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DMS NOTICE QC - 18 - 01 DISCARD: RETAIN

TO: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICIALS

**SUBJECT:** Settlement – TRM Manufacturing, Inc., United Polymers, Inc., and DOES I-X

Enclosed is a copy of the Stipulation for Entry of Final Judgment and Permanent Injunction issued against TRM Manufacturing, Inc., United Polymers, Inc., and DOES I-X. The Riverside County District Attorney filed the case on November 29, 2017, in conjunction with the District Attorneys for Los Angeles County and the County of Santa Cruz, for selling product that was less quantity than represented and improperly labeled [California Business and Professions Code §§ 12024, 12602, 12603, and 12611 and California Code of Regulations § 4512.1].

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department), Division of Measurement Standards (DMS), worked with weights and measures investigators from Riverside and Los Angeles counties on this case. The total settlement was for \$223,576.29. Civil penalties amounted to \$165,000 and agency costs were \$58,576.29.

The Department sincerely appreciates the work performed by the District Attorneys' offices along with the state and county investigators that documented and caused to be prosecuted these violations. If you have any questions, please contact Katherine de Contreras, Supervising Special Investigator, DMS Enforcement Branch at (916) 229-3047 or katherine.decontreras@cdfa.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Kristin Macey Director

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cc: Office of County/State Liaison, CDFA



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#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

Plaintiff,

. VS.

TRM MANUFACTURING, INC., a California corporation; UNITED POLYMERS, INC., a California

corporation; et al.; and DOES I-X,

Defendants.

Case No.: RIC 1612048

STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF FINAL JUDGMENT AND PERMANENT INJUNCTION

Plaintiff, the People of the State of California, by and through its attorneys, having filed its Complaint herein; and Plaintiff appearing by and through its attorneys, Jeffrey S. Rosell, District Attorney for the County of Santa Cruz, by Assistant District Attorney Edward T. Browne; Jackie Lacey, District Attorney of Los Angeles County, by Deputies District Attorney Leonard Torrealba and Duke T. Chau; and Michael A. Hestrin, District Attorney of Riverside County, by Deputy District Attorney Elise J. Farrell; and Defendants TRM Manufacturing, Inc.; and United Polymers, Inc.; (collectively "Corporate Defendants") appearing by and through counsel Kevin Erwin of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, stipulate and agree as follows:

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STIPULATED FINAL JUDGMENT AND PERMANENT INJUNCTION

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INC.; (collectively "Corporate Defendants") appearing by and through counsel Kevin Erwin of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP.

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that the parties hereto having stipulated and consented to the entry of this Stipulated Final Judgment and Permanent Injunction (hereinafter "Judgment") prior to the taking of any proof, and without trial or adjudication of any fact or law herein, and without this Judgment constituting any admission by Defendants, or any of them, regarding any issue of fact or law alleged in said Complaint;

The Court having considered the pleadings:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Plaintiff have judgment against the Corporate Defendants as follows:

## **JURISDICTION**

1. This action is brought under California law and this Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter hereof and the parties hereto.

## **APPLICABILITY**

2. The provisions of this Judgment, including the injunction contained herein, are applicable to Corporate Defendants TRM MANUFACTURING, INC. and UNITED POLYMERS, INC.; their owners, officers, directors, employees, agents, and representatives, acting within the actual and ostensible scope of their employment; their assignors or successors; all persons, partnerships, corporations, and other entities acting by, through, or on behalf of the Corporate Defendants; and to all persons acting in concert or participation with the Corporate Defendants, who have actual or constructive knowledge of this Judgment.

# INJUNCTION

3. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 17203 and 17535, Corporate Defendants, and other persons and entities set forth in paragraph 2 above (hereinafter "Enjoined Persons"), are hereby permanently enjoined and restrained from engaging, directly or indirectly, in any of the following acts or practices:

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District Attorney's Office, 701 Ocean Street, Room #200, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

- 5. <u>Civil Penalties:</u> As provided by, and pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 17206 and 17536, upon entry of this Judgment, Corporate Defendants shall pay to Plaintiff as civil penalties, the sum of \$165,000.00 divided by equal checks made payable to the following entities: District Attorney, County of Riverside; District Attorney, County of Santa Cruz; and District Attorney, County of Los Angeles. All checks shall be delivered to Assistant District Attorney Edward T. Browne, Santa Cruz County District Attorney's Office, 701 Ocean Street, Room #200, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.
- 6. All parties shall bear their own attorney fees and costs including but not limited to any and all costs incurred during discovery and Motions for Summary Judgment in this matter.

## RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

- 7. Jurisdiction is retained by this Court for the purpose of enabling any party to this Judgment to apply to this Court at any time for such further orders and directions as may be necessary and appropriate for the construction or carrying out of this Judgment, for the enforcement of compliance herewith, or for the punishment of violations thereof.
- 8. Nothing in this Judgment shall be construed as relieving Corporate Defendants and Enjoined Persons of their obligation to comply, or prohibit them from complying, with all applicable state and federal laws, regulations or rules; nor shall any of the provisions of this Judgment be deemed to be permission to engage in any acts or practices prohibited by such law, regulation or rule.
- 9. The injunctive provisions of this Judgment are in addition to all other obligations and duties imposed by law.
  - 10. The parties waive the right to appeal this Judgment both as to form and content.
  - 11. The Clerk shall enter this Judgment, consisting of five (5) pages forthwith.
- 12. All DOE Defendants and Defendant TED MOORE II, are to, and will be, dismissed, with prejudice, from this action upon entry of the Judgment.

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