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On November 8, 2021, the Motion for Preliminary Approval ("MPA") of Class Action Settlement filed by Plaintiff in the above-entitled matter was heard in Department 23 of the abovereferenced Court, the Honorable V. Raymond Swope presiding.

The Court, having fully reviewed the MPA, the supporting Points and Authorities, and the declarations of Plaintiff, Norma Serrano, Michael Kim, and Ronald W. Makarem filed in support thereof, including the Notice of Class Action Settlement, and having carefully analyzed the Settlement Agreement, proposed Notice of Class Action Settlement and proposed Estimated Distribution Form, and in recognition of the Court's duty to make a preliminary determination as to the reasonableness of any proposed class action settlement, and if preliminarily determined to be reasonable, to ensure proper notice is provided to Class Members in accordance with due process requirements; and to set a Final Fairness Hearing to consider the proposed Settlement as to the good faith, fairness, adequacy and reasonableness of any proposed settlement, **THE COURT HEREBY MAKES THE FOLLOWING DETERMINATIONS AND ORDERS**:

1. Terms and phrases used in this Order shall have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the Joint Stipulation of Class Action Settlement and Release.

2. The Court finds on a preliminary basis that the the Joint Stipulation of Class Action Settlement and Release ("Joint Stipulation") attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and to the Declaration of Ronald W. Makarem in support of Plaintiff's unopposed Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, filed on or about October 13, 2021, appears to be within the range of reasonableness of a settlement which could ultimately be given approval by this Court subject to further consideration at the Final Settlement Approval Hearing, is preliminarily approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate, and its terms are incorporated herein. The Court notes that Defendant Bay Bread LLC ("Defendant") has ageed to pay the Gross Settlement Amount of \$340,000.00, out of which Defendant will pay:

a. the Court-approved attorneys' fees;

b. litigation costs;

c. class representative Enhancement Award;

d. payment to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency;

f. Settlement Administrator's costs; and

g. payment to each individual Class Member as provided for in ¶23 of the Joint Stipulation.

3. Accordingly, good cause appearing, Plaintiff's MPA is hereby **GRANTED**. For purposes of settlement only, the Court provisionally and conditionally certifies the following class: "All non-exempt workers in California provided by Aerotek to Defendant Bay Bread LLC ("Bay Bread") from January 15, 2010 through December 23, 2015."

4. The Court finds the Settlement Class, consisting of approximately 868 members, is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable, and that the Settlement Class is ascertainable by reference to the business records of Aerotek.

5. The Court finds further, for purposes of settlement only, that there are questions of law and fact common to the entire Settlement Class, which common questions predominate over any individualized questions of law or fact. These common questions include, without limitation: (1) whether Bay Bread provided Settlement Class Members with all required meal periods, and (2) whether Bay Bread timely paid all wages due upon separation of employment.

6. The Court finds further, for purposes of settlement only, that the claims of named Plaintiff Norma Serrano are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class, and that she will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Settlement Class. Accordingly, the Court appoints Norma Serrano as the Class Representative, and appoints her counsel of record, Ronald W. Makarem of Makarem & Associates, APLC, and Michael H. Kim and Law Offices of Michael H. Kim, as Class Counsel.

7. The Court finds further that certification of the Settlement Class is superior to other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.

8. The Court finds further that, in the present case, the proposed method of providing notice of the Settlement to the Settlement Class via First Class U.S. Mail to each Settlement Class Member's last known address, is reasonably calculated to notify the Settlement Class Members of the proposed Settlement and provides the best notice possible under the circumstances. The Court also

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finds the Notice of Class Action Settlement form is sufficient to inform the Settlement Class Members of the terms of the Settlement and their rights thereunder, including the right to object to the Settlement or any part thereof and the procedure for doing so, their right to exclude themselves from the Settlement and the procedure for doing so, their right to obtain a portion of the Settlement proceeds, and the date, time and location of the Final Approval Hearing. The proposed Notice of Class Action Settlement and Estimated Distribution Form (Exhibits A and B, respectively, to the Joint Stipulation) and the procedure for providing Notice set forth in the Joint Stipulationt, are approved by the Court.

9. Under the terms of the Joint Stipulation, the Court approves the Parties' selection of CPT Group, Inc. as the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator is ordered to mail the Notice Packet to the Settlement Class Members via First-Class U.S. Mail as specified in the Joint Stipulation, and to otherwise carry out all other duties set forth in the Joint Stipulation. The Parties are ordered to carry out and comply with all terms of this Order and the Joint Stipulation, and particularly with respect to providing the Settlement Administrator all information necessary to perform its duties under the Joint Stipulation.

10. Any member of the Settlement Class who wishes to comment on or object to the Settlement or any term thereof, including any proposed award of attorney's fees and costs to Class Counsel, shall have thiry (30) days from the mailing of the Class Notice to submit his or her comments and/or objection to the Settlement Administrator, as set forth in the Joint Stipulationt and Class Notice. In addition, the Court hereby ORDERS that:

11. A Final Approval Hearing is hereby set for **March +2**, **2022**, at 3:00 p.m. in Department 23 of the San Mateo County Superior Court, to consider any objections to the Settlement, determine if the proposed Settlement should be found fair, adequate and reasonable and given full and final approval by the Court, to determine the amount of attorney's fees and costs awarded to Class Counsel, the amount of any enhancement award to the Class Representative, and to approve the fees and costs payable to the Settlement Administrator. All legal memoranda, affidavits, declarations, or other evidence in support of the request for final approval, the award of attorney's fees and costs to Class Counsel, the enhancement award to the Class Representative, and the fees and costs of the Settlement

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Administrator, shall be filed no later than sixteen (16) court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. The Court reserves the right to continue the Final Approval Hearing without further notice to the Settlement Class Members. IT IS SO ORDERED. Electronically SIGNED Dated: 11/16/2021 By /s/ Swope, Raymond Judge of the Superior Court V. Raymond Swope [PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

EXHIBIT 1

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JOINT STIPULATION OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE

This Joint Stipulation of Class Action Settlement and Release ("Settlement" or "Settlement Agreement") is made and entered into by and between plaintiff Norma Serrano ("Plaintiff" or "Class Representative"), as an individual and on behalf of all others similarly situated, and defendant Bay Bread LLC ("Defendant") (collectively with Plaintiff, the "Parties").

BACKGROUND

This lawsuit arises from an action entitled Serrano et al. v. Bay Bread LLC et al., Case No. CIV 526280, pending before the Honorable Richard H. DuBois in the Superior Court of California for the County of San Mateo. Defendant, which Starbucks Corporation acquired in 2012, operated a baking facility in San Francisco until September 2015. Starting in late 2010, Defendant engaged Aerotek, Inc. ("Aerotek") to provide contract workers for the facility. Plaintiff filed this action in January 2014, asserting California law claims against both Defendant and Aerotek under a joint employer theory. On June 30, 2016, the Court granted Aerotek's motion for summary judgment, dismissing Aerotek as a defendant. The Court of Appeal affirmed this ruling in March 2018. As a result of this ruling, the lawsuit is limited to Plaintiff's claims that, in connection with work she performed for Defendant while on assignment through Aerotek, Defendant failed to provide meal breaks or pay premiums, and is liable for these meal break premiums and related civil penalties under the California Private Attorneys General Act. Plaintiff asserts her claims on behalf of a class of non-exempt workers in California provided by Aerotek to Defendant from January 15, 2010 through December 23, 2015.

On November 10, 2020, the Parties attended a mediation before Steven J. Serratore, Esq. (the "Mediator"). As a result of mediation and arm's-length negotiations, the Parties reached this Settlement Agreement.

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are applicable to this Settlement Agreement. Definitions contained elsewhere in this Settlement Agreement will also be effective.

"Action" means *Serrano et al. v. Bay Bread LLC et al.*, Case No. CIV
 526280, Superior Court of California for the County of San Mateo.

2. "Class Counsel" means Makarem & Associates, APLC and Law Offices of Michael H. Kim, PC.

3. "Class Member(s)" or "Settlement Class" means all non-exempt workers in California provided by Aerotek to Defendant from January 15, 2010 through December 23, 2015.

4. "Court" means the Superior Court of California for the County of San Mateo.

5. "Defendant" or "Released Parties" means Defendant and all of its present and former parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and joint ventures, and all of their shareholders, members, managers, officers, officials, directors, employees, agents, servants, registered representatives, attorneys, insurers, successors, and assigns, and any other persons acting by, through, under, or in concert with any of them.

6. "Effective Date" means the later of: (i) the 61st day after the Court enters an order granting final approval of the Settlement, provided no appeal or motion for reconsideration or other efforts to obtain review have been filed; (ii) if any timely appeals or motions for reconsideration or review are filed, the 61st day after final resolution of any such appeals or motions for reconsideration or review have been finally concluded. In this regard, it is the intention of the Parties that the Effective Date of the Settlement shall not be a date before the Court's order approving the Settlement has become completely final and there is no timely recourse by any person who seeks to object or otherwise contest the Settlement.

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"Gross Settlement Amount" is the amount of Three Hundred and Forty 7. Thousand Dollars (\$340,000.00), which is the amount to be paid by Defendant pursuant to this Settlement Agreement. The Gross Settlement Amount is non-reversionary and includes: (a) all Individual Settlement Payments to Participating Class Members; (b) the Labor and Workforce Development Agency Payment; (c) the Class Representative Enhancement Payment to Plaintiff; (d) Attorneys' Fees and Costs to Class Counsel, and (e) Settlement Administration Costs to the Settlement Administrator. Except for the share of any payroll taxes due on Individual Settlement Payments to Participating Class Members ("Employer's Payroll Taxes"), which Defendant will pay separate from and in addition to the Gross Settlement Amount, Defendant will have no obligation to pay any amount in connection with this Settlement Agreement apart from the Gross Settlement Amount.

8. "Individual Settlement Payment" means a Participating Class Member's share of the Net Settlement Amount.

9. "Net Settlement Amount" means the Gross Settlement Amount less deductions for the Labor and Workforce Development Agency Payment, Class Representative Enhancement Payment, Attorneys' Fees and Costs, and Settlement Administration Costs.

10. "Notice of Class Action Settlement" means the Notice of Class Action Settlement and Estimated Distribution Form, together attached as Exhibit A and Exhibit B respectively, to be mailed to all members of the Settlement Class upon Preliminary Approval.

"Participating Class Members" means all Class Members who do not 11. submit valid Requests for Exclusion.

"Preliminary Approval" means the Court order granting preliminary 12. approval of the Settlement Agreement.

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"Released Claims" means all claims released by Plaintiff and Class 13. Members, as defined below.

"Released Claims Period" means the period from January 15, 2010 through 14. December 23, 2015.

"Response Deadline" means the deadline by which Class Members must 15. postmark to the Settlement Administrator Requests for Exclusion or Objections to the Settlement. The Response Deadline will be thirty (30) calendar days from the initial mailing of the Notice of Class Action Settlement by the Settlement Administrator, unless the 30th day falls on a Sunday or Federal holiday, in which case the Response Deadline will be extended to the next day on which the U.S. Postal Service is open.

"Settlement Administrator" means CPT Group, Inc., or any other third-16. party class action settlement administrator approved by the Parties and the Court for the purposes of administering this Settlement. The Parties represent that they do not have a financial interest in the Settlement Administrator or otherwise have a relationship with the Settlement Administrator that could create a conflict of interest.

17. "Workweeks" means the number of calendar weeks during which the Class Members performed work for Defendant during the Released Claims Period as calculated by the Settlement Administrator based on pay records previously produced by Aerotek and rounding up to the nearest whole number.

TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and the Settlement Class, and Defendant agree as follows:

Acknowledgement that the Settlement is Fair and Reasonable. The Parties 18. believe this Settlement Agreement is a fair, adequate, and reasonable settlement of the Action and have arrived at this Settlement after arm's-length negotiations and in the context of adversarial litigation, taking into account all relevant factors, present and potential. The Parties further acknowledge that they are each represented by competent

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counsel and that they have had an opportunity to consult with their counsel regarding the fairness and reasonableness of this Settlement. In addition, the Mediator may execute a declaration supporting the reasonableness of the Settlement and the Court may, in its discretion, contact the Mediator to discuss the Settlement and whether or not the Settlement is objectively fair and reasonable.

19. Non-Admission of Liability. The Parties enter into this Settlement to resolve the dispute that has arisen between them and to avoid the burden, expense, and risk of continued litigation. In entering into this Settlement, Defendant does not admit, and specifically denies, that it violated any federal, state, or local law; violated any regulations or guidelines promulgated pursuant to any statute or any other applicable laws, regulations or legal requirements; breached any contract; violated or breached any duty; engaged in any misrepresentation or deception; or engaged in any other unlawful conduct with respect to the Class Members. Neither this Settlement, nor any of its terms or provisions, nor any of the negotiations connected with it, will be construed as an admission or concession by Defendant of any such violations or failures to comply with any applicable law. Except as necessary in a proceeding to enforce the terms of this Settlement, this Settlement and its terms and provisions will not be offered or received as evidence in any action or proceeding to establish any liability or admission on the part of Defendant or to establish the existence of any condition constituting a violation of, or a non-compliance with, federal, state, local or other applicable law.

20. <u>Class Certification</u>. For settlement purposes only, the Parties agree to class certification of the Settlement Class in accordance with the terms of this Settlement Agreement. If, for any reason, the Settlement is not fully and finally approved and/or the Effective Date does not occur, the stipulation of certification will be void *ab initio*, and Defendant will not be deemed to have waived or limited any objections or defenses to class certification or any other matter. The Parties further agree that nothing in this Settlement Agreement will be construed as an admission or acknowledgement in this or

any other proceeding that either (i) class action certification is proper except as provided in this paragraph, or (ii) Defendant is liable to Plaintiff or any Class Member other than in accordance with the terms of this Settlement.

21. Waiver and Release. Plaintiff and all Class Members who do not submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion, including their agents, affiliates, spouses, domestic partners, representatives, guardians ad litem, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, attorneys, and assigns, past, present and future, shall, for the Released Claims Period, fully and finally waive, release, and forever discharge the Released Parties from any and all claims (i) asserted in the Action, including in the Fourth Amended Class Action Complaint filed on August 13, 2015, or (ii) arising from, or derivative of, the claims or factual allegations asserted in the Action, including those concerning Defendant's practices regarding meal breaks and break premiums ("Released Claims"). The Released Claims include, but are not limited to, any claims, rights, demands, liabilities, and causes of action of any kind or nature in law or in equity, under any theory, whether contract, common law, constitutional, statutory or otherwise, of any jurisdiction, foreign or domestic, whether known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, including for damages, restitution, penalties, interest, costs, attorneys' fees, expenses, equitable relief, injunctive relief, and any other relief.

This waiver and release will be final and binding on the Effective Date, and will have every preclusive effect permitted by law. With respect to the Released Claims only, on the Effective Date, Plaintiff and Class Members who do not submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion will be deemed expressly to have waived the provisions, rights, and benefits of California Civil code section 1542, which provides:

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

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With respect to the Released Claims only, Plaintiff and Class Members hereafter may discover facts in addition to or different from those which they now know or believe to be true with respect to some or all of the Released Claims (including unknown claims as defined above), but Plaintiff and each Class Member will be deemed as of the Effective Date to have fully and finally released, discharged, and settled all Released Claims (including unknown claims as defined above), suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, which have existed, now exist, or come into existence in the future as defined above.

Plaintiff and Class Members will not file, and will not request any other party or entity to file on their behalf, any claim, complaint, charge or request for damages or any other relief released above, including with any local, state, or federal governmental or quasi-governmental agency or any state, administrative, or federal court, or any licensing or accreditation organization, against the Released Parties.

Release of Additional Claims and Rights by Plaintiff. As of the Effective 22. Date, and as a condition of receiving any portion of her Class Representative Enhancement Payment, Plaintiff agrees to the additional following General Release: In consideration of Defendant's promises and agreements as set forth herein, Plaintiff hereby fully releases the Released Parties from any and all Released Claims and also generally releases and discharges the Released Parties from any and all claims, demands, obligations, causes of action, rights, or liabilities of any kind which have been or could have been asserted against the Released Parties through the date that this Agreement is fully executed. This general release includes, but is not limited to, claims arising out of or relating to Plaintiff's alleged employment and/or alleged joint employment by Defendant and/or the termination of her alleged employment with Defendant, including but not limited to any and all claims for violation of any section of

the California Labor Code and/or Wage Orders; violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA"); failure to pay wages, benefits, vacation pay, severance pay, final pay, or other compensation of any sort; fraud; intentional or negligent misrepresentation; breach of contract; promissory estoppel; wrongful termination; retaliation; violation of public policy; breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing; defamation; unlawful effort to prevent employment; sexual harassment; discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, religion, age, disability, handicap, medical condition, marital status or any other protected class; any claim under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, California Consumer Credit Reporting Agencies Act, California Investigative Consumer Reporting Agencies Act, or other laws regarding background checks; any claim under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII, as amended), 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000, et seq.; the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act ("ADEA"), the California Fair Employment and Housing Act ("FEHA"), or California Government Code §§ 12940 et seq.; violation of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 ("COBRA"); violation of the Occupational Safety and Health Act ("OSHA") or any other health and/or safety laws, statutes or regulations; violation of the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"); violation of the Internal Revenue Code; any other claim arising from employment or termination of employment; or other common law or tort matters and all other claims under federal, state, or local law. This release specifically includes any and all claims, demands, obligations and/or causes of action for damages, restitution, penalties, injunctive or equitable relief, interest, and attorneys' fees and costs (except as provided by the Settlement Agreement) relating to or in any way connected with the matters referred to herein, whether or not known or suspected to exist, and whether or not specifically or particularly described herein. Specifically, Plaintiff waives all rights and benefits afforded by California Civil Code Section 1542, which provides:

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.

23. Individual Settlement Payment Calculations. Individual Settlement Payments will be calculated and apportioned from the Net Settlement Amount based on the number of Workweeks a Participating Class Member worked for Defendant during the Released Claims Period. The Settlement Administrator will calculate the total number of Workweeks worked by each Class Member for Defendant during the Released Claims Period and the aggregate total number of Workweeks worked by all Class Members for Defendant during the Released Claims Period. For purposes of making these calculations, the Settlement Administrator will use the payroll records produced by Aerotek at Bates Number "AERO-SERR 019559 - CONFIDENTIAL," which Defendant will provide to the Settlement Administrator within twenty-one (21) days of Preliminary Approval. Using these payroll records, the Settlement Administrator will deem any week in which a Class Member received pay a Workweek when one of the following entities are listed in the "CLIENT NAME" column corresponding to the week: New French Bakery, Inc., Bay Bread, LLC, and Starbucks Corporation. Any Class Member who does not have pay records for work performed at one of these entities will be deemed to have worked an average number of Workweeks, based on the number of Workweeks worked by other Class Members, subject to the dispute procedures in Paragraph 33. To determine each Class Member's estimated "Individual Settlement Payment," the Settlement Administrator will use the following formula: The Net Settlement Amount will be divided by the aggregate total number of Workweeks, resulting in the "Workweek Value." Each Class Member's "Individual

Settlement Payment" will be calculated by multiplying each individual Class Member's total number of Workweeks by the Workweek Value. The Individual Settlement Payment will be reduced by any required deductions for each Participating Class Member, including appropriate tax withholdings or deductions. The Parties agree that the formula described herein is reasonable and that the payments are designed to provide a fair settlement to each Settlement Class Member in light of the uncertainties regarding the compensation alleged to be owed and the calculation of such amounts.

24. <u>Attorneys' Fees and Costs</u>. Class Counsel will seek an award of Attorneys' Fees of not more than thirty-three and thirty-three hundredths percent (33.33%) of the Gross Settlement Fund, or One Hundred Thirteen Thousand and Three Hundred and Twenty Two Dollars (\$113,322.00) in attorneys' fees, and attorneys' reasonable litigation costs (including any expert costs) of not more than Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00), and Defendant agrees not to oppose such application. These amounts include, without limitation, all time expended by Plaintiff's Counsel in defending and preparing the Settlement Agreement and securing Preliminary and Final Approval (including any appeals therein), and there will be no additional charge of any kind to either the Settlement Class Members or Defendant for such work.

All Attorneys' Fees and Costs will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount. Plaintiff and Class Counsel will not have the right to revoke this Settlement in the event that the Court does not approve the amount of Attorneys' Fees and Costs sought by Class Counsel. If the Court reduces the requested attorneys' fees, costs and expenses, any such reduction will be added to the Net Settlement Amount available to class members.

25. <u>Class Representative Enhancement Payment</u>. Plaintiff will apply to the Court for a Class Representative Enhancement Payment of not more than Seven Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500), without deductions, for her effort and work in prosecuting the Action on behalf of Class Members, and Defendant agrees not

to oppose such application. The Class Representative Enhancement Payment, which will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, will be in addition to Plaintiff's right to an Individual Settlement Payment. Plaintiff will be solely and legally responsible to pay any and all applicable taxes on the payments made pursuant to this paragraph and will hold Defendant harmless from any claim or liability for taxes, penalties, or interest arising as a result of the payments. Plaintiff will not have the right to revoke this Settlement in the event that the Court does not approve the amount sought by Plaintiff as a Class Representative Enhancement Payment. If the Court reduces the requested Class Representative Enhancement Payment, any such reduction will be added to the Net Settlement Amount.

26. <u>Labor and Workforce Development Agency Payment</u>. Subject to Court approval, the Parties agree that the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from the Gross Settlement Amount will be paid in settlement of all individual and representative claims brought in the Action by or on behalf of Plaintiff and Class Members and aggrieved parties under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (Cal. Lab. Code §§ 2698, *et seq.*, "PAGA"). Pursuant to PAGA, Seventy-Five Percent (75%) of this sum, or Seven Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500), will be paid to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") and Twenty-Five Percent (25%), or Two Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500), will remain in the Net Settlement Amount.

27. <u>Settlement Administration Costs</u>. The Settlement Administrator will be paid for the reasonable costs of administration of the Settlement and calculation and distribution of payments, up to a maximum of \$20,000. These costs, which will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, will include, *inter alia*, the required tax reporting on the Individual Settlement Payments, the issuing of 1099 and W-2 IRS Forms, preparing, distributing, and tracking Notices of Class Action Settlement, confirming/auditing claims for payments for compliance with the Settlement, calculating and distributing all

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payments to be made pursuant to the Settlement, calculating and at Defendant's option making the payments with respect to the Employer's share of Payroll Taxes, and providing reports and declarations.

28. <u>Preliminary Approval Hearing</u>. Plaintiff will obtain a hearing before the Court to request the Preliminary Approval of the Settlement Agreement, and the entry of a Preliminary Approval Order for: (i) conditional certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only, (ii) preliminary approval of the proposed Settlement Agreement, and (iii) setting a date for a Final Approval/Settlement Fairness Hearing. The Preliminary Approval Order will provide for the Notice of Class Action Settlement to be sent to all Class Members as specified herein. In conjunction with the Preliminary Approval hearing, Plaintiff will submit this Settlement Agreement, which sets forth the terms of this Settlement, and will include the proposed Notice of Class Action Settlement and proposed Estimated Distribution Form.

29. <u>Delivery of the Class List</u>. "Class List" means a complete list of all Class Members that Defendant will diligently and in good faith request and compile from Aerotek's records. The Class List will include the following information from Aerotek's records: each Class Member's full name; most recent mailing address and telephone number. Within twenty-one (21) days of Preliminary Approval, Defendant will provide the Class List to the Settlement Administrator; Plaintiff's counsel will not receive a copy of the list. However, within seven (7) days of receipt of the Class List from Defendant, the Settlement Administrator shall provide to Class Counsel and Defendant's counsel a copy of the administration spreadsheet, with identifying information redacted except for that of Plaintiff, so that the Parties can review the estimated calculations of Workweeks and payment thereto to ensure accuracy. The Settlement Administrator shall not use the Class List or any information contained therein for any purpose other than to administration of the Settlement, the Settlement

Administrator shall destroy the Class List and any information contained therein or return it and all copies to Defendant.

30. Notices of Class Action Settlement. Within seven (7) calendar days after providing Class Counsel and Defendant's counsel the redacted administration spreadsheet, assuming the Parties have no changes to said spreadsheet, the Settlement Administrator will mail a Notice of Class Action Settlement to all Class Members via regular First-Class U.S. Mail, using the most current, known mailing addresses identified in the Class List. The Notice of Class Action Settlement will be in the form attached as Exhibit A, or as provided by Court order, and will include, but not be limited to, information regarding the nature of the Action; a summary of the substance of the Settlement, including Defendant's denial of liability; the definition of the Settlement Class; the procedure and time period for objecting to the Settlement and participating in the Final Approval hearing; how settlement payments will be calculated; a statement that the Court has preliminarily approved the Settlement; a statement that Class Members will release the settled claims unless they opt out; information regarding the opt-out procedure; and the estimated payment based on Workweeks as contained in the Estimated Distribution Form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

31. If the total number of Class Members increases by eight percent (8%) or more from the Parties' November 20, 2020 estimate of 868 total Class Members, as determined before the notice of class settlement is distributed to the Class Members, the Gross Settlement Amount shall increase by the same percentage. For example, if the total number of Class Members increases by ten percent (10%), the Gross Settlement Amount shall automatically increase by ten percent (10%).

32. <u>Confirmation of Contact Information</u>. Prior to mailing, the Settlement Administrator will perform a search based on the National Change of Address Database for information to update and correct for any known or identifiable address changes. Any Notices of Class Action Settlement returned to the Settlement Administrator as

non-deliverable on or before the Response Deadline will be sent promptly via regular First-Class U.S. Mail to the forwarding address affixed thereto, and the Settlement Administrator will indicate the date of such re-mailing on the Notice of Class Action Settlement. If no forwarding address is provided, the Settlement Administrator will promptly attempt to determine the correct address using an Accurint search/skip-trace, and will then perform a single re-mailing. With regard to any Class Member whose Notice of Class Action Settlement is returned as non-deliverable, and for whom the Settlement Administrator is unable to determine a reliable address using reasonable and customary methods, their Individual Settlement Payment will be provided by the Settlement Administrator as part of the funds that will escheat to the State of California Unclaimed Wages Fund as described in Paragraph 46 below.

33. Disputed Information on Notices of Class Action Settlement. Class Members will have an opportunity to dispute their number of Workweeks as stated in their Estimated Distribution Form, provided they file a dispute with the Settlement Administrator in writing postmarked no later than 30 days after the mailing of the Notices of Class Action Settlement. To the extent that Class Members dispute the number of Workweeks, Class Members may produce evidence to the Settlement Administrator showing that such information is inaccurate. The Settlement Administrator will advise the Parties of such dispute, allow Defendant ten (10) business days after being notified in writing to respond with any additional information or records, and then decide the dispute. Aerotek's records will be presumed correct, but the Settlement Administrator will evaluate the evidence submitted by the Class Member and will make the final decision as to the merits of the dispute.

34. <u>Requests for Exclusion</u>. Any Class Member who does not affirmatively opt out of the Settlement Agreement by submitting a timely and valid Request for Exclusion will be bound by all of the Settlement Agreement's terms, including those pertaining to the Released Claims, as well as any Judgment that may be entered by the Court if it

grants final approval of the Settlement. Any Class Member wishing to opt-out from the Settlement Agreement must sign and postmark a written "Request for Exclusion" to the Settlement Administrator within the Response Deadline. The Request for Exclusion must: (i) set forth the name, address, telephone number and the last four digits of the Social Security Number of the Class Member requesting exclusion; (ii) be signed by the Class Member; (iii) be returned to the Settlement Administrator; (iv) clearly state that the Class Member does not wish to be included in the Settlement; and (v) be postmarked on or before the Response Deadline. The postmark date will be the exclusive means to determine whether a Request for Exclusion has been timely submitted. The Parties and their attorneys and the Named Plaintiff will not solicit or encourage any Class Member, directly or indirectly, to opt out of the Settlement Agreement. Any such action or attempt to do so will be deemed a material breach of the Agreement.

35. <u>Defective Submissions</u>. If a Class Member's Request for Exclusion is defective as to the requirements listed herein, that Class Member will be given an opportunity to cure the defect(s). The Settlement Administrator will attempt to contact the Class Member by telephone and mail the Class Member a cure letter within three (3) business days of receiving the defective submission to advise the Class Member that his or her submission is defective and that the defect must be cured to render the Request for Exclusion valid. The Class Member will have until (i) the Response Deadline or (ii) fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of the cure letter, whichever date is later, to postmark a revised Request for Exclusion. If the revised Request for Exclusion is not postmarked within that period, it will be deemed untimely.

36. <u>Objection Procedures</u>. To object to the Settlement Agreement ("Objection"), a Class Member must mail a written Objection to the Settlement Agreement to the Settlement Administrator before the Response Deadline or file it with the Court and serve it on counsel for both parties on or before the Response Deadline. The Objection must include: (a) the objector's full name, signature, address, and

telephone number, and (b) a written statement of all grounds for the Objection. The postmark date of the Objection will be deemed the exclusive means for determining that the Objection is timely. Class Members who fail to object in the manner specified above will be deemed to have waived all Objections to the Settlement and will be foreclosed from making any Objections, whether by appeal or otherwise, to the Settlement Agreement. Only Class Members who file and serve timely Objections will have a right to appear at the Final Approval Hearing in order to have their Objections heard by the Court but a Class Member who mails a timely Objection as described above need not appear to have their Objection considered by the Court. At no time will any of the Parties or their counsel seek to solicit or otherwise encourage Class Members to submit Objections to the Settlement Agreement or appeal from the Order and Judgment. Class Counsel will not represent any Class Members with respect to any such Objections to this Settlement.

37. <u>Reports Regarding Settlement Administration</u>. The Settlement Administrator will provide Defendant's counsel and Class Counsel a weekly report that certifies the number of Class Members who have submitted valid Requests for Exclusion, Objections, and disputes regarding dates they performed work and/or Workweeks calculations. Additionally, the Settlement Administrator will provide to counsel for both Parties any updated reports regarding the administration of the Settlement Agreement as needed or requested and will immediately forward to the Parties any objections mailed to the Claims Administrator.

38. <u>Rights of Termination</u>. Except as set forth above, if the Court or, in the event of an appeal, any appellate court refuses to approve, or modifies, any material aspect of this Agreement or the proposed Preliminary Approval Order or Final Approval Order and Judgment, including but not limited to any judicial findings included therein, Plaintiff or Defendant may terminate this Agreement and the Settlement as set forth below. The Parties acknowledge and agree that any modification to the terms of this

Agreement relating to the scope of the release, or to Defendant's financial obligations, shall be deemed a material modification constituting grounds for cancellation or termination of the Agreement and the Settlement.

Within fifteen (15) days of the Settlement Administrator receiving notice from any Party of such termination or failure, (i) the Settlement Administrator shall return the balance of the settlement fund, including any interest, to Defendant, and (ii) the Settlement Administrator shall provide the Parties with a report of all Administration Costs incurred. The Party terminating the Agreement will be responsible for paying any Administration Costs. If the Parties mutually terminate the Agreement, Plaintiff and Defendant each will be responsible for paying fifty percent (50%) of any Administration Costs.

39. Limited Right to Cancel. If five percent (5%) or more of the Class Members submit valid and timely Requests for Exclusion, Defendant shall have the absolute right, in its sole discretion, and notwithstanding any other provisions of the Settlement Agreement, to withdraw from, and cancel, without penalty whatsoever, the Settlement Agreement in its entirety. If Defendant exercises the right to cancel, it shall pay the cost of the Third-Party Administrator incurred for administering the Settlement up to that date. If this right is exercised by Defendant, the Settlement Agreement will be null and void for all purposes and may not be used or introduced in further litigation. The right can be exercised only by a writing stating clearly that Defendant is canceling, and withdrawing from, the Settlement Agreement, which is sent by Defendant's counsel to Class Counsel by mail or email no later than five (5) business days after the Response Deadline. If the right provided in this paragraph is not so exercised, it shall be waived and cannot later be exercised.

40. <u>Final Settlement Approval Hearing and Entry of Judgment</u>. Upon expiration of the deadlines to postmark Requests for Exclusion or Objections to the Settlement Agreement, and with the Court's permission, a Final Approval/Settlement

Fairness Hearing will be conducted to determine the Final Approval of the Settlement Agreement along with the amounts properly payable for: (i) Individual Settlement Payments; (ii) the LWDA Payment; (ii) the Class Representative Enhancement Payment; (iii) Attorneys' Fees and Costs; and (iv) all Settlement Administration Costs. The Final Approval/Settlement Fairness Hearing will not be held earlier than thirty (30) days after the Response Deadline. Class Counsel will be responsible for drafting all documents necessary to obtain final approval, and will provide Defendant's counsel reasonable opportunity to review and provide comments regarding such documents before they are filed. Class Counsel will also be responsible for drafting the attorneys' fees and costs application.

41. <u>All Terms Subject to Final Court Approval</u>. All amounts and procedures described in this Settlement Agreement herein will be subject to final Court approval.

42. <u>Invalidity of Any Provision</u>. Before declaring any provision of this Settlement Agreement invalid, the Court will first attempt to construe the provision as valid to the fullest extent possible consistent with applicable precedents so as to define all provisions of this Settlement Agreement as valid and enforceable.

43. <u>Judgment and Continued Jurisdiction</u>. Contemporaneous with Plaintiff filing the motion for final approval of the settlement, the Parties will present an agreed form of the Proposed Judgment to the Court for its consideration. The Court, in its discretion, may enter a Judgment approved by it. After entry of the Judgment, the Court will have continuing jurisdiction solely for purposes of addressing: (i) the interpretation and enforcement of the terms of the Settlement, (ii) Settlement administration matters, and (iii) such post-Judgment matters as may be appropriate under court rules or as set forth in this Settlement Agreement pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6. In the event that a motion to enforce this Agreement is required to be filed due to a party's failure to comply with the terms herein, the prevailing party shall

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be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, which shall be in addition to any amounts to be paid under this settlement.

Funding of the Gross Settlement Amount. Within ten (10) days after the 44. Effective Date, Defendant will deposit the Gross Settlement Amount into a settlement fund to be established by the Settlement Administrator by check, Automated Clearing House (ACH) transfer, or wire transfer.

Distribution and Timing of Individual Settlement Payments. Within seven 45. (7) days of the receipt of the Gross Settlement Amount from Defendant, the Settlement Administrator shall provide Class Counsel and Defendant's counsel the administration spreadsheet, with identifying information redacted save for that of Plaintiff, regarding the final calculations for purposes of distributing the Gross Settlement Amount. The Parties must submit any requested changes to the spreadsheet, or confirm that they do not have any requested changes, within seven (7) days of receipt. Within fourteen (14) days of both Parties confirming that they do not have requested changes to the spreadsheet, the Settlement Administrator will issue payments to: (i) Participating Class Members; (ii) the LWDA; (iii) Plaintiff for the Class Representative Enhancement payment; and (iv) Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and costs. The Parties and the Settlement Administrator shall cooperate in finalizing the final calculations as contained in the spreadsheet prior to the distribution of funds from the Gross Settlement Amount to comply with the time specifications alleged herein. The Settlement Administrator will also issue a payment to itself for Court-approved services performed in connection with the Settlement upon providing the certificate of completion described in Paragraph 47. At Defendant's discretion, the Settlement Administrator will also timely distribute the Employer's Payroll Taxes to the appropriate government authorities.

Unclaimed Funds. Participating Class Members will also be mailed checks 46. for their Individual Settlement Payments within fourteen (14) days of the Settlement Administrator providing the administration spreadsheet for the Parties' review, assuming

the Parties have no changes thereto and subject to the cooperation provisions in Paragraph 45, except that checks will not be sent to Class Members whose Notice of Class Action Settlement and Estimated Distribution Form are returned as nondeliverable and for whom the Settlement Administrator is unable to determine a reliable address using reasonable and customary methods. Rather, the Individual Settlement Payments corresponding to Class Members who cannot be located, if any, will be held by the administrator to be submitted to the State of California Unclaimed Wages Fund at the end of the check cashing deadline of 180 days. Checks will remain negotiable for 180 days. If any Class Member does not cash his or her check within 180 days, the check will be void. This limitation shall be printed on the face of each check. The voidance of checks shall have no effect on the Class Members' release of claims, obligations, representations, or warranties as provided herein, which shall remain in full effect.

The value of any uncashed checks by the 180-day deadline will be tendered by the Settlement Administrator via proper escheatment procedures to the State of California Unclaimed Wages Fund in the name of and for the benefit of such Participating Class Members. Settlement Class Members who may be entitled to an Individual Settlement Payment but who were not located before the Notice of Class Action Settlement and/or the initial Distribution of Individual Settlement Payments, may request their payment from the State of California Unclaimed Wages Fund.

47. <u>Certification of Completion</u>. Upon completion of administration of the Settlement, within ten (10) days after the 180-day period in Paragraph 46, the Settlement Administrator will provide a written declaration under oath to certify such completion to the Court and counsel for all Parties and to specify that monies, if any, have been provided by the Settlement Administrator via proper escheatment procedures to the State of California Unclaimed Wages Fund, in the name of and for the benefit of such Participating Class Members.

48. <u>No Credit Towards Benefit Plans</u>. The Individual Settlement Payments made to Participating Class Members under this Settlement, as well as any other payments made pursuant to this Settlement, will not be utilized to calculate any additional benefits under any benefit plans for which any Class Members may be eligible, including, but not limited to: (i) profit-sharing plans, (ii) bonus plans, (iii) 401(k) plans, (iv) stock purchase plans, (v) vacation plans, (vi) sick leave plans, (vii) PTO plans, and (viii) any other benefit plan. Rather, it is the Parties' intention that this Settlement Agreement will not affect any rights, contributions, or amounts to which any Class Members may be entitled under any benefit plans.

49. <u>Tax Treatment of Individual Settlement Payments</u>. All Individual Settlement Payments will be allocated as follows: thirty-three percent (33%) of each Individual Settlement Payment will be allocated as wages for which IRS Forms W-2 will be issued; and the remaining sixty-seven percent (67%) will be allocated as penalties and interest for which IRS Forms 1099-MISC will be issued. The Settlement Administrator will issue all W-2 and 1099-MISC forms. In the event the Court is not willing to approve the Settlement with the tax allocation proposed by the Parties, this shall not be a basis for any Party to cancel or withdraw from the Settlement; rather, the parties will work in good faith to propose another tax allocation that might be acceptable to the Court.

50. <u>Administration of Taxes by the Settlement Administrator</u>. The Settlement Administrator will be responsible for issuing to Plaintiff, Participating Class Members, and Class Counsel any W-2, 1099, and/or other tax forms as may be required by law for all amounts paid pursuant to this Settlement. The Settlement Administrator will also be responsible for forwarding the Class Member's share of all payroll taxes and penalties to the appropriate government authorities. In addition, at Defendant's discretion, the Settlement Administrator shall be responsible for distributing the Employer's Payroll Taxes in the proper amounts to the appropriate government authorities.

51. <u>Tax Liability</u>. Plaintiff and Participating Class Members understand and agree that except for the Employer's Payroll Taxes, Plaintiff and Participating Class Members will be solely responsible for the payment of any and all taxes and penalties assessed on the payments as described herein. Defendant makes no representation as to the tax treatment or legal effect of the payments called for hereunder, and Plaintiff and Participating Class Members are not relying on any statement, representation, or calculation by Defendant or by the Settlement Administrator in this regard.

52. Confidentiality. The Parties and their counsel agree that they will not issue any media releases, alerts or notices, initiate or encourage any contact with the media, engage in any advertising, distribute any marketing materials, or make any announcements through any form of media about the fact, amount, negotiation, or terms of the Settlement. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent Defendant from disclosing and discussing information concerning the Settlement, the settlement amount, or the circumstances surrounding or giving rise to the Settlement, prior to the filing of the preliminary approval motion to the extent that Defendant believes that doing so is required under the laws, rules, or regulations applicable to publicly-traded companies, including in public filings, in communicating with investors, or in its earnings conference calls. Nothing in this paragraph shall restrict Plaintiff's counsel from communicating with Class Members about the Settlement in their role as Class Counsel after Preliminary Approval. Nothing in this paragraph shall restrict Plaintiff's counsel from responding to questions or unsolicited media inquiries about the Settlement except that they may only disclose that "this litigation has been resolved to the satisfaction of all parties" and then refer media to court filings.

53. <u>Confidential Documents</u>. Within 60 days of the expiration of the Check Cashing Deadline, each Party shall return, or confirm the destruction of, any documents or information that another Party designated as confidential pursuant to an applicable agreement or protective order.

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54. <u>No Prior Assignments</u>. The Parties and their counsel represent, covenant, and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity any portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action or right herein released and discharged.

55. <u>Nullification of Settlement Agreement</u>. In the event that: (i) the Court does not finally approve the Settlement as provided herein; or (ii) the Settlement does not become final for any other reason, then this Settlement Agreement, and any documents generated to bring it into effect, will be null and void. Any order or judgment entered by the Court in furtherance of this Settlement Agreement will likewise be treated as void from the beginning. In the event that the Settlement is terminated or cancelled or fails to become effective, the Parties shall be deemed to have reverted *nunc pro tunc* to their respective status as of the date and time immediately before the execution of this Agreement and they shall proceed in all respects as if this Agreement had not been executed, and without prejudice in any way from the negotiation, fact, or terms of this Settlement.

56. <u>Exhibits Incorporated by Reference</u>. The terms of this Settlement Agreement include the terms set forth in any attached Exhibits, which are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. Any Exhibits to this Settlement Agreement are an integral part of the Settlement.

57. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Settlement Agreement and any attached Exhibits constitute the entirety of the Parties' settlement terms. No other prior or contemporaneous written or oral agreements may be deemed binding on the Parties.

58. <u>Amendment or Modification</u>. This Settlement Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument signed by all Parties or their successors-ininterest.

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59. <u>Binding on Successors and Assigns</u>. This Settlement Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors or assigns of the Parties hereto, as previously defined.

60. <u>California Law Governs</u>. All terms of this Settlement Agreement and Exhibits hereto will be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of California.

61. <u>Execution and Counterparts</u>. This Settlement Agreement is subject only to the execution of all Parties. However, the Settlement may be executed in one or more counterparts. All executed counterparts and each of them, including facsimile and PDF or other scanned copies of the signature page, will be deemed to be one and the same instrument for all purposes in effecting and enforcing this Settlement Agreement.

62. <u>Waiver of Certain Appeals</u>. The Parties agree to waive appeals; except, however, that either party may appeal any court order that materially alters the Settlement Agreement's terms.

63. <u>Waiver</u>. No waiver of any condition or covenant contained in this Settlement or failure to exercise a right or remedy by any of the Parties hereto will be considered to imply or constitute a further waiver by such party of the same or any other condition, covenant, right or remedy.

64. <u>Mutual Preparation</u>. The Parties have had a full opportunity to negotiate the terms and conditions of this Settlement. Accordingly, this Settlement will not be construed more strictly against one party than another merely by virtue of the fact that it may have been prepared by counsel for one of the Parties, it being recognized that, because of the arms-length negotiations between the Parties, all Parties have contributed to the preparation of this Settlement.

65. <u>Representation By Counsel</u>. The Parties acknowledge that they have been represented by counsel throughout all negotiations that preceded the execution of this Settlement, and that this Settlement has been executed with the consent and advice of

counsel. Further, Plaintiff and Class Counsel warrant and represent that there are no liens on the Settlement Agreement.

66. <u>Cooperation and Execution of Necessary Documents</u>. All Parties agree to cooperate in the administration of the settlement and to make all reasonable efforts to control and minimize the costs and expenses incurred in administration of the Settlement, and will cooperate in good faith and execute all documents to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate the terms of this Settlement Agreement. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement on the form or content of any document needed to implement the Settlement, or on any supplemental provisions that may become necessary to effectuate the terms of this Settlement, the Parties may seek the assistance of the Court to resolve such disagreement.

67. <u>Authorization to Enter Into Settlement Agreement</u>. Counsel for all Parties warrant and represent they are expressly authorized by the Parties whom they represent to negotiate this Settlement Agreement and to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Settlement Agreement to effectuate its terms and to execute any other documents required to effectuate the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

68. <u>Binding Agreement</u>. The Parties warrant that they understand and have full authority to enter into this Settlement, and further intend that this Settlement will be fully enforceable and binding on all parties, and agree that it will be admissible and subject to disclosure in any proceeding to enforce its terms, notwithstanding any mediation confidentiality provisions that otherwise might apply under federal or state law.

SIGNATURES

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