement. Because future PAGA claims are subject to claim preclusion upon entry of the Judgment, Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release the claims identified in Paragraph 6.4 of this Agreement and are eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment.

7.6 **Challenges to Calculation of Workweeks.** Each Class Member shall have 45 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 15 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed) to challenge the number of Class Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if any) allocated to the Class Member in the Class Notice. The Class Member may challenge the allocation by communicating with the Administrator via fax, email or mail. The Administrator must encourage the challenging Class Member to submit supporting documentation. In the absence

of any contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the Workweeks contained in the Class Notice are correct so long as they are consistent with the Class Data. The Administrator's determination of each Class Member's allocation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. The Administrator shall promptly provide copies of all challenges to calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel and the Administrator's determination the challenges.

## **7.7 Objections to Settlement.**

7.7.1 Only Participating Class Members may object to the class action components of the Settlement and/or this Agreement, including contesting the fairness of the Settlement, and/or amounts requested for the Class Counsel Fees Payment, and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment.

7.7.2 Participating Class Members may send written objections to the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail. In the alternative, Participating Class Members may appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court) to present verbal objections at the Final Approval Hearing. A Participating Class Member who elects to send a written objection to the Administrator must do so not later than 45 days after the Administrator's mailing of the Class Notice (plus an additional 15 days for Class Members whose Class Notice was re-mailed).

7.7.3 Non-Participating Class Members have no right to object to any of the class action components of the Settlement.

7.8 **Administrator Duties.** The Administrator has a duty to perform or observe all tasks to be performed or observed by the Administrator contained in this Agreement or otherwise.

7.8.1 **Website, Email Address and Toll-Free Number.** The Administrator will establish and maintain and use an internet website to post information of interest to Class Members including the date, time and location for the Final Approval Hearing and copies of the Settlement Agreement, Motion for Preliminary Approval, the Preliminary Approval, the Class Notice, the Motion for Final Approval, the Motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Final Approval and the Judgment. The Administrator will also maintain and monitor an email address and a toll-free telephone number to receive Class Member calls, faxes and emails.

7.8.2 **Requests for Exclusion (Opt-outs) and Exclusion List.** The Administrator will promptly review on a rolling basis Requests for Exclusion to ascertain their validity. Not later than 5 days after the expiration of the deadline for submitting Requests for Exclusion, the

Administrator shall email a list to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel containing (a) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have timely submitted valid Requests for Exclusion (“Exclusion List”); (b) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have submitted invalid Requests for Exclusion; (c) copies of all Requests for Exclusion from Settlement submitted (whether valid or invalid).

- 7.8.3 **Weekly Reports.** The Administrator must, on a weekly basis, provide written reports to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel that, among other things, tally the number of: Class Notices mailed or re-mailed, Class Notices returned undelivered, Requests for Exclusion (whether valid or invalid) received, objections received, challenges to Workweeks and/or Pay Periods received and/or resolved, and checks mailed for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments (“Weekly Report”). The Weekly Reports must include provide the Administrator’s assessment of the validity of Requests for Exclusion and attach copies of all Requests for Exclusion and objections received.
- 7.8.4 **Workweek and/or Pay Period Challenges.** The Administrator has the authority to address and make final decisions consistent with the terms of this Agreement on all Class Member challenges over the calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods. The Administrator’s decision shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.
- 7.8.5 **Administrator’s Declaration.** Not later than 14 days before the date by which Plaintiff is required to file the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, the Administrator will provide to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its due diligence and compliance with all of its obligations under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, its mailing of Class Notice, the Class Notices returned as undelivered, the re-mailing of Class Notices, attempts to locate Class Members, the total number of Requests for Exclusion from Settlement it received (both valid or invalid), the number of written objections and attach the Exclusion List. The Administrator will supplement its declaration as needed or requested by the Parties and/or the Court. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator’s declaration(s) in Court.
- 7.8.6 **Final Report by Settlement Administrator.** Within 10 days after the Administrator disburses all funds in the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will provide Class Counsel and Defense Counsel with a final report detailing its disbursements by employee identification number only of all payments made under this Agreement. At least 15 days before any deadline set by the Court, the Administrator will prepare, and submit to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing

in Court attesting to its disbursement of all payments required under this Agreement. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration in Court.

8. **Class Size Estimates and Escalator Clause.** Based on its records, Wooltari estimates that, as of the date of this Settlement Agreement, (1) there are 76 Class Members and 3,947 Total Workweeks during the Class Period and (2) there were 76 Aggrieved Employees who worked 1,607 Pay Periods during the PAGA Period. If the number of workweeks worked by all Class Members during the Class Period is ultimately determined to exceed 4,342, then the Gross Settlement Amount shall be increased by a pro rata amount for each additional workweek over 4,342 workweeks. However, Wooltari has the right to shorten the Class Period in lieu of increasing the Gross Settlement Amount.
9. **Wooltari's Right to Withdraw.** If the number of valid Requests for Exclusion identified in the Exclusion List exceeds 15% of the total of all Class Members, Wooltari may, but is not obligated, elect to withdraw from the Settlement. The Parties agree that, if Wooltari withdraws, the Settlement shall be void ab initio, have no force or effect whatsoever, and that neither Party will have any further obligation to perform under this Agreement; provided, however, Wooltari will remain responsible for paying all Settlement Administration Expenses incurred to that point. Wooltari must notify Class Counsel and the Court of its election to withdraw not later than seven (7) days after the Administrator sends the final Exclusion List to Defense Counsel; late elections will have no effect.
10. **Motion for Final Approval.** Not later than 16 court days before the calendared Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff will file in Court, a motion for final approval of the Settlement that includes a request for approval of the PAGA settlement under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l), a Proposed Final Approval Order and a proposed Judgment (collectively "Motion for Final Approval"). Plaintiff shall provide drafts of these documents to Defense Counsel not later than seven (7) days prior to filing the Motion for Final Approval. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve any disagreements concerning the Motion for Final Approval.
  - 10.1 **Response to Objections.** Each Party retains the right to respond to any objection raised by a Participating Class Member, including the right to file responsive documents in Court no later than five (5) court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, or as otherwise ordered or accepted by the Court.
  - 10.2 **Duty to Cooperate.** If the Court does not grant Final Approval or conditions Final Approval on any material change to the Settlement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), the Parties will expeditiously work together in good faith to address the Court's concerns by revising the Agreement as necessary to obtain Final Approval. The Court's decision to award



less than the amounts requested for the Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Administrator Expenses Payment shall not constitute a material modification to the Agreement within the meaning of this paragraph.

- 10.3 **Continuing Jurisdiction of the Court.** The Parties agree that, after entry of Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, Actions, and the Settlement solely for purposes of (i) enforcing this Agreement and/or Judgment, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters, and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as are permitted by law.
- 10.4 **Waiver of Right to Appeal.** Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, specifically including the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment reflected set forth in this Settlement, the Parties, their respective counsel, and all Participating Class Members who did not object to the Settlement as provided in this Agreement, waive all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment and appellate proceedings, the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial, extraordinary writs, and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose such motions, writs or appeals. If an objector appeals the Judgment, the Parties' obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final, except as to matters that do not affect the amount of the Net Settlement Amount.
- 10.5 **Appellate Court Orders to Vacate, Reverse, or Materially Modify Judgment.** If the reviewing Court vacates, reverses, or modifies the Judgment in a manner that requires a material modification of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), this Agreement shall be null and void. The Parties shall nevertheless expeditiously work together in good faith to address the appellate court's concerns and to obtain Final Approval and entry of Judgment, sharing, on a 50-50 basis, any additional Administration Expenses reasonably incurred after remittitur. An appellate decision to vacate, reverse, or modify the Court's award of any payments to Class Counsel shall not constitute a material modification of the Judgment within the meaning of this paragraph, as long as the Gross Settlement Amount remains unchanged.
11. **Amended Judgment.** If any amended judgment is required under Code of Civil Procedure section 384, the Parties will work together in good faith to jointly submit and a proposed amended judgment.
12. **Additional Provisions.**
  - 12.1 **No Admission of Liability, Class Certification or Representative Manageability for Other Purposes.** This Agreement represents a compromise and

settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as an admission by Wooltari that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint have merit or that Wooltari has any liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended or construed as an admission by Plaintiff that Wooltari's defenses in the Actions have merit. The Parties agree that class certification and representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If, for any reason the Court does grant Preliminary Approval, Final Approval or enter Judgment, Wooltari reserves the right to contest certification of any class for any reasons, and Wooltari reserves all available defenses to the claims in the Actions, and Plaintiff reserves the right to move for class certification on any grounds available and to contest Wooltari's defenses. The Settlement, this Agreement and Parties' willingness to settle the Actions will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, any litigation (except for proceedings to enforce or effectuate the Settlement and this Agreement).

- 12.2 **Confidentiality Prior to Preliminary Approval.** Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Wooltari and Defense Counsel separately agree that, until the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement is filed, they and each of them will not disclose, disseminate and/or publicize, or cause or permit another person to disclose, disseminate or publicize, any of the terms of the Agreement directly or indirectly, specifically or generally, to any person, corporation, association, government agency, or other entity except: (1) to the Parties' attorneys, accountants, or spouses, all of whom will be instructed to keep this Agreement confidential; (2) counsel in a related matter; (3) to the extent necessary to report income to appropriate taxing authorities; (4) in response to a court order or subpoena; or (5) in response to an inquiry or subpoena issued by a state or federal government agency. Each Party agrees to immediately notify each other Party of any judicial or agency order, inquiry, or subpoena seeking such information. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Wooltari and Defense Counsel separately agree not to, directly or indirectly, initiate any conversation or other communication, before the filing of the Motion for Preliminary Approval, any with third party regarding this Agreement or the matters giving rise to this Agreement except to respond only that "the matter was resolved," or words to that effect. This paragraph does not restrict Class Counsel's communications with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.
- 12.3 **No Solicitation.** The Parties separately agree that they and their respective counsel and employees will not solicit any Class Member to opt out of or object to the Settlement, or appeal from the Judgment. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to restrict Class Counsel's ability to communicate with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.
- 12.4 **Integrated Agreement.** Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement together with its attached exhibits shall constitute the entire agreement

between the Parties relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements made to or by any Party.

- 12.5 **Attorney Authorization.** Class Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiff and Wooltari, respectively, to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents reasonably required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement including any amendments to this Agreement.
- 12.6 **Cooperation.** The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts, in good faith, to implement the Settlement by, among other things, modifying the Settlement Agreement, submitting supplemental evidence and supplementing points and authorities as requested by the Court. In the event the Parties are unable to agree upon the form or content of any document necessary to implement the Settlement, or on any modification of the Agreement that may become necessary to implement the Settlement, the Parties will seek the assistance of a mediator and/or the Court for resolution.
- 12.7 **No Prior Assignments.** The Parties separately represent and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity and portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action, or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.
- 12.8 **No Tax Advice.** Neither Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Wooltari nor Defense Counsel are providing any advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.
- 12.9 **Modification of Agreement.** This Agreement, and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed, or waived only by an express written instrument signed by all Parties or their representatives, and approved by the Court.
- 12.10 **Agreement Binding on Successors.** This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.
- 12.11 **Applicable Law.** All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be governed by and interpreted according to the internal laws of the state of California, without regard to conflict of law principles.
- 12.12 **Cooperation in Drafting.** The Parties have cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement. This Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was the drafter or participated in the drafting.

- 12.13 **Confidentiality.** To the extent permitted by law, all agreements made, and orders entered during Actions and in this Agreement relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive the execution of this Agreement.
- 12.14 **Use and Return of Class Data.** Information provided to Class Counsel pursuant to Cal. Evid. Code §1152, and all copies and summaries of the Class Data provided to Class Counsel by Wooltari in connection with the mediation, other settlement negotiations, or in connection with the Settlement, may be used only with respect to this Settlement, and no other purpose, and may not be used in any way that violates any existing contractual agreement, statute, or rule of court. Not later than 90 days after the date when the Court discharges the Administrator's obligation to provide a Declaration confirming the final pay out of all Settlement funds, Plaintiff shall destroy, all paper and electronic versions of Class Data received from Wooltari unless, prior to the Court's discharge of the Administrator's obligation, Wooltari makes a written request to Class Counsel for the return, rather than the destructions, of Class Data.
- 12.15 **Headings.** The descriptive heading of any section or paragraph of this Agreement is inserted for convenience of reference only and does not constitute a part of this Agreement.
- 12.16 **Notice.** All notices, demands or other communications between the Parties in connection with this Agreement will be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the third business day after mailing by United States mail, or the day sent by email or messenger, addressed as follows:

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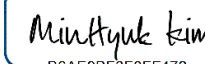
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- 12.17 **Calendar Days.** Unless otherwise noted, all reference to “days” in this Agreement shall be to calendar days. In the event any date or deadline set forth in this Agreement falls on a weekend or federal legal holiday, such date or deadline shall be on the first business day thereafter.
- 12.18 **Execution in Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by facsimile, electronically (i.e. DocuSign), or email which for purposes of this Agreement shall be accepted as an original. All executed counterparts and each of them will be deemed to be one and the same instrument if counsel for the Parties will exchange between themselves signed counterparts. Any executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.
- 12.19 **Stay of Litigation.** The Parties agree that upon the execution of this Agreement the litigation shall be stayed, except to effectuate the terms of this Agreement. The Parties further agree that upon the signing of this Agreement that pursuant to CCP section 583.330 to extend the date to bring a case to trial under CCP section 583.310 for the entire period of this settlement process.

Dated: 01 / 11 / 2024


  
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Plaintiff Jihyun Kwon

Dated: 2/8/2024

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