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## THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

## PORTLAND DIVISION

DEBORAH CIMINO and CONOR MANCONE, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ETZ HAYIM HOLDINGS, S.P.C., d/b/a LAZARUS NATURALS,

Defendant.

Case No. 3:23-cv-01185-JR

## ORDER GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement (Doc. 24) (herein, the "Motion"). The Court has

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reviewed the Motion, and the Settlement Agreement and Release (Doc. 20-1) ("Settlement Agreement") entered into between Plaintiffs Deborah Cimino and Conor Mancone, ("Plaintiffs") and Defendant ETZ Hayim Holdings, S.P.C., d/b/a Lazarus Naturals ("Defendant" or "ETZ"), and it finds that the Motion should be **GRANTED.** Therefore, it is **ORDERED**:

- 1. The Court, for purposes of this Final Judgment, adopts the defined terms as set forth in the Settlement Agreement for any term not otherwise defined herein.
- 2. The Court finds that the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, as expressed further herein. The Court also finds the Settlement Agreement was entered into in good faith, at arm's length, and without collusion. The Court approves and directs consummation of the Settlement Agreement.
- 3. The Court approves the Release provided in Section 6 of the Settlement Agreement and orders that, as of the Effective Date, the Released Claims will be released by the Releasing Parties as to Released Parties.
- 4. The Court has and reserves jurisdiction over the Settlement and this Settlement Agreement, and for purposes of the Settlement and Settlement Agreement, the Court has and reserves jurisdiction over the Parties to the Settlement.
- 5. The Court finds that there is no just reason for delay of entry of final judgment with respect to the foregoing.
- 6. The Court dismisses with prejudice all claims of the Settlement Class against ETZ in the Action, without costs and fees except as explicitly provided for in the Settlement Agreement.
- 7. On June 18, 2024, the Court entered an Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement (Doc. 21) ("Preliminary Approval Order") that preliminarily approved

the Settlement Agreement and established a hearing date to consider the final approval of the Settlement Agreement and Class Counsel's Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Litigation Expenses.

- 8. On September 11, 2024, the Court entered an Order Granting Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion for Attorneys' Fees Award, Expense Reimbursement, and Service Awards. (Doc. 23). The Court awarded Class Counsel \$75,000 in attorneys' fees and \$17,491.35 in expenses, as well as service awards of \$5,000 to each of the Class Representatives, totaling \$10,000.
- 9. The Court's Preliminary Approval Order approved the Settlement Notices and Claim Form, and the Court found the mailing, distribution, and publishing of the various notices as proposed met the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 and due process, and was the best notice practicable under the circumstances, constituting due and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to notice.
- 10. The Court finds that the distribution of the Notices has been achieved pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order and the Settlement Agreement, and that the Notice to Settlement Class Members complied with Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 and due process.
- 11. The Court finds ETZ has complied with the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 1715 regarding the CAFA Notice.
- 12. The Court grants final approval to its appointment of Deborah Cimino and Conor Mancone as the Class Representatives of the Class. The Court finds for settlement purposes that the Class Representatives are similarly situated to absent Settlement Class Members, are typical of the Settlement Class, and are adequate Class Representatives, and that Class Counsel and the Class Representatives have fairly and adequately represented the Settlement Class.

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- 13. The Court grants final approval to its appointment of Class Counsel as provided in the Preliminary Approval Order, appointing Mason A. Barney and Tyler J. Bean of Siri & Glimstad LLP.
- 14. The Court certifies the following Settlement Class for settlement purposes only under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and 23(b)(3), subject to the Settlement Class exclusions set forth in the Settlement Agreement:

All persons in the United States whose information may have been impacted in the Data Incident, including persons to whom ETZ mailed a notification that their information may have been impacted in the Data Incident. The Settlement Class specifically excludes: (i) ETZ and its respective officers and directors; (ii) all members of the Settlement Class who timely and validly request exclusion from the Settlement Class; (iii) the Judge and Magistrate Judge assigned to evaluate the fairness of this settlement; and (iv) any other Person found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be guilty under criminal law of initiating, causing, aiding, or abetting the Data Incident or who pleads nolo contendere to any such charge.1

15. The Court finds that the Settlement Class defined above satisfies the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and (b)(3) for settlement purposes in that: (a) the Settlement Class of approximately 42,000 individuals is so numerous that joinder of all Settlement Class Members would be impracticable; (b) there are issues of law and fact that are common to the Settlement Class; (c) the claims of the Class Representatives are typical of and arise from the same operative facts and seek similar relief as the claims of the Settlement Class Members; (d) the Class Representatives and Class Counsel have fairly and adequately protected the interests of the Settlement Class, as the Class Representatives has no interests antagonistic to or in conflict with the Settlement Class and has retained experienced and competent counsel to prosecute this matter on behalf of the Settlement Class; (e) questions of law or fact common to Settlement Class Members predominate over any questions affecting only individual members; and (f) a class action

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All capitalized terms shall have the same meaning as provided in the Settlement Agreement.

and class settlement are superior to other methods available for a fair and efficient resolution of this controversy.

- 16. The Court, having considered the negotiation of, the terms of, and all of the materials submitted concerning the Settlement Agreement; having considered Plaintiffs' and the Settlement Class's likelihood of success both of maintaining this action as a class action and of prevailing on the claims at trial, including the possibility that ETZ could prevail on one or more of its defenses; having considered the range of the Plaintiffs' possible recovery (and that of the Settlement Class) and the complexity, expense, and duration of the Action; and having considered the substance and amount of opposition to the proposed settlement, it is hereby determined that:
  - a. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel have adequately represented the proposed Settlement Class;
  - b. the terms of the Settlement Agreement were negotiated at arm's length, vigorously advocated by experienced counsel for Plaintiffs and ETZ;
  - c. the outcome of the Action was in doubt when the Settlement was reached making the compromise under this Settlement reasonable under the circumstances;
  - d. it is possible the proposed Settlement Class could receive more if the Action were to go to trial, but it is also possible that the proposed Settlement Class could receive less (including the possibility of receiving nothing) and/or that ETZ could defeat class certification;
  - the value of immediate recovery outweighs the possibility of future relief that would likely occur, if at all, only after further protracted litigation and appeals;

- f. the Parties have in good faith determined the Settlement Agreement is in their respective best interests, including both Plaintiff and Class Counsel determining that it is in the best interest of the Settlement Class Members;
- g. the aggregate consideration for the Settlement Class—including the Settlement Fund, which ETZ caused to be funded—is commensurate with the claims asserted and being released as part of the Settlement; and,
- h. the terms of the Settlement Agreement treat the Settlement Class Members equitably relative to each other and fall within the range of settlement terms that would be considered a fair, reasonable, and adequate resolution of the Action.

Therefore, pursuant to Rule 23(e), the terms of the Settlement Agreement are finally approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate as to, and in the best interest of, the Settlement Class and each of the Settlement Class Members. Settlement Class Members who did not opt-out of the Settlement are bound by this Final Approval Order. The Settlement Agreement and its terms shall be binding on the Releasing Parties and have *res judicata* and preclusive effect in all pending and future lawsuits or other proceedings as to Released Claims and waivers applicable thereto, even if such Releasing Party never received actual notice of the Action or the Settlement. The Releasing Parties are barred and enjoined from filing, commencing, prosecuting, intervening in, or participating (as class members or otherwise) in any other lawsuit or administrative, regulatory, arbitration, or other proceeding in any jurisdiction against ETZ or any of the Released Parties based on the Released Claims.

17. The Court approves the distribution and allocation of the Settlement Fund under the Settlement Agreement pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

or could have been, asserted in the Action.

18. This Final Approval Order, and all statements, documents, or proceedings relating to the Settlement Agreement are not, and shall not be construed as, used as, or deemed to be evidence of, an admission by or against ETZ of any claim, any fact alleged in the Action, any fault, any wrongdoing, any violation of law, or any liability of any kind on the part of ETZ or of the validity or certifiability for this Litigation or other litigation of any claims or class that have been,

19. This Final Approval Order, and all statements, documents or proceedings relating to the Settlement Agreement shall not be offered or received or be admissible in evidence in any

action or proceeding, or be used in any way as an admission or concession or evidence of any

liability or wrongdoing by ETZ, or that Plaintiffs, any Class Member, or any other person has

suffered any damage due to the Data Breach. Notwithstanding the above, the Settlement

Agreement and this Final Approval Order may be filed in any action by ETZ, Class Counsel, or

Class Members seeking to enforce the Settlement Agreement or the Final Approval Order.

20. The Settlement Agreement and Final Approval Order shall not be construed or

admissible as an admission by ETZ that Plaintiffs' claims or any similar claims are suitable for

class treatment.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 21st day of November, 2024.

Jolie A Russo

U.S. Magistrate Judge