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V. SALDANA

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF

Plaintiff,

Defendant.

Case No.

[PROPOSED] FINAL JUDGMENT **INCLUDING PERMANENT** INJUNCTION

The People of the State of California ("California"), plaintiff, appearing through Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney General of California, by Deputy Attorney General Jonathan M. Eisenberg, and Bioelements, Inc. ("Bioelements"), defendant, appearing through its counsel; Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, by Lisa Tenorio-Kutzkey, have consented to the entry of this Final Judgment Including Permanent Injunction (hereinafter, the "Judgment").

This Judgment is entered without any taking of evidence or proof, and without any adjudication of any issue of fact or law. This Judgment does not constitute evidence of or any admission by Bioelements regarding any issue of fact or law alleged in the complaint in this matter. This Judgment and the accompanying stipulation for entry of final judgment constitute the complete, final, and exclusive agreement between California and Bioelements resolving this matter, and supersede any prior oral or written agreement between these parties.

California and Bioelements having approved this Judgment as to form and content and having waived their rights of appeal,

IT IS HEREBY OF DERED THAT:

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over California and Bioelements and the subject matter of this lawsuit, and venue for this matter is proper in this Court.
- 2. This Judgment's injunctive provisions, stated in paragraph 3, infra, shall apply to and cover:
 - a. Bioelements, as well as its agents, employees, officers, directors, owners, representatives, partners, successors, assigns, and all entities or persons acting in concert with them and/or under Bioelements's direct or indirect control (collectively, the "Enjoined Parties"); and
 - b. All articles, articles of commerce, articles of consumption, articles of merchandise, articles of produce, articles of trade, articles of use, commodities, commodities of commerce, commodities of merchandise, commodities of produce, goods, merchandise, produce, products, or transportation:
 - Developed, manufactured, packaged, marketed, or distributed by the Enjoined Parties, individually, collectively, or in any subset of the collective group; and/or
 - ii. Bearing (by the Enjoined Parties, individually, collectively, or in any subset of the collective group under), or being marketed by the Enjoined Parties, individually, collectively, or in any subset of the collective group under, the brand name or trademark BIOELEMENTS (by itself or as part of a multi-word brand name or trademark), as well as any brand name or trademark containing the multi-letter combinations "bio" or "elements" (collectively, the "Subject Bioelements Products").
- 3. Under Business & Professions Code sections 16750, 16754.5, and 17203, the Enjoined Parties (individually, collectively, or in any subset of the collective group), are permanently enjoined and restrained from:

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- a. Making with any third party, including but not limited to an independent contractor of any type, any contract, obligation, or agreement, oral or written, to "increase the price of merchandise or any commodity" (Bus. & Prof. Code §16720(a)), relating to one or more of the Subject Bioelements Products.
- b. Making with any third party, including but not limited to an independent contractor of any type, any agreement or contract, oral or written, "to fix at any standard or figure, whereby its price to the public or consumer shall be in any manner controlled or established, any article or commodity of merchandise, produce, or commerce intended for sale, barter, use or consumption in this State" (Bus. & Prof. Code §16720(d)), relating to one or more of the Subject Bioelements Products.
- c. For any of the Subject Bioelements Products, "[m]ak[ing] or enter[ing] into or execut[ing] or carry[ing] out any contracts, obligations, or agreements of any kind or description [including oral or written], by which [any Enjoined Bioelements Entity and any third party, including but not limited to an independent contractor of any type] do all or any or any combination of the following:
 - i. Bind themselves not to sell, dispose of or transport any article or any commodity or any article of trade, use, merchandise, commerce or consumption below a common standard figure, or fixed value[;]
 - ii. Agree in any manner to keep the price of such article, commodity or transportation at a fixed or graduated figure[;]
 - iii. Establish or settle the price of any article, commodity or transportation between them or themselves and others, so as directly or indirectly to preclude a free and unrestricted competition among themselves, or any purchasers or consumers in the sale or transportation of any such article or commodity[; and/or]
 - iv. Agree to pool, combine or directly or indirectly unite any interests that they may have connected with the sale or transportation of any such article or

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- To ensure compliance with this Judgment's injunctive provisions, stated in paragraph 3, supra, Bioelements shall do the following:
 - a. Within ten calendar days of the entry of this Judgment, Bioelements shall provide a copy of this Judgment to each current Bioelements director and officer, as well as any current Bioelements employee whose job responsibilities have ever included calculating, determining, establishing, estimating, monitoring, or setting retail prices for any Bioelements products. Thereafter, within two weeks of the provision of said copies of this Judgment to the above-mentioned people, a Bioelements director, officer, or attorney shall do the following:
 - i. Prepare a declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California stating, "Bioelements has complied in full with the requirements of paragraph 4(a) of the final judgment in People v. Bioelements, Inc." (with no other verbiage contradicting same); and
 - ii. Have that declaration delivered (by personal messenger or U.S. mail) to Jonathan M. Eisenberg, c/o Office of the Attorney General, 300 South Spring St., Ste. 1702, Los Angeles, CA 90013.
 - b. Within two weeks of the entry of this Judgment, Bioelements shall send written correspondence to each entity that, since January 1, 2009, made any agreement with Bioelements to maintain in any manner resale prices established or set by Bioelements for any Bioelements products, with each piece of said correspondence stating, "This letter is to inform you that Bioelements is immediately, unilaterally disayowing all parts of Bioelements's distributor or resale agreement with you that purportedly obligated you to maintain certain resale prices for Bioelements products. As far as Bioelements is concerned, you do not have an agreement with Bioelements to maintain any resale prices for Bioelements products" (with no other verbiage contradicting same). Each piece of said correspondence shall be on

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Bioelements letterhead, signed by a director or officer of Bioelements, addressed to the last known U.S. mail address of the recipient entity, and delivered by U.S. mail, return receipt requested. Thereafter, within two weeks of the delivery of all said pieces of correspondence to the above-mentioned entities, as confirmed by the return receipts (to be maintained by Bioelements), a Bioelements director, officer, or attorney shall do the following:

- i. Prepare a declaration under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California stating, "Bioelements has complied in full with the requirements of paragraph 4(b) of the final judgment in <u>People v</u>.
 <u>Bioelements, Inc.</u>" (with no other verbiage contradicting same); and
- Have that declaration delivered (by personal messenger or U.S. mail) to Jonathan M. Eisenberg, Deputy Attorney General, c/o Office of the Attorney General, 300 South Spring St., Ste. 1702, Los Angeles, CA 90013.
- 5. Upon entry of this Judgment, Bioelements shall pay to California the sum of \$15,000 as civil penalties under Business & Professions Code section 17206. Said civil penalties shall be paid by Bioelements in equal installments of \$7,500 due on January 15, 2011, and July 15, 2011; however, nothing in the foregoing shall limit Bioelements's ability to pay said civil penalties prior to these dates.
- 6. Upon entry of this Judgment, Bioelements shall pay to California the sum of \$36,000 for the costs of the investigation in this matter, attorney fees, and other expenses, under Business & Professions Code section 16750. Said costs, attorney fees, and other expenses shall be paid by Bioelements in equal installments of \$18,000 due on January 15, 2011, and July 15, 2011; however, nothing in the foregoing shall limit Bioelements's ability to pay said costs, attorney fees and other expenses prior to these dates. These attorney-fees/costs payments are designated for the exclusive use of the Office of the Attorney General for the investigation and prosecution of antitrust violations, and for consumer education and outreach.
 - 7. The sums of money described in paragraphs 5 and 6, supra, shall be paid by

certified checks made payable to "California Attorney General's Office" and delivered promptly (by personal messenger or overnight courier) to Jonathan M. Eisenberg, Deputy Attorney General, c/o Office of the Attorney General, 300 South Spring St., Ste. 1702, Los Angeles, CA 90013.

- 8. The payments required by this Judgment are not dischargeable in bankruptcy.
- 9. This Judgment fully and finally resolves only those matters specifically set forth in the allegations of the complaint in this lawsuit, for conduct that occurred before entry of this Judgment.
- 10. Nothing in this Judgment shall be construed to relieve Bioelements of its obligations to comply, or to prohibit Bioelements from complying, with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations, or rules, or to permit Bioelements to engage in any acts or practices prohibited by any applicable local, state, or federal law, regulation, or rule.
- 11. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter for purposes of enabling California or Bioelements to apply to the Court at any time for further directions or orders as may be necessary or appropriate for the construction or carrying out of this Judgment, for modification of any of the injunctive provisions of this Judgment, for enforcement of or compliance with this Judgment, and/or for the punishment of any violation of this Judgment.
- 12. This Judgment shall be binding and effective immediately upon entry by the Clerk of this Court, and the Clerk is ordered to enter this judgment forthwith.

Dated: Judge Harold W. Hopp
Superior Court Judge

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