#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Scott Biddick, Individually and on Behalf : of All Others Similarly Situated, : Plaintiff, : v. : Lumondi, Inc., : Defendant.

Case No. 1:20-cv-08091

Judge Vernon S. Broderick

#### DECLARATION OF JEFFREY S. GOLDENBERG IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT, PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATION OF SETTLEMENT CLASS, AND APPROVAL OF NOTICE PLAN

I, Jeffrey S. Goldenberg, Esq., hereby declare under penalty of perjury and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746, as follows:

1. I am a partner and founder in the law firm Goldenberg Schneider, LPA, and one of the firms representing Plaintiff and the Class in this action. I have been admitted pro hac vice for this litigation. I make this Declaration of my own personal knowledge, and if called to do so, I could testify competently to the matters stated herein.

2. I graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana in 1988 (B.A. Biology) and received my law degree from Indiana University in 1994. I also received a master's degree in environmental science from Indiana University in 1994.

3. I am admitted to the practice of law in the State of Ohio (1994), the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Second Circuit, and Ninth Circuit, the United States District Court for the Southern and Northern Districts of Ohio, and the Northern District of Illinois. I also have been admitted pro hac vice to various federal district courts throughout the

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United States. I am a member in good standing of the Ohio Bar and have never been the subject of any disciplinary proceeding.

4. I have been practicing law for twenty-seven years. I have served as lead or colead counsel on numerous nationwide class actions and have substantial experience litigating class actions and complex civil litigation. I have been involved in all aspects of this case since we began investigating the claims before the complaint was filed.

5. On May 19, 2021, the parties engaged in private mediation before the Honorable Judge James Holderman (Ret.). of JAMS.

6. The parties made substantial progress during that first mediation but were not able to fully resolve the dispute.

7. From May through July, the parties continued to engage in extensive settlement discussions with the aid of the mediator.

8. The parties reached a settlement in principle on July 12, 2021 and entered into a written Memorandum of Understanding signed by the parties' counsel.

9. On July 16, 2021, the parties informed the Court that they had reached a settlement in principle to resolve this matter on a class-wide basis.

10. Prior to reaching a settlement and entering into this Agreement, the parties engaged in months of arm's-length settlement negotiations and mediation efforts and discussions under the direction and guidance of Judge Holderman and conducted informal discovery and sharing of information regarding the design, development, and testing of the watches.

11. The negotiations were hard fought, and counsel for all parties participated vigorously with competing agendas.

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12. Plaintiff and Class Counsel believe the Settlement is fair, adequate, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Class Members, taking into account the benefits provided to the Class Members, the risks of continued litigation and possible trial and appeals, and the length of time and the costs that would be required to complete the litigation.

13. The parties agreed on the benefits to the Settlement Class as described in the Settlement Agreement before negotiating attorneys' fees and expenses and the payment of a Service Award to the named Plaintiff.

14. The discussions were undertaken by counsel on both sides who are well versed in complex litigation and, more specifically, consumer class actions.

15. Experienced lawyers from across the nation advocated for the interests of the Settlement Class throughout negotiations, utilizing their combined experience of several decades litigating consumer class actions to ensure the proposed settlement serves the best interests of the Settlement Class.

16. Plaintiff and Class Counsel thoroughly evaluated the merits of the claims and defenses, the likelihood the Court would certify the litigation for class treatment, and the likelihood of success at trial and upon appeal.

17. In addition to conducting extensive legal research and into the merits of the case (and likelihood of protracted litigation), the parties have engaged in informal settlement discovery, exchanged mediation briefs, exchanged detailed sales, manufacturing, and warranty data, and mediated before the Judge James Holderman (Ret.).

18. The Settlement Class is estimated to include approximately 62,000 consumers.

19. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is the executed Class Action Settlement Agreement and Release.

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20. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a [Proposed] Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, Preliminarily Certifying Settlement Class, and Approving Notice Plan.

21. Attached hereto as Exhibit 3 is a copy of the proposed Email Notice.

22. Attached hereto as Exhibit 4 is a copy of the proposed Mail Notice.

23. Attached hereto as Exhibit 5 is a copy of the Full Notice.

24. Plaintiff has retained counsel competent and experienced in complex class action litigation (including product defect class action litigation), and Plaintiff is committed to prosecuting this action vigorously. Counsel have invested considerable time and resources into the prosecution of the Litigation and possess a long and proven track record of the successful prosecution of consumer class actions, including numerous appointments as class counsel.

25. I have served as lead or co-lead counsel on numerous nationwide class actions and have substantial experience litigating class actions and complex civil litigation, including consumer product defect cases. Attached hereto as Exhibit 6 is my firm and attorney profile describing my professional background and qualifications to serve as Class Counsel.

26. Mr. Collins has practiced as a class action lawyer for his entire 14-year career, exclusively representing shareholders and consumers. Attached hereto as Exhibit 7 is the firm resume and CV outlining Sean Collins prior class action experience and his qualifications to serve as Class Counsel.

Executed on November 22, 2021.

<u>/s/Jeffrey S. Goldenberg</u> JEFFREY S. GOLDENBERG, ESQ.

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# GOLDENBERG DECLARATION EXHIBIT 1

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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of All Others Similarly Situated,	:	Case No. 1:20-cv-08091
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Plaintiff,	:	Judge Vernon S. Broderick
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Lumondi, Inc.,	:	
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Defendant.	:	

## **CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE**

This Class Action Settlement Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered effective November \_\_, 2021, by and among, Scott Biddick (the "Named Plaintiff"), on behalf of himself and the Settlement Class (collectively, "Plaintiffs") and Lumondi, Inc. (as defined in Section 3.21 below, "Defendant" or "Lumondi"). Plaintiffs and Defendant are referred to collectively as the "Parties" or the "Settling Parties," and each individually as a "Party."

This Agreement is intended to fully and finally resolve and settle the case captioned *Scott Biddick, et al. v. Lumondi, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 1:20-cv-0809, pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Lawsuit"). In this Agreement, any capitalized term not immediately defined is defined in Section III below.

#### I. THE LAWSUIT

A. On September 29, 2020, the Named Plaintiff commenced the Lawsuit by filing a Class Action Complaint against Defendant challenging the marketing and sale of Luminox watches (the "Watches"), which Watches were manufactured by Defendant's supplier. ECF No. 1. The Class Action Complaint alleges, among other things, that (i) Defendant represented, advertised, and marketed the Watches as designed to be durable and tough for military service

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members, scuba divers, first responders, athletes, and "rugged outdoorsmen" seeking "extreme performance;" (ii) said representations, advertising and marketing statements were false and misleading because the Watches are actually poorly-suited for "rugged outdoorsmen" because they contain a defect that causes their faces to fog when worn outdoors in air temperatures below approximately 40 degrees Fahrenheit or above approximately 90 degrees Fahrenheit; and (iii) the Named Plaintiff and all other consumers who purchased the Watches have suffered damages because had they known the truth they would not have purchased the Watches or would have paid less for the Watches. Based on these allegations, the Named Plaintiff asserts claims for: (a) Violation of New York General Business Law, Deceptive Acts and Practices, N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349 ("NYGBL"); (b) Breach of Express Warranty - Magnuson Moss Warranty Act; (c) Breach of Express Warranty; (d) Violation of California's Consumer Legal Remedies Act, California Civil Code § 1750 et seq.; (e) Violation of California's Unfair Competition Law, California Business & Professions Code § 17200 et seq.; (f) Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability; and (g) Breach of Implied Warranty of Fitness for a Particular Purpose. The Class Action Complaint seeks certification of a nationwide class of purchasers of the Watches.

B. Lumondi denies the allegations in the Lawsuit and asserts numerous defenses to Plaintiff's claims, including that: (i) the Watches are not defective in any respect; (ii) the Watches were tested and qualified to be advertised as represented; (iii) Lumondi did not fail to disclose any material defect in the Watches; (iv) Plaintiff's and the putative class's exclusive remedy for any defective Watch is the Limited Warranty; (v) Lumondi fully complied with the Limited Warranty for the Watches; (vi) Plaintiff fails to allege sufficient facts in the Class Action Complaint to state any valid claims against Lumondi; (vii) Plaintiff and the putative class did not suffer any losses or actual injury whatsoever; and (viii) it is customary for the watches to show fogging when exposed

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to an extreme temperature decrease because of a law of physics known as the dew point, but the fog will dissipate within 20 minutes after the watch is returned to room temperature.

C. On May 4, 2021, the Parties engaged in private mediation with the aid of and before the Honorable Judge James Holderman (Ret.). The Parties were not able to resolve the dispute at the mediation, but with the aid of the mediator the Parties continued to engage in extensive settlement discussions thereafter.

D. From May through July, the Parties continued to engage in settlement discussions with the aid of the mediator, and the parties reached a settlement in principle on July 12, 2021 and entered into a written Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Parties' counsel.

E. On July 16, 2021, the Parties informed the Court that they had reached a settlement in principle to resolve this matter on a class-wide basis.

F. Prior to reaching a settlement and entering into this Agreement: (1) the Parties engaged in informal discovery and sharing of information regarding: warranty claims, the design, development, and testing of the Watches, the law of physics known as the dew point which will cause a watch to fog when exposed to a significant temperature decrease, such fog dissipates when the watch is returned to room temperature for 20 minutes, and the fact that the Watches are assembled in a temperature and humidity controlled clean room, which lowers the dew point temperature; and (2) the Parties engaged in numerous arm's-length settlement negotiations, including months of mediation efforts and discussions under the direction and guidance of Judge Holderman as a mediator. The Parties have now reached an agreement providing for a resolution of all claims that have been or could have been brought in the Lawsuit against Defendant on behalf of Named Plaintiff. In addition, the Parties have reached agreement as to the amount of Attorneys'

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Fees and Expenses Class Counsel may receive under the Settlement and the amount to be paid to the Named Plaintiff as a Service Award, subject to Court approval.

G. The Named Plaintiff and Class Counsel have reviewed and analyzed the information furnished by Defendant and information obtained through their own investigation; examined and considered the benefits to be provided to the Class Members under the Settlement provided for in this Agreement; and considered the laws of the several States and the claims that could be asserted under those laws regarding the Watches.

H. Named Plaintiff and Class Counsel believe the Settlement is fair, adequate, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Class Members, taking into account the benefits provided to the Class Members through the terms of the Settlement, the risks of continued litigation and possible trial and appeals, and the length of time and the costs that would be required to complete the litigation.

I. Defendant has at all times disputed, and continues to dispute, Plaintiff's allegations in the Lawsuit and denies any liability for any of the claims that have or could have been raised in the Lawsuit by Plaintiff or the Class Members, but believes that the comprehensive resolution of the claims in the Lawsuit as provided in this Agreement will avoid the substantial costs and disruptions of continued litigation, including potential trial and appeals, is in the best interest of Class Members, is in the best interests of Defendant, its employees, and its customers, and is the most effective and efficient resolution of the Lawsuit reasonably possible.

J. The Settling Parties entered into this Agreement after extensive arm's-length negotiations. The Settling Parties agreed on the benefits to the Settlement Class described in this Agreement before negotiating the provisions of this Agreement and before negotiating Attorneys' Fees and Expenses and the amount to be paid as a Service Award to the Named Plaintiff.

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K. The Parties understand, acknowledge, and agree that this Agreement constitutes the compromise of disputed claims and that it is their mutual desire and intention that the Lawsuit be settled and dismissed, on the merits and with prejudice, and that the Released Claims be finally and fully settled and dismissed, subject to and according to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, without any concession by Plaintiff that his claims lack merit, and without any concession by Defendant of any liability or wrongdoing or lack of merit in its defenses, it is hereby AGREED by and among the Parties, subject to approval by the Court pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, that, in consideration for the benefits flowing to the Settlement Class and the Parties, the Lawsuit and all Settled Class Claims and Released Claims, as defined below, shall be compromised, settled, acquitted, and dismissed with prejudice, on the following terms and conditions:

## II. NO ADMISSION OF WRONGDOING AND CONDITIONAL NATURE OF THIS AGREEMENT

2.1 Defendant does not admit any wrongdoing, fault, liability, or damage to Plaintiff or Class Members. Nor does Defendant admit that it engaged in any wrongdoing or committed any violation of law. Defendant stands behind all of its products, including the Watches. Defendant maintains that it has meritorious defenses to the Lawsuit, that the Watches are not defective, that it has fully complied with its Limited Warranty for the Watches, and that Plaintiffs have not been damaged or harmed in any way, or at all. In view, however, of the uncertainty and risk of the outcome of any litigation, the difficulties and substantial expense and length of time necessary to defend the proceeding—including potentially through trial, post-trial motions, and appeals—and to eliminate the burden and expense of further litigation, Defendant wishes to settle the Lawsuit and to put the claims alleged in the Lawsuit to rest, finally and forever, without in any way

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acknowledging any wrongdoing, fault, liability, or damage to Plaintiff or the Class Members. The Settlement and this Agreement represent a compromise of disputed claims and the arm's-length negotiations, discussions, and communications in connection with or leading up to and including the Settlement are not and shall not be construed as admissions or concessions by any of the Parties, either as to any liability or wrongdoing or as to the merits of any claim or defense, regardless of whether this Agreement becomes effective.

2.2 This Agreement and all associated exhibits or attachments are made for the sole purpose of settling the Lawsuit and are made in compromise of disputed claims. Because this Agreement settles the Lawsuit on a class-wide basis, it must receive preliminary and final approval from the Court. Accordingly, the Settling Parties enter into this Agreement on a conditional basis. If the Court does not enter the Final Approval Order, the proposed judgment does not become a final judgment for any reason, or the Effective Date does not occur, this Agreement shall be deemed null and void *ab initio*; it shall be of no force or effect whatsoever; it shall not be referred to or used for any purpose whatsoever; and the negotiation, terms, and entry of the Agreement shall remain subject to Rule 408 of the Federal Rules of Evidence and any analogous federal or state court rules of evidence or substantive law.

2.3 If more than seven hundred fifty (750) Class Members submit timely and valid Opt-Out Requests, Defendant, at its sole discretion, shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement, such that this Agreement shall be deemed null and void *ab initio* and shall be of no force or effect whatsoever. To exercise this right, Defendant must inform the Court, the Named Plaintiff and Class Counsel, in writing, of the exercise of this right within ten (10) days after Defendant receives notices that seven hundred fifty (750) or more Class Members have submitted Opt-Out Requests.

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2.4 This Agreement and all associated exhibits or attachments, and any and all negotiations relating to it, shall not be admissible in the Lawsuit, or any other action or legal proceeding, in any manner whatsoever, except as necessary: (a) to enforce the terms of this Agreement, including to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, accord and satisfaction, good-faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction, or any theory of claim or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim; or (b) in connection with Third-Party Claims.

#### **III. DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the definitions that follow:

3.1 "Administration and Notice Expenses" means reasonable fees and expenses incurred by the Notice Administrator for: (1) mailing and emailing the Settlement Notice; (2) creating, monitoring, and updating the Settlement Website which will be designed to include notifications to the Class, FAQs, and important case documents; (3) preparing status reports at the request of the Court or in preparation for a hearing or conference with the Court; (4) receiving and processing of Opt-Out Requests submitted by Class Members who wish to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class; and (5) other reasonable costs of notice administration agreed to by the Parties or as ordered by the Court.

3.2 "Agreement" means this Class Action Settlement Agreement and all exhibits attached to, and incorporated by reference into, it.

3.3 "Attorneys' Fees and Expenses" means the amount of any attorneys' fees and reimbursement of litigation expenses and costs to be paid by Defendant that may be awarded by the Court to Class Counsel under their Fee Application, as provided and agreed by the Parties in this Agreement.

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3.4 "CAFA Notice" means a notice of the proposed Settlement in compliance with the requirements of the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1711 *et seq.* ("CAFA"), to be served on the appropriate state official in each state where a Class Member resides and the appropriate federal official.

3.5 "Claim" means the information submitted by Class Members who wish to receive a benefit in accordance with Section VI of this Agreement.

3.6 "Claimant" means a Class Member who submits a valid and timely Claim.

3.7 "Extended Warranty Claims Deadline" means twelve months from the Effective Date.

3.8 "Replacement Watch Claims Deadline" means twelve months following the completion of a Claimant's second Extended Warranty repair. A Claimant's second Extended Warranty repair shall be deemed completed on the date the repaired Luminox Watch is mailed back to the Claimant.

3.9 "Class" means all consumers nationwide who purchased in the USA (or received as a gift) one or more Luminox Watch Series 3000/3900, 3050/3950, 3120, 3150, 3160, 3180, 3190, 3250, 3500, 3510, 3580, 3590, 3600, 3610, 3800, 3810, 7050, 7060, 7200, 7250 that contained an original Lumondi Warranty Card (the "Original Warranty") at the time of purchase on or after June 1, 2018 through the date of preliminary approval by the Court. Excluded from the Class is Defendant and its officers, directors, and employees; Class Counsel and their partners, associates, lawyers, and employees; and the judicial officers and their immediate family members and associated Court staff assigned to this case.

3.10 "Class Counsel" means Jeffrey S. Goldenberg of Goldenberg Schneider, L.P.A. and Sean K. Collins of the Law Offices of Sean K. Collins.

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3.11 "Class Member" or "Plaintiff" means any Person who is a member of the Settlement Class and who does not exclude himself, herself, or itself from the Settlement Class in the manner and time prescribed by the Court in the proposed Preliminary Approval Order.

3.12 "Class Representative" means Named Plaintiff.

3.13 "Complaint" means the Class Action Complaint filed in the Lawsuit by the Named Plaintiff on September 29, 2020.

3.14 "Court" means the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

3.15 "Defendant" means Lumondi, Inc., and its respective parent corporations, affiliates, direct and indirect subsidiaries, predecessors, successors, assigns, and anyone acting on their behalf.

3.16 "Effective Date" means the first date that is three (3) business days after all the following have occurred: (a) the Court has entered an order granting final approval of the Settlement in accordance with the terms of this Agreement; (b) the time for any challenge to the Settlement, both in the Court and on appeal, has lapsed; and (c) the Settlement has become final, either because no timely challenge was made to it or because any timely challenge has been finally adjudicated and rejected in such a manner as to affirm the Final Approval Order approving the Settlement. For purposes of this Section, an "appeal" shall not include any appeal that concerns solely the issue of Class Counsel's request for attorneys' fees or costs and/or the Service Award to the Class Representative.

3.17 "Fairness Hearing" means the final hearing, to be held by the Court as soon as practicable, (a) to determine whether to grant final approval to (i) the certification of the Settlement Class, (ii) the designation of the Class Representative as the representative of the Settlement Class,

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(iii) the designation of Class Counsel as counsel for the Settlement Class, and (iv) the Settlement;(b) to rule on Class Counsel's Fee Application; and (c) to consider whether to enter the Final Approval Order.

3.18 "FAQs" means the proposed Frequently Asked Questions and Answers form to be approved by the Court as part of the Preliminary Approval Order and posted on the Settlement Website in accordance with this Agreement.

3.19 "Fee Application" means the application to be filed by Class Counsel no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the Objection Deadline by which they will seek an award to be paid by Defendant of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of costs and expenses, as well as the Service Award to be paid to the Class Representative.

3.20 "Final Approval Order" means the proposed Order Granting Final Approval to the Class Action Settlement and Entry of Final Judgment, to be entered by the Court following the Fairness Hearing.

3.21 "Fogging Issue" or "Fogging Issues" means fogging of the inside of the watch crystal after the watch has been exposed to a significant temperature decrease to below approximately 40 degrees Fahrenheit or exposed to temperatures above approximately 90 degrees Fahrenheit, and which persists for more than 20 minutes after the watch is returned to room temperature.

3.22 "Lumondi" means Defendant.

3.23 "Lumondi Authorized Dealer" means a retailer from the list of authorized retailers maintained on the Settlement Website, which will include all Lumondi Authorized Dealers from June 1, 2018 through the Notice Date.

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3.24 "Lumondi Authorized Repair Center" means the repair center listed on the Settlement Website.

3.25 "Named Plaintiff" means Scott Biddick.

3.26 "Notice Administrator" means the third-party provider, who upon approval by the Court, shall be responsible for administering and overseeing, among other things, the notice of the Settlement. The Parties agree, subject to the Court's approval, that Kroll Settlement Administration shall serve as the Notice Administrator.

3.27 "Notice of Claim Denial" means the form that Defendant will send, by first-class United States Mail or electronic mail, to each Person who has submitted a Claim that the Defendant has determined not to be a Valid Claim.

3.28 "Notice Date" means the Court-ordered deadline by which the Notice Administrator and any third parties must complete the mailing or emailing of Settlement Notice to Class Members and initiate the Notice Plan, which shall be no later than 90 days following the Court's entry of the Preliminary Approval Order.

3.29 "Notice Plan" means the plan for providing Settlement Notice to members of the Class, as set forth in Section VII of this Agreement.

3.30 "Objection Deadline" means the Court-ordered deadline by which members of the Settlement Class must file any written objection or opposition to this Agreement or any part or provision of this Agreement, as set forth in Section VIII, which shall be at least sixty (60) days following the Notice Date.

3.31 "Opt-Out Request" means a valid written request submitted to the Notice Administrator, pursuant to the provisions of Section VIII of this Agreement, indicating that the Class Member wishes to be excluded from the Settlement.

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3.32 "Opt-Out Request Deadline" means the Court-ordered deadline by which members of the Settlement Class must postmark and mail, or electronically deliver, an Opt-Out Request pursuant to the provisions of Section VIII of this Agreement, which shall be at least sixty (60) days following the Notice Date.

3.33 "Parties" means the parties to this Agreement, Plaintiff and Defendant.

3.34 "Person" means any natural person, including his or her beneficiaries, heirs, assigns, or executors, or any legal entity, including its predecessors, successors, affiliates, or assigns.

3.35 "Plaintiffs" means the Named Plaintiff asserting claims in the Lawsuit, Scott Biddick, as well as all Class Members.

3.36 "Plaintiffs' Counsel" shall mean all Plaintiffs' attorneys of record in the Lawsuit.

3.37 "Preliminary Approval Order" means the proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval to Class Action Settlement, to be entered by the Court.

3.38 "Proof of Purchase" includes:

- An original or clearly legible copy of a valid, fully completed Official Lumondi Warranty Card, including the Lumondi Authorized Dealer's name and address as listed on the Settlement Website, model/series number, and date of purchase;
- A legible, itemized receipt or copy of a receipt from a Lumondi
   Authorized Dealer as listed on the Settlement Website for the
   purchase of the Watches; or
- iii. If no warranty card or receipt is available, a certification by Claimant, under oath: (a) that the Watch was purchased from a

Lumondi Authorized Dealer as listed on the Settlement Website; (b) the identity of the Lumondi Authorized Dealer (if known); and (c) the approximate date of purchase or receipt.

3.39 "Released Claims" means, as to Plaintiffs, all claims released under the release and waiver set forth in Section XI of this Agreement. Released Claims does not include personal injury claims.

3.40 "Released Parties" means (a) Defendant, as defined herein; and (b) each of its respective past, present, and future officers, directors, board members, agents, representatives, servants, employees, attorneys, and insurers.

3.41 "Releasing Parties" means Plaintiffs and each of their respective heirs, executors, representatives, agents, assigns, and successors.

3.42 "Service Award" means a reasonable payment, subject to Court approval, made to the Named Plaintiff to compensate for his time and effort in pursuing the Lawsuit.

3.43 "Settled Class Claims" means the claims brought by the Named Plaintiff and on behalf of the Class included in this Settlement, including (a) Violation of New York General Business Law, Deceptive Acts and Practices, N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349 ("NYGBL"); (b) Breach of Express Warranty – Magnuson Moss Warranty Act; (c) Breach of Express Warranty; (d) Violation of California's Consumer Legal Remedies Act, California Civil Code § 1750 *et seq.*; (e) Violation of California's Unfair Competition Law, California Business & Professions Code § 17200 *et seq.*; (f) Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability; and (g) Breach of Implied Warranty of Fitness for a Particular Purpose, as well as such other related claims that could have been brought or joined to those in the Lawsuit based on the allegations in the Complaint, all of

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which are included in the Released Claims, except for personal injury claims which are excluded from the definition of Released Claims.

3.44 "Settlement" means the settlement provided for in this Agreement.

3.45 "Settlement Class" means Class Representative and the Class.

3.46 "Settlement Notice" means the proposed forms of notice or such other forms as may be approved by the Court, which inform the Class Members of (a) the certification of the Class for Settlement purposes; (b) the date and location of the Fairness Hearing; and (c) the elements of the Settlement Agreement—all in accordance with Section VII of this Agreement. The current form of the Settlement Notice is attached as Exhibit 1, hereto.

3.47 "Settlement Website" means the website <u>www.lumondiwatchsettlement.us</u>, which will be created by the Notice Administrator to facilitate notice and for other administrative purposes related to the Settlement, as detailed in Section VII of this Agreement. The Settlement Website shall be maintained until at least 33 months following the Effective Date and shall include instructions and active url links as appropriate to facilitate Claimants' ability to make a claim for the Extended Limited Warranty Benefit and the Replacement Luminox Watch Benefit.

3.48 "Settling Parties" means, collectively, Plaintiffs and Defendant.

3.49 "Valid Claim" is one in which the Class Member complies with all requirements in sections 6.3 or 6.9 to submit an Extended Warranty Claim or a Replacement Watch Claim.

## IV. CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION OF THE SETTLEMENT CLASS

4.1 Solely for the purposes of implementing this Agreement and the Settlement, and for no other purpose, Defendant will not oppose the conditional certification of the Settlement Class on a nationwide basis. Defendant does not concede that class certification would be warranted or appropriate absent a settlement. If for any reason this Agreement should fail to become effective, Defendant's lack of opposition to certification of the nationwide Settlement

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Class shall be null and void, and the Parties shall return to their respective positions in the Lawsuit as those positions existed immediately before the execution of this Agreement, including their positions regarding suitability of class certification in the Lawsuit.

4.2 If for any reason this Agreement should fail to become effective, neither this Agreement nor any document referred to in, or incorporated into, the Agreement is or may be construed as an admission by Defendant of any fault, wrongdoing, or liability whatsoever. Nor should the Agreement be construed as an admission that the Named Plaintiff can serve as an adequate class representative, other than for settlement purposes, or that certification of any class is proper or permissible.

## V. REQUIRED EVENTS: PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL

5.1 On or around November 22, 2021, the Named Plaintiff shall file with the Court a motion seeking entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, which shall:

- Conditionally certify the Settlement Class as a nationwide class solely for the purpose of effecting the Settlement;
- b. Designate the Class Representative as the representative of the Settlement Class;
- c. Designate Class Counsel as counsel for the Settlement Class;
- d. Preliminarily approve the Settlement and this Agreement as fair, adequate, and reasonable to the Settlement Class;
- e. Designate the Notice Administrator and instruct the Notice Administrator to perform the following functions in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the Notice Plan, the Preliminary Approval Order, and the Final Approval Order:

- No later than sixty (60) days following the Court's entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, begin disseminating the Settlement Notice pursuant to the Notice Plan, substantially in the form provided in Section VII and, to the extent applicable and practicable;
- ii. No later than sixty (60) days following the Court's entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, establish the Settlement Website with information the Parties jointly agree to post concerning the nature of the case and the status of the Settlement, including relevant pleadings as available such as the Class Action Complaint, papers in support of preliminary and final approval of the Settlement, and Class Counsel's Fee Application, FAQs, plus relevant orders of the Court. This shall be accomplished before or concurrently with emailing or mailing the Settlement Notice;
- iii. Process requests for exclusion from the Settlement in accordance with Section VIII of this Agreement;
- iv. Process objections to the Settlement in accordance with Section VIII of this Agreement; and
- v. No later than fourteen (14) days before the Fairness Hearing, provide to the Court, Defendant, and Class Counsel a statement, under penalty of perjury, declaring that it has accomplished the relevant requirements of Section 5.1e; and providing the total number of requests for exclusion received.

- f. Approve the Notice Plan, including the form, contents, and methods of notice to be given to the Class and the Settlement Class as set forth in Section VII of this Agreement, and direct the Notice Administrator to provide and file with the Court a declaration of compliance with the Notice Plan set forth in Section VII of this Agreement (including the statement from the Notice Administrator referenced in Section 5.1.e.v.);
- g. Establish procedures and schedule deadlines for Class Members to object to the Settlement or certification of the Settlement Class, to exclude themselves from the Settlement, and to submit Claims, all consistent with Sections VI and VIII of this Agreement; and
- h. Schedule deadlines for the filing of: (i) papers in support of final approval of the Settlement, the certification of the Settlement Class, the designation of the Class Representative as the representative of the Settlement Class, and the appointment of Class Counsel as counsel for the Settlement Class;
  (ii) Class Counsel's Fee Application; and (iii) objections to the Settlement, certification of the Settlement Class, to the designation of the Class Representative as the representative of the Settlement, certification of the Settlement Class, to the designation of the Class Representative as the representative of the Settlement Class, or to the appointment of Class Counsel as counsel for the Settlement Class.

5.2 Subject to Court approval, the proposed deadlines and requirements to be established in the Preliminary Approval Order are:

No later than sixty (60) days following the Court's entry of the Preliminary
 Approval Order: The Notice Administrator shall mail and email the initial
 Settlement Notices as required by Section 7.3.

- Twenty-one (21) days prior to the Objection Deadline: Class Counsel shall
   file their Fee Application.
- No later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Fairness Hearing: Class
   Counsel shall file the proposed Final Approval Order and memorandum in support of Final Approval and response to any objections.
- Twenty-one (21) days after Class Counsel files their Fee Application: Any Class Member shall file objections with the Court and serve a copy of that filing on Class Counsel and Defendant. Objections must be in writing and must contain the following information:
  - i. the full name, address, telephone number, and email address of the objector;
  - ii. the model/series number(s) for the objector's Watch(es);
  - a clear written statement as to the date of purchase of the Watch(es)
     and the Lumondi Authorized Dealer, as listed on the Settlement
     Website, from which the Watch(es) were purchased;
  - iv. a clear written statement of all grounds for the objection accompanied by any factual and legal support for such objection;
  - v. copies of any papers, briefs, or other documents on which the objection is based;
  - vi. a list of all cases in which the objector and/or objector's counsel have filed or in any way participated in, financially or otherwise, any objection to a class action settlement in the preceding five years;

- vii. the name, address, email address, and telephone number of all attorneys representing the objector;
- viii. a statement indicating whether the objector and/or the objector's counsel intends to appear at the Fairness Hearing and, if so, a list of all persons, if any, who will be called to testify in support of the objection; and,
- ix. the objector's signature.

This Section applies to all objections, including all objections to certification of the Settlement Class, the designation of the Class Representative, the appointment of Class Counsel, the Settlement, this Agreement, or Class Counsel's Fee Application.

- e. Twenty-one (21) days after Class Counsel files their Fee Application: Requests by Class Members to be excluded from the Settlement must be either postmarked by the United States Postal Service (in the case of mailed exclusions) or actually received by the Notice Administrator (in the case of electronically submitted exclusions). The Notice Administrator must file a list of all exclusions (including Class Members submitting Opt-Out Requests and who also object) with the Court no later than fourteen (14) days before the Fairness Hearing.
- f. Twenty-one (21) days after Class Counsel files their Fee Application: Any Person or attorney seeking to appear at the Fairness Hearing must file with the Court and serve on Class Counsel and Defendant an entry of appearance in the Lawsuit and notice of intention to appear at the Fairness Hearing. This includes any person objecting to any or all of certification of the

Settlement Class, designation of Class Representatives, appointment of Class Counsel, the Settlement, the Agreement, or Class Counsel's Fee Application.

g. No later than fourteen (14) days before the Fairness Hearing: the Notice Administrator shall file with the Court a declaration of compliance with the notice requirements set forth in Section VII of this Agreement.

5.3 Defendant may, at its discretion, file a memorandum in support or statement of nonopposition of the motion seeking entry of the Preliminary Approval Order.

5.4 At the Fairness Hearing, the Parties will jointly request the Court to enter the Final Approval Order that:

- a. Grants final approval of the certification of the Settlement Class;
- Designates the Class Representative as the representative of the Settlement Class and Class Counsel as counsel for the Settlement Class;
- c. Grants final approval of the Settlement and this Agreement as fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class;
- Provides for the release of all Released Claims and enjoins Class Members from asserting, filing, maintaining, or prosecuting any of the Released Claims in the future;
- e. Orders the dismissal with prejudice of all claims alleged in the Lawsuit, and incorporates the releases and covenant not to sue stated in this Agreement, with each of the Parties to bear its, his, or her own costs and attorney fees, except as provided in Section X below;

- f. Orders Defendant to honor valid Extended Warranty Claims and Replacement Watch Claims;
- g. Approves the Service Award to the Named Plaintiff and Attorneys' Fees
   and Expenses to Class Counsel in an amount to be determined by the Court
   consistent with the terms of this Agreement; and
- h. Preserves the Court's continuing jurisdiction over the administration of the
   Settlement and enforcement of this Agreement.

5.5 Named Plaintiff, Class Counsel, and Defendant will cooperate and make their best efforts to secure preliminary and final approval for and to effectuate the Settlement, including cooperating in drafting the documents necessary for preliminary and final approval and securing the prompt, complete, and final dismissal, with prejudice, of the Lawsuit. If the Court fails to enter either the Preliminary Approval Order or the Final Approval Order, Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, and Defendant will use all reasonable efforts that are consistent with this Agreement to cure any defect identified by the Court. If, despite such efforts, the Court does not enter the Preliminary Approval Order or Final Approval Order, the Parties will return to their positions in the Lawsuit as they were immediately prior to the execution of this Settlement Agreement and confer on a revised schedule for the completion of fact and expert discovery and class certification.

5.6 If an appeal results in an order materially modifying, setting aside, or vacating this Agreement in whole or in part, with the exception of any order that relates to the amount of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses to be paid to Class Counsel or the amount of any Service Award to the Named Plaintiff, each Party adversely affected by such order shall have the right at its sole discretion to treat the order as an event permanently preventing entry of a Final Approval Order. To exercise this right, the Party must inform the other Party and the Notice Administrator, in

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writing, of the exercise of this right within ten (10) business days after any order modifying, setting aside, or vacating this Agreement in whole or in part becomes final and non-appealable. If either Party exercises this right, the Party exercising such right agrees to work with the other Party in good faith to attempt to negotiate terms mutually acceptable to both Parties that address any such material alteration or modification caused by the appeal.

## VI. BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE SETTLEMENT CLASS

6.1 Extended Limited Warranty Benefit. Class Members shall receive a 12-month limited warranty extension on their Luminox watches covered by this Settlement ("Extended Warranty"). The Extended Warranty shall begin to run from the Effective Date of the proposed Settlement or the end of their Original Warranty, whichever date is later, and shall be limited to cover the Fogging Issues, defined as fogging of the inside of the watch crystal after the watch has been exposed to a significant temperature decrease to below approximately 40 degrees Fahrenheit or exposed to temperatures above approximately 90 degrees Fahrenheit, and which persists for more than 20 minutes after the watch is returned to room temperature. Each Class Member shall receive this Extended Warranty regardless of whether the Original Warranty has expired or is still valid as of the Effective Date.

6.2 Class Members who do not opt out of the proposed Settlement will receive the Extended Warranty.

6.3 The requirements to file a Valid Claim under the Extended Warranty are that the Class Member must:

(1) (a) present an original or clearly legible copy of a valid, fully completed Official Lumondi Warranty Card; (b) present a legible, itemized receipt or copy of a receipt from a Lumondi Authorized Dealer, as listed on the Settlement Website; or (c) if no warranty card or receipt is available, certify under oath: (i) that the watch was purchased from a Lumondi

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Authorized Dealer as listed on the Settlement Website; (ii) the identity of the Lumondi Authorized Dealer, if known; and (iii) the approximate date of purchase or receipt);

(2) comply with the on-line warranty claim process set forth on the Settlement Website;

(3) certify under oath that: (a) he or she is not aware of any physical damage to the Luminox Watch; and (b) he or she has experienced multiple Fogging Issues, defined as fogging of the inside of the watch crystal after the watch has been exposed to a significant temperature decrease to below approximately 40 degrees Fahrenheit or exposed to temperatures above approximately 90 degrees Fahrenheit, and which persists for more than 20 minutes after the watch is returned to room temperature.

(4) include a photo of the Luminox Watch showing at least one qualifying Fogging Issue as set forth in paragraph 6.3(3) with the warranty claim submission;

(5) initiate the claim prior to the end of the Extended Warranty period; and

(6) provide the watch for inspection by the Lumondi Authorized Repair Center technicians, who will confirm that no exclusions apply.

6.4 The following conditions are not covered by the Extended Warranty and do not constitute a Valid Claim: (1) normal wear and tear (or aging) of band, case, crystal, bezel, crown, push buttons, battery, or plating of metal components; (2) damage caused by tampering with, misuse or abuse; (3) damage to the watch case or movement caused by water entering the watch due to improper use or handling; (4) defects or damage resulting from battery replacement, service, or repairs performed by any non-authorized Lumondi service or repair centers as listed on the Settlement Website; or (5) a watch not obtained from an Lumondi Authorized Dealer as listed on the Settlement Website. If an exclusion is found, the Lumondi Authorized Repair Center will document the exclusion and will contact the claimant regarding next steps, which may include

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repair at the claimant's expense based on a repair quote provided by the Lumondi Authorized Repair Center or return of the Luminox Watch with no further action

6.5 For accepted claims, the Lumondi Authorized Repair Center will perform Extended Warranty Service, which shall include drying the watch, as necessary, performing an ISO condensation test and ensuring proper functioning of all seals and gaskets and replacing any seals and gaskets as needed.

6.6 Through the claims process, Claimants will pay for postage and handling for sending the Luminox Watch to the Lumondi Authorized Repair Center but will be reimbursed by Lumondi if the Claim is a Valid Claim. Reimbursement for postage under this section shall be at the actual cost of the postage and shall not include any mark up.

6.7 Through the claims process, Defendant will pay for postage and handling for sending the Luminox Watch back to the Claimant from the Lumondi Authorized Repair Center, regardless of whether the Claim is a Valid Claim.

6.8 Class Members who receive Extended Warranty Service will be reimbursed by Lumondi for the postage charged for mailing their Luminox Watch to the Lumondi Authorized Repair Center.

6.9 **Replacement Watch Benefit**. Class Members who make two qualifying warranty claims under the Extended Warranty shall be entitled to receive a new replacement Luminox Watch if the Extended Warranty Service (as described above in section 6.4) is unsuccessful.

6.10 An unsuccessful Extended Warranty Service means that the Luminox Watch that was serviced twice under the Extended Warranty benefit exhibits the Fogging Issue, defined as fogging of the inside of the watch crystal after the watch has been exposed to a significant temperature decrease to below approximately 40 degrees Fahrenheit or exposed to temperatures

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above approximately 90 degrees Fahrenheit, and which persists for more than 20 minutes after the watch is returned to room temperature, within the later of (a) 90 days from the second Extended Warranty Service; or (b) the expiration of the Extended Warranty.

6.11 The Replacement Watch shall be limited to the same model and color as the original Luminox Watch to be replaced ("Replacement Watch"). If the same model and color as the original Luminox Watch to be replaced is not available, Lumondi shall provide the Class Member with a substantially comparable Luminox Watch.

6.12 "Substantially Comparable" means a Luminox Watch with similar design, color, features, and price as the Class Member's original Luminox Watch.

6.13 Lumondi's "Original Limited Warranty" terms shall apply to any Replacement Watch provided pursuant to the proposed Settlement.

6.14 To qualify for the Replacement Luminox Watch benefit, the Class Member must return the original Luminox Watch to the Lumondi Authorized Repair Center as listed in the Settlement Website. Upon receipt of the original Luminox Watch returned pursuant to this section, Lumondi shall provide the Class Member with the Replacement Luminox Watch within a reasonable period of time not to exceed 30 days from the date of receipt by the Lumondi Authorized Repair Center of the original Luminox watch.

6.15 **ReverseLogix Software**. Defendant shall utilize ReverseLogix software (or some other comparable software system) to administer, process and record all Extended Warranty Claims and Replacement Watch Claims submitted in response to this Settlement. The ReverseLogix software (or some other comparable software system) utilized to implement this Settlement shall be used by Defendant and/or the Lumondi Authorized Repair Center, as necessary, to determine whether Extended Warranty Claims and Replacement Watch Claims are

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valid as per submitted documentation and information. The inspection by Lumondi Authorized Repair Center technicians is also part of the process for determining whether the claim is a Valid Claim. The ReverseLogix software (or some other comparable software system) shall include all necessary information to determine the initial validity of Extended Warranty Claims and Replacement Watch Claims, based on documentation, and is still subject to the technician's inspection of the submitted watch. The cost and expense related to the ReverseLogix software (or some other comparable software system) shall be paid by Defendant.

#### VII. SETTLEMENT NOTICE AND NOTICE PLAN

7.1 All decisions regarding notice and settlement administration shall be made jointly between Defendant and Class Counsel except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement. Appropriate notice of settlement shall be provided to the Class Members. The Parties and their counsel agree to cooperate in good faith in the notice and settlement administration process, and the parties shall mutually agree on the language of the Notice and the webpage. Defendant agrees to pay reasonable notice costs incurred by the Notice Administrator.

7.2 Class Counsel and counsel for Defendant shall have the ability to communicate with the Notice Administrator without the need to include each other in each of those communications. Disputes, if any, shall be resolved by the Court.

7.3 No later than sixty (60) days following the Court's entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, the Notice Administrator shall do the following:

- a. The Notice Administrator shall begin sending or causing to be disseminated a copy of the Settlement Notice to every Class Member who reasonably can be identified.
- b. To the extent practicable, the Notice Administrator shall send or cause to be sent a copy of the Settlement Notice by electronic mail, or another electronic

means of personal contact, to every Class Member whose email address or other electronic contact information is known or readily identifiable. If the Notice Administrator can identify more email addresses or other electronic contact information for Class Members by performing an email address lookup or similar exercise, the Notice Administrator shall include such costs in the Administration and Notice Expenses. For all other Class Members for whom or which a mailing address, but no email address or other electronic means of contact, can reasonably be identified, the Notice Administrator shall send or cause to be sent a copy of the Settlement Notice by U.S. mail.

c. The Notice Administrator will forward Settlement Notices that are returned by the U.S. Postal Service or electronically with a forwarding address to the Class Member. For Settlement Notices returned as undeliverable, the Notice Administrator shall make reasonable effort to determine a proper electronic mail address, other electronic contact information, or mailing address, and re-send the Settlement Notice. All costs related to this process shall be included in the Administration and Notice Expenses.

7.4 Within thirty (30) days of the entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, Defendant will provide the Notice Administrator with electronic data containing the contact information Defendant has for Class Members as well as the contact information that the Lumondi Authorized Service Center has for Class Members.

7.5 Within ten (10) days of the entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, Defendant will provide to Class Counsel contact information for the top five (5) retail sellers of the model/series of Class of Luminox Watches covered by this Agreement for 2018, 2019, 2020, and

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2021. Class Counsel are authorized to issue subpoenas, as necessary, to these retailers to obtain name, address, and email information for the sole purpose of issuing class notice of this Settlement. All information obtained through these subpoenas must remain confidential and shall be subject to strict access restrictions and may only be provided to Class Counsel and to the Notice Administrator. Any information collected from these third parties pursuant to this paragraph shall be destroyed no later than five (5) days following the issuance of notice to such Class Members. The Notice Administrator shall certify to the Court prior to the Fairness Hearing that all such information received pursuant to this paragraph has been destroyed. Retail sellers of Luminox Watches who receive a subpoena pursuant to this paragraph may choose to send or email the Class Notice directly to its customers rather than provide the contact information to the Notice Administrator or Class Counsel and may seek reimbursement from the Notice Administrator for the reasonable cost of postage to do so.

7.6 To facilitate the efficient administration of this Settlement, and to promote the provision of benefits pursuant to this Settlement, the Notice Administrator will establish the Settlement Website, which will enable or facilitate Class Members to:

- Read the Settlement Notice and FAQs and important case documents (e.g.
   Settlement Agreement, Order Granting Preliminary Approval);
- b. Obtain updates on the status of the Settlement; and
- c. Submit Extended Warranty Claims or Replacement Watch Claims through the ReverseLogix process.

7.7 The Settlement website will be maintained for no less than 18 months following the Effective Date.

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7.8 The Parties agree that the Settlement Notice, FAQ, and Settlement Website will provide information sufficient to inform Class Members of: (a) the essential terms of this Agreement; (b) appropriate means for obtaining additional information regarding the Agreement and the Lawsuit; (c) appropriate information about the procedure for objecting to or excluding themselves from the Settlement, if they should wish to do so; and (d) appropriate means for and information about submitting a claim for benefits pursuant to the Settlement. The Parties also agree that the dissemination of the Settlement Notice and the FAQs in the manner specified in this Section VII satisfies the notice requirements of due process and Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

7.9 Pursuant to this Agreement, Class Counsel will request the Court to approve, in the Preliminary Approval Order, the emailing and direct mailing of the Settlement Notice and establishment of the Settlement Website, which will include the Settlement Notice, important case documents, and FAQs, all as set forth above.

7.10 As soon as practicable, but no later than ten (10) days after Plaintiffs file this Agreement in the Court, Defendant or the Notice Administrator shall serve a CAFA Notice of the Settlement as required by the notice provisions of the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1715 ("CAFA Notice"). Defendant, working with the Notice Administrator, will prepare the substantive language of the CAFA Notice, subject to Class Counsel's approval which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

7.11 No later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Fairness Hearing, the Notice Administrator shall file with the Court a declaration of compliance with this Notice Plan.

## VIII. CLAIM ADMINISTRATION, EXCLUSION FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS, AND OBJECTIONS

8.1 The Notice will direct Class Members to the Settlement Website and to Defendant's website. <u>www.lumondi.us</u>, where a link will be provided to electronically file Extended Warranty Claims and Replacement Watch Claims. Extended Warranty Claims and Replacement Watch Claims. Extended Warranty Claims and Replacement Watch Claims shall be filed and processed utilizing ReverseLogix software (or an otherwise comparable software program) and shall allow Class Members to upload photos and other documentation as necessary to support their claims.

8.2 Defendant will provide a Notice of Claim Denial, in a timely fashion, to any Person who has not submitted a Valid Claim and will identify the reason(s) the Person has not submitted a Valid Claim. The Notice of Claim Denial will also notify such Persons that they have the right to have Class Counsel review whether they have submitted a Valid Claim. Defendant will copy Class Counsel on all Notice of Claim Denial correspondence. Class Counsel may dispute any Notice of Claim Denial on behalf of any Class Member within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Notice of Claim Denial. Class Counsel may also audit Claim Denials to ascertain Defendant's compliance with the Settlement Agreement.

8.3 Any Person receiving a Notice of Claim Denial that his, her, or its Claim is not a Valid Claim who wishes to contest such denial must, within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of mailing or transmission of Notice of Claim Denial, submit to Defendant and Class Counsel a statement of the reasons contesting the grounds for the rejection of his, her, or its claim or provide any missing or supplemental information necessary to perfect the claim. If a Person provides this required statement and the dispute about whether the Person has submitted a Valid Claim cannot otherwise be resolved, Class Counsel and Defendant shall promptly present the issue for review by a mutually selected independent third-party adjudicator. The independent third-party

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adjudicator shall issue a decision to Class Counsel and to Defendant within thirty (30) days of receiving the submission. The independent third-party adjudicator's decision shall be final and non-appealable.

8.4 To determine whether a Person has submitted a Valid Claim, Defendant is strictly bound by the terms of this Agreement. If Class Counsel contends that Defendant is not acting in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, including in the determination of Valid Claims, then Class Counsel will meet and confer with counsel for Defendant and, if necessary, with the Court. After the exhaustion of reasonable efforts to resolve any such dispute informally, Class Counsel may bring an appropriate motion before the Court.

8.5 All proceedings with respect to the administration, processing, and determination of claims described in this Agreement and the determination of all cases or controversies relating thereto, including disputed questions of law and fact with respect to whether any claim is a Valid Claim, are subject to the jurisdiction of the Court. All persons interested in such determinations submit to the personal jurisdiction of the Court.

8.6 <u>Opt-Out Requests</u>. Class Members may opt out of the Settlement by submitting an Opt-Out Request to the Notice Administrator that is postmarked no later than sixty (60) days following the Notice Date. To be valid, an Opt-Out Request must contain the name, company name (if applicable), address, email address, telephone number, and model/series number(s) of the Class Member's Watch(es), and a clear written statement as to the date of purchase of the Watch(es) and the retailer from which the Watch(es) were purchased. Each Class Member seeking exclusion from the Settlement must personally sign the Opt-Out Request. No Opt-Out Request may be signed electronically. No Class Member may opt out by a request signed by an actual or purported agent or attorney acting on behalf of a group of Class Members. No Opt-Out Request may be made on

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behalf of a group of Class Members. Class Members who do not submit a timely, personally signed, valid Opt-Out Request will be bound by the Settlement and this Agreement, including the release of Released Claims. Class Members who timely submit a valid, personally signed Opt-Out Request will have no further role in this Settlement and will not be bound by this Agreement; accordingly, such Class Members will not be permitted to assert an objection to the Settlement or this Agreement and will receive no benefit described in Section VI of this Agreement. The Settlement Notice and the FAQ will advise Class Members of their ability to opt out of the Settlement and of the consequences of opting out of the Settlement. Neither the Parties nor their counsel will solicit any Class Member to submit an Opt-Out Request.

8.7 <u>Objections</u>. Class Members will have until sixty (60) days following the Notice Date to file with the Court and deliver copies to the Parties' Counsel (at the addresses set forth in this Agreement) an objection to the Settlement. Only Class Members who have not submitted an Opt-Out Request to the Notice Administrator may object to the Settlement. To object, a Class Member must timely file with the Court and deliver to the Parties' counsel a written objection and a notice of intent to appear at the Fairness Hearing, if the objector chooses to appear at the Fairness Hearing. The filing date of any written objection will be the exclusive means for determining the timeliness of an objection. The Settlement Notice, the FAQs, and the Preliminary Approval Order will set forth the procedures for submitting an objection. A written objector; (b) the model/series number(s) for the objector's Watch(es); (c) a clear written statement as to the date of purchase of the Watch(es) and the Lumondi Authorized Dealer, as listed on the Settlement Website, from which the Watch(es) were purchased; (d) a clear written statement of all grounds for the objection accompanied by any legal support for such objection; (e) copies of any papers, briefs, or other

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documents on which the objection is based; (f) a list of all cases in which the objector and/or objector's counsel had filed or in any way participated in—financially or otherwise—an objection to a class action settlement in the preceding five years; (g) the name, address, email address, and telephone number of all attorneys representing the objector; (h) a statement indicating whether the objector and/or the objector's counsel intends to appear at the Fairness Hearing, and, if so, a list of all persons, if any, who will be called to testify in support of the objection; and (i) the objector's signature. Class Members who fail to make objections in the manner specified in, and in full compliance with, this Section will be deemed to have waived any objections and will be foreclosed from making any objection to the Settlement or this Agreement (whether by appeal, collateral proceeding, or otherwise). Neither the Parties nor their counsel will encourage any Class Member to object.

#### IX. PAYMENTS TO NAMED PLAINTIFF

9.1 The Named Plaintiff is a member of the Settlement Class and may participate in the claims process described in Section VI of this Agreement to the same extent as Class Members.

9.2 Subject to approval by the Court, Defendant will also pay the Named Plaintiff a Service Award pursuant to the provisions of this Section. The Service Award will consist of a \$5,000 payment to the Named Plaintiff solely as compensation for his time and effort associated with his participation in this Lawsuit and assisting Plaintiff's Counsel in preparing and bringing the Lawsuit. This amount is not reimbursement or compensation for any alleged injuries, damages, or any other relief sought in the Lawsuit. Even though the Named Plaintiff has signed this Agreement and supports approval of the Settlement, payment of the amount specified in this Section is not contingent on such authorization and support for the Agreement. The Court's award of the Service Award to the Named Plaintiff shall be separate from and independent of the Court's determination of whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court declines to approve the

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Settlement, no Service Award shall be awarded or paid to Named Plaintiff. Class Counsel will not seek payments for the Named Plaintiff in excess of the amount in this Section. The Parties did not negotiate or agree to this Section or any of its terms until after negotiating and agreeing to the substantive terms of the Settlement.

9.3 Defendant shall pay the Service Award to the Named Plaintiff, in care of Class Counsel, within ten (10) business days following the Effective Date or following the entry of a final, non-appealable order relating to Service Awards or to Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, whichever is later. Class Counsel shall provide Defendant a W9 form from Named Plaintiff in advance of the payment.

#### X. CLASS COUNSEL'S APPLICATION FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES

10.1 Class Counsel shall file a Fee Application for an award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Objection Deadline pursuant to Rule 23(h), Rule 54(d)(2), and the Court's Local Rules.

10.2 Lumondi agrees to pay, subject to Court approval, Attorneys' Fees and Expenses of up to a maximum of two hundred and two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$202,500). The Court's award of any attorneys' fees and expenses to Class Counsel shall be separate from and independent of the Court's determination of whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court declines to approve the Settlement, no award of attorneys' fees and expenses shall be awarded or paid to Class Counsel. The Parties have negotiated and reached agreement on the Attorneys' Fees and Expenses only after reaching agreement on all other material terms of Settlement in this matter.

10.3 Defendant has no liability or obligation with respect to any Attorneys' Fees and Expenses or the Service Award to the Named Plaintiff except as awarded by the Court. Class Counsel agree that upon payment to Class Counsel of any amounts awarded by the Court,

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Defendant's obligations to Class Counsel with respect to any Attorneys' Fees and Expenses or the Service Award to the Named Plaintiff shall be fully satisfied and discharged. Allocation and sharing of the Attorneys' Fees and Expenses as between Class Counsel shall be the sole responsibility and obligation of Class Counsel. The Parties agree that the award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, not to exceed two hundred and two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$202,500) constitutes Defendant's all-inclusive full payment for any and all attorneys' fees and expenses in relation to the Lawsuit, the Settlement and releases provided herein.

10.4 It is not a condition of the Settlement or this Agreement that the Court award any particular amount of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses up to a maximum of two hundred and two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$202,500) or any particular amount as a Service Award to the Class Representative up to a maximum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

10.5 Defendant shall pay the award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, as determined by the Court, to Class Counsel, care of Goldenberg Schneider, LPA, within ten (10) business days following the Effective Date or following the entry of a final, non-appealable order relating to the Attorneys' Fees and Expenses and Service Award, whichever is later. Class Counsel shall provide Defendant W9 forms from Class Counsel in advance of the payment.

#### XI. RELEASES

11.1 Class Members who do not timely and validly exclude themselves from the Settlement forever release and discharge the Released Parties from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, counterclaims, demands (including, without limitation, demands for arbitration), actions, suits, causes of action, allegations of wrongdoing, liabilities, rights, demands, suits, debts, liens, contracts, agreements, offsets or liabilities, including but not limited to tort claims, claims for breach of contract, breach of the duty of good faith and fair dealing, breach of statutory duties, actual or constructive fraud, misrepresentations, fraudulent inducement, statutory and consumer

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fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, unfair business or trade practices, restitution, rescission, compensatory and punitive damages, injunctive or declaratory relief, attorneys' fees, interests, costs, penalties and any other claims, whether known or unknown, alleged or not alleged in the Litigation, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or matured, under federal law, state law, common law, or local law, which the Named Plaintiff and/or any Class Member had, have, or may in the future have, with respect to any conduct, act, omissions, facts, matters, transactions or oral or written statements or occurrences relating to or arising out of the Fogging Issue, defined as fogging of the inside of the watch crystal after the watch has been exposed to a significant temperature decrease to below approximately 40 degrees Fahrenheit or exposed to temperatures above approximately 90 degrees Fahrenheit, and which persists for more than 20 minutes after the watch is returned to room temperature as asserted, or as could have been asserted in the Litigation or any other proceedings, and that are based on the same factual predicate asserted in the Class Action Complaint filed in the Litigation, including via the use of a class action procedural device by the Named Plaintiffs and/or Class Members whether at law or equity, against Defendant and all of the Releasees for injunctive relief, declaratory relief, and economic injury or damages. Notwithstanding the forgoing, the Release does not include claims for personal injury/ injuries.

11.2 By executing this Agreement, the Parties acknowledge that, upon entry of the Final Approval Order by the Court, and assuming there are no appeals, the Lawsuit shall be dismissed with prejudice, an order of dismissal with prejudice shall be entered, and all Released Claims shall thereby be conclusively settled, compromised, satisfied, and released as to the Released Parties. The Final Approval Order shall provide for and effect the full and final release by Class Members of all Released Claims. In the case of one or more appeals, all Released Claims shall be

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conclusively settled, compromised, satisfied, and released as to the Released Parties upon the Effective Date.

11.3 Plaintiffs and Class Members knowingly and voluntarily waive Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides:

#### A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.

Plaintiffs and Class Members expressly waive and relinquish all rights and benefits that they may have under, or that may be conferred on them by, the provisions of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code and of all similar laws of other States or territories, to the fullest extent they may lawfully waive such rights or benefits pertaining to the Released Claims. In connection with such waiver and relinquishment, Plaintiffs and Class Members hereby acknowledge that they are aware that they or their attorneys may hereafter discover claims or facts in addition to or different from those which they now know or believe to exist with respect to the Released Claims, but that it is their intention to hereby fully, finally, and forever settle and release all of the Released Claims, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, that they have against the Released Parties. In furtherance of such intention, the release given by Plaintiffs and Class Members to the Released Parties shall be and remain in effect as a full and complete general release of all claims notwithstanding the discovery or existence of any such additional different claims or facts.

11.4 Named Plaintiff expressly consents that this release shall be given full force and effect according to each of its terms and provisions, including those relating to unknown and unspecified claims, injuries, demands, rights, lawsuits, or causes of action as referenced above. Named Plaintiff acknowledges and agrees that this waiver is an essential and material term of this release and the compromise settlement that led to it, and that without this waiver the compromise

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settlement would not have been accomplished. Named Plaintiff has been advised by his attorney with respect to this waiver and, being of competent mind, understands and acknowledges its significance.

11.5 Each Party expressly accepts and assumes the risk that, if facts with respect to matters covered by this Agreement are found to be other than or different from the facts now believed or assumed to be true, this Agreement shall nevertheless remain effective. It is understood and agreed that this Agreement shall constitute a general release and shall be effective as a full and final accord and satisfaction and is a bar to all actions, causes of action, costs, expenses, attorney fees, damages, claims, and liabilities whatsoever, whether or not now known, suspected, claimed or concealed, pertaining to the Released Claims of this Agreement.

#### XII. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

Each of the Parties represents and warrants to, and agrees with, each of the other Parties as follows:

12.1 Each Party has had the opportunity to receive, and has received, independent legal advice from his, her, or its attorneys regarding the advisability of making the Settlement, the advisability of executing this Agreement, and the legal and income-tax consequences of this Agreement, and fully understands and accepts the terms of this Agreement.

12.2 None of the Parties relies or has relied on any statement, representation, omission, inducement, or promise of the other Party (or any officer, agent, employee, representative, or attorney for the other Party) in executing this Agreement, or in making the Settlement provided for herein, except as expressly stated in this Agreement.

12.3 Each of the Parties has investigated the facts pertaining to the Settlement and this Agreement, and all matters pertaining thereto, to the full extent deemed necessary by that Party and his, her, or its attorneys.

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12.4 Each of the Parties has carefully read, and knows and understands, the full contents of this Agreement and is voluntarily entering into this Agreement after having had the opportunity to consult with, and having in fact consulted with, his, her, or its attorneys.

12.5 Each term of this Agreement is contractual and not merely a recital.

#### XIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

13.1 <u>Extensions of Time</u>. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the Parties may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of this Agreement and Settlement.

13.2 Default or Breach. Defendant represents that it will make good-faith efforts to meet the various deadlines that apply to them under this Agreement. Defendant's failure, for any reason, to meet any applicable deadline shall not constitute a default or breach of this Agreement without formal, written notice by Class Counsel and without a reasonable opportunity for Defendant to cure the claimed default or breach. If Class Counsel maintain that any action or inaction constitutes a default or breach of this Agreement, then the Settling Parties shall meet and confer. If reasonable efforts do not cure any claimed default or breach after a reasonable period of time, only then may a Settling Party involve the Court. The waiver by Plaintiffs of any default or breach of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any other claimed default or breach by Defendant.

13.3 <u>Publicity or Media Inquiries about the Settlement</u>. The Parties and their counsel shall not hold any press conference or make any press release regarding the Settlement except through the notice process approved by the Court. The Parties may make such disclosures as may be required to the Court, on websites as specified in the Notice Plan, and as may be required by law or to submit to a government agency, or as may be necessary for financial purposes (including without limitation, tax or audit), or to respond to inquiries by Class Members relating to the Settlement. To the extent any Party or their counsel desires to make any other statement regarding

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the settlement, such statement must be mutually agreed upon by the Parties and their counsel prior to any such statement being made, the consent of which shall not be unreasonably withheld. In connection with any media inquiry or publicity concerning this Settlement, the Parties' and their counsel's statements will be limited to statements contained within the Settlement Notice. Defendant may continue to respond to inquiries and make statements regarding the quality, safety, and performance of its products. Where appropriate, the Parties and their counsel will direct Persons in response to inquiries to the Settlement Website.

13.4 <u>Future Communication with Class Members</u>. Immediately following Preliminary Approval, neither Lumondi, nor any of its repair agents, will communicate to Class Members any information that is inconsistent with the Settlement or communicate any information to Class Members to dissuade or discourage them from seeking the benefits offered by the Settlement.

13.5 <u>Non-Disparagement</u>. To the extent permitted by law and the applicable rules of professional conduct, the Settlement is conditioned on the agreement of Plaintiffs and their attorneys not to disparage Defendant or its products or warranty services regarding the subject matters of the Lawsuit. The foregoing shall not restrict the ability of Class Counsel to perform their responsibilities to absent Class Members in connection with settlement approval proceedings, nor shall it restrict Class Counsel's responsibilities to respond to orders of any court or other legal obligations or restrict Class Counsel's ability to support their Application for Fees and Expenses. This provision shall not be interpreted to interfere with or limit any rights or obligations under the applicable rules of professional conduct or to extend to any matter that is unrelated to the subject matters of the Lawsuit.

13.6 <u>Confidentiality</u>. All orders entered or agreements made during the course of the Lawsuit relating to the confidentiality of documents or information shall survive this Agreement.

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13.7 <u>Exhibits</u>. All of the exhibits or attachments to this Agreement are material and integral parts of this Agreement and are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth here.

13.8 <u>Severability</u>. With the exception of the provision for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses to Class Counsel and the Service Award to the Named Plaintiff pursuant to Sections IX and X of this Agreement, none of the terms of this Agreement is severable from the others. If the Court or a court of appeals should rule that any term is void, illegal, or unenforceable for any reason, however, Defendant, in its sole discretion, and the Named Plaintiff, in his sole discretion (but acting in accord with his duties and obligations as Class Representative of the Settlement Class), may elect to waive any such deficiency and proceed with the Settlement under the terms and conditions approved by the Court.

13.9 Entire Agreement of the Parties. This Agreement constitutes and comprises the entire agreement between the Parties concerning the Settlement. No representations, warranties, or inducements have been made by any Party concerning the Settlement or this Agreement other than those contained and memorialized in this Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all prior and contemporaneous oral and written agreements and discussions concerning resolution of the Lawsuit. It may be amended only by an agreement in writing, signed by the Parties.

13.10 <u>Binding on Agents, Successors, and Assigns</u>. This Agreement is binding on, and shall inure to the benefit of, the Parties and their respective agents, employees, representatives, officers, directors, parents, subsidiaries, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, insurers, and successors in interest.

13.11 <u>Reservation of Rights</u>. This Agreement is made without prejudice to the rights of Defendant to oppose class certification in the Lawsuit should the Effective Date not occur.

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13.12 <u>Third-Party Beneficiaries</u>. All Released Parties other than the signatories to this Agreement are intended to be third-party beneficiaries of this Agreement.

13.13 <u>Taxes</u>. Members of the Settlement Class, Named Plaintiff, and Class Counsel shall be responsible for paying any and all federal, state, and local taxes that may be due, if any, on account of any payment or benefit conferred pursuant to this Agreement.

13.14 <u>Cooperation in Implementation</u>. Defendant, Named Plaintiff, and their respective counsel agree to prepare and execute any additional documents that may reasonably be necessary to effectuate the terms of this Agreement.

13.15 Proposed Settlement Implementation and Due Diligence. All of the information provided by Class Members to the Notice Administrator, Lumondi, and/or the Authorized Luminox Service Center pursuant to this Settlement shall be provided to Class Counsel and Defendant, if requested. Further, Class Counsel has the right to request and receive any information necessary to verify compliance with the terms of the Settlement, including Class Counsel's right to audit Extended Warranty Claims and Replacement Watch Claims.

13.16 <u>Notices</u>. Any formal or informal notices provided for, required by, or relating to this Agreement shall be provided to:

For Plaintiff and the Settlement Class:

#### GOLDENBERG SCHNEIDER, LPA

<u>/s/ Jeffrey S. Goldenberg</u> 4445 Lake Forest Drive, Suite 490 Cincinnati, Ohio 45242 (513) 345-8291 jgoldenberg@gs-legal.com

LAW OFFICES OF SEAN K. COLLINS

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CULHANE MEADOWS, PLLC

<u>/s/ Mishell B. Kneeland</u> National Litigation Support Center 13101 Preston Road, Ste. 110-1510 Dallas, Texas 75240 (512) 910-5463 <u>mkneeland@cm.com</u>

13.17 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be construed and governed in accordance with federal procedural law and the substantive laws of the State of New York, without regard to New York's conflict-of-laws principles.

13.18 Jurisdiction. Without affecting the finality of any order, the Court shall retain jurisdiction over the Parties and the Agreement with respect to implementation and enforcement the terms of the Settlement. All Settling Parties and Class Members submit to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of implementing and enforcing the Settlement and this Agreement and all related matters.

13.19 <u>No Drafter</u>. None of the Parties to this Agreement shall be considered to be the primary drafter of this Agreement or any part of it for purposes of any rule of construction or interpretation.

13.20 <u>Construction</u>. This Agreement shall not be construed more strictly against one Party than another, or in favor of one Party or another, merely by virtue of the fact that it or any part of it may have been prepared by counsel for one of the Parties. This Agreement and each part of it is the result of arm's-length negotiations among the Parties.

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13.21 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, including signature transmitted by facsimile or in PDF format. Each counterpart when so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and all such counterparts together shall constitute the same instrument.

13.22 <u>Signature</u>. By signing, Class Counsel represent and warrant that Plaintiff Scott Biddick has approved and agreed to be bound by this settlement. By signing, all counsel and any other person signing this Agreement represent and warrant that they have full authority to do so and that they have the authority to take appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this Agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, each of the Parties hereto has caused this Agreement to be executed on its behalf by itself or by its duly authorized counsel of record or representative.

[Signature Pages to Follow]

On Behalf of the Named Plaintiff and the Settlement Class:

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#### **On Behalf of Defendant:**

By: Luis Sole CEO, Lumondi Inc.

#### Approved as to Form

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# GOLDENBERG DECLARATION EXHIBIT 2

#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Scott Biddick, Individually and on Behalf	:	
of All Others Similarly Situated,	:	Case No. 1:20-cv-08091
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Plaintiff,	:	Judge Vernon S. Broderick
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Lumondi, Inc.,	:	
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Defendant.	:	

#### [PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT, PRELIMINARILY CERTIFYING SETTLEMENT CLASS, AND <u>APPROVING NOTICE PLAN</u>

This case is before the Court on Plaintiff Scott Biddick's Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, Preliminary Certification of Settlement Class, and Approval of Notice Plan (the "Motion"). The Court, having considered the Motion, the supporting brief, the Parties' Settlement Agreement and Release dated November \_\_, 2021 (the "Settlement Agreement"<sup>1</sup>); the Parties' submissions filed on November 22, 2021; the proposed Notices (attached as Exhibit 1 to the Class Action Settlement Agreement and Release); the declaration from the Notice Administrator; the pleadings and other papers filed in this Action; and the statements of counsel and the Parties, and for good cause shown.

#### **HEREBY ORDERS** as follows:

#### **Preliminary Approval of Settlement Agreement**

1. Unless otherwise defined herein, all terms that are capitalized herein shall have the meanings ascribed to those terms in the Settlement Agreement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Parties shall file a fully executed version of the revised Settlement Agreement and Release consistent with their supplemental submissions as soon as practicable.

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2. This Court has jurisdiction over the Action, Plaintiff, all Settlement Class Members.

Defendant Lumondi, Inc. ("Defendant" or "Lumondi"), and any party to any agreement that is part of or related to the Settlement.

3. The Court finds that the proposed Settlement set forth in the Settlement Agreement is sufficiently fair, reasonable and adequate such that it is hereby preliminarily approved and notice of the settlement should be provided to the Settlement Class Members and that a hearing should be held as set forth below.

#### **Class Certification**

4. Solely for purposes of the Settlement, the Court conditionally certifies the following class pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and (b)(3) ("Settlement Class"):

all consumers nationwide who purchased (or received as a gift) one or more Luminox Watch Series 3000/3900, 3050/3950, 3120, 3150, 3160, 3180, 3190, 3250, 3500, 3510, 3580, 3590, 3600, 3610, 3800, 3810, 7050, 7060, 7200, 7250 that contained an original Lumondi Warranty Card (the "Original Warranty") at the time of purchase on or after June 1, 2018 through the date of preliminary approval by the Court.

5. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: Defendant and its officers, directors, and employees; Class Counsel and their partners, associates, lawyers, and employees; the judicial officers and their immediate family members and associated Court staff assigned to this case; and Settlement Class Members who submit a valid Request for Exclusion prior to the Opt-Out Deadline.

6. Subject to final approval of the Settlement, the Court finds and concludes for settlement purposes only that the prerequisites to a class action, set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and (b), are satisfied in that:

(a) the Settlement Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable;

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(b) there are questions of law or fact common to the Settlement Class;

(c) Plaintiff and Class Counsel (as defined below) fairly and adequately represent the Settlement Class;

(d) the claims of Plaintiff are typical of those of Settlement Class Members;

(e) common issues predominate over any individual issues affecting the members of the Settlement Class;

(f) Plaintiff fairly and adequately protects and represents the interests of all members of the Settlement Class, and Plaintiff's interests are aligned with the interests of all other members of the Settlement Class; and

(g) settlement of the Action on a class-action basis is superior to other means of resolving this matter.

7. The Court appoints Jeffrey S. Goldenberg of Goldenberg Schneider, L.P.A., Todd S. Garber of Finkelstein, Blankinship, Frei-Pearson & Garber, LLP, Sean K. Collins of Law Officers of Sean K. Collins, and Ex Kano S. Sams II of Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP as Settlement Class Counsel, having determined that the requirements of Rule 23(g) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure are fully satisfied by this appointment.

8. The Court hereby appoints Plaintiff Scott Biddick as the Class Representatives for settlement purposes only on behalf of the Settlement Class.

#### **Notice to Settlement Class Members**

9. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e), the Court approves the proposed Notices, and finds that the dissemination of the Notices substantially in the manner and form set forth in the Settlement Agreement ("Notice Plan") complies fully with the requirements of the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 and due process of law and is the best notice practicable under

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the circumstances.

10. The Court further approves the claim process for the Extended Limited Warranty Benefit and Replacement Watch Benefit, which shall utilize ReverseLogix software as described by Defendant in the Declaration of Ronnie Bernheim previously filed with the Court in support of preliminary approval of this Settlement. The process for Class Members to submit a claim for the Extended Limited Warranty Benefit and the Replacement Watch Benefit utilizing ReverseLogix software shall remain available and operational at least 33 months after the Effective Date.

11. The notice procedures described in the Notice Plan described in the declaration from the Notice Administrator are hereby found to be the best means of providing notice under the circumstances and, when completed, shall constitute due and sufficient notice of the proposed Settlement Agreement and the Final Approval Hearing to all persons affected by and/or entitled to participate in the Settlement Agreement, in full compliance with the notice requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and due process of law.

12. The Court hereby orders that, within ten days of the entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, Defendant will provide to Class Counsel contact information for the top five (5) retail sellers of Luminox Watches for 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021. Class Counsel and/or Defendant are authorized to issue subpoenas, as necessary, to these retailers to obtain name, address, and email information for the sole purpose of issuing class notice of this Settlement. All information obtained through these subpoenas must remain confidential and shall be subject to strict access restrictions and may only be provided to Defendant, Class Counsel, and to the Notice Administrator. Any information collected from these third parties pursuant to this paragraph shall be destroyed no later than five (5) days following the issuance of notice to such Class Members. The Notice Administrator shall certify to the Court prior to the Fairness Hearing that all such

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information received pursuant to this paragraph has been destroyed. Retail sellers of Luminox Watches who receive a subpoena pursuant to this paragraph may choose to send or email the Class Notice directly to its customers rather than provide the contact information to the Notice Administrator, Defendant, or Class Counsel and may seek reimbursement from the Notice Administrator for the reasonable cost of postage to do so.

13. Within sixty days of the entry of this Order granting preliminary approval of the Settlement, Defendant will provide the Notice Administrator with electronic data containing the contact information Defendant has for Class Members as well as the contact information that Saltzman's Watches has for Class Members.

14. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(c)(2)(B), the Court "must direct to class members the best notice that is practicable under the circumstances, including individual notice to all members who can be identified through reasonable effort."

15. No later than sixty days following the Court's entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, the Notice Administrator shall begin sending copies of the Settlement Notice to every Class Member who reasonably can be identified. To the extent practicable, the Notice Administrator shall send or cause to be sent a copy of the Settlement Notice by electronic mail, or another electronic means of personal contact, to every Class Member whose email address or other electronic contact information is known or readily identifiable. If the Notice Administrator can identify updated email addresses or other electronic contact information for Class Members by performing an email address lookup or similar exercise, the Notice Administrator shall do so. The Notice Administrator also shall send or cause to be sent a copy of the Settlement Notice by U.S. mail to each Class Member for whom a mailing address is provided. The Notice Administrator will forward Settlement Notices that are returned by the U.S. Postal Service or electronically with

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a forwarding address to the Class Member. For Settlement Notices returned as undeliverable, the Notice Administrator shall make reasonable effort to determine a proper electronic mail address, other electronic contact information, or mailing address, and re-send the Settlement Notice.

16. The Notices satisfy the requirements of due process and of Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and thus are approved for dissemination to the Settlement Class.

17. To facilitate the efficient administration of this Settlement, and to promote the provision of benefits pursuant to this Settlement, the Notice Administrator will establish a Settlement Website that enables or facilitates Class Members to read the Settlement Notice and FAQs and important case documents (e.g. Settlement Agreement, Order Granting Preliminary Approval); obtain updates on the status of the Settlement; and submit Extended Warranty Claims or Replacement Watch Claims. The Settlement website will be maintained for no less than 33 months following the Effective Date.

## Responses by Settlement Class Members and the Scheduling of a Final Approval Hearing

18. Settlement Class Members may opt-out or object to the settlement up to sixty (60) days after the Notice Deadline (the "Opt-Out Deadline" and "Objection Deadline," respectively).

19. Any member of the Settlement Class who wishes to be excluded ("opt out") from the Settlement Class must send a written request ("Request for Exclusion") to the Settlement Administrator postmarked on or before the Opt-Out Deadline. The Request for Exclusion must contain the name, company name (if applicable), address, email address, telephone number, and serial number(s) of the Settlement Class Member's Watch(es), and a clear written statement as to the date of purchase of the Watch(es) and the retailer from which the Watch(es) were purchased. Each Settlement Class Member seeking exclusion from the Settlement must personally sign the Opt-Out Request. No Opt-Out Request may be signed electronically. No Settlement Class Member

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may opt out by a request signed by an actual or purported agent or attorney acting on behalf of a group of Settlement Class Members. No Opt-Out Request may be made on behalf of a group of Settlement Class Members.

20. All Settlement Class Members who opt-out of the Settlement will not be eligible to receive any benefits under the Settlement, will not be bound by any further orders or judgments entered for or against the Settlement Class, and will preserve their ability to independently pursue any claims they may have against Defendant.

21. Any member of the Settlement Class who does not properly and timely opt-out of the Settlement shall, upon entry of the Order and Final Judgment, be bound by all the terms and provisions of the Settlement Agreement, whether or not such Settlement Class Member objected to the Settlement and whether or not such Settlement Class Member received consideration under the Settlement Agreement.

22. The Court adopts the following schedule for the remaining events in this case, which ensures that the appropriate state and federal officials are served with the notification required by the Class Action Fairness Act:

Event	Date
CAFA Notice required by 28 U.S.C. § 1715(b)	Within 10 days after the filing of this Motion
Defendant will provide Class Counsel contact information for top five retail sellers of Luminox Watches for 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021	Within 10 days after Entry of Preliminary Approval Order
Defendant, working with Saltzman's Jewelers, to Provide Settlement Class List Containing Contact Information for Class Members	Within 60 days after Entry of Preliminary Approval Order
Notice Deadline – Date by which the issuance of notices shall be completed.	90 days after entry of Preliminary Approval Order

Compliance with CAFA Waiting Period under 28 U.S.C. § 1715(d)	90 days after the Appropriate Governmental Officials are Served with CAFA Notice	
Deadline to file Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Litigation Costs and Expenses, and Service Award Payments	At least 21 days before the Opt-Out and Objection Deadlines	
Deadline to file Plaintiffs' Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement Agreement	No later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Final Approval Hearing	
Postmark Deadline for Request for Exclusion (Opt-Out) or Objections	60 days after the Notice Deadline	
Deadline for Plaintiffs to File any Response to Objections or Supplement to Motion for Final Approval	No later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Fina Approval Hearing	
Deadline for Notice Administrator to File or Cause to be Filed, if Necessary, a Supplemental Declaration with the Court	At least seven (7) days prior to the Final Approval Hearing	
Final Approval Hearing	, 2022 at am/pm Eastern	

23. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will consider (a) the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the proposed class Settlement and whether the Settlement should be granted final approval by the Court; (b) dismissal with prejudice of the Action; (c) entry of an order including the Release; (d) entry of the Final Approval Order; and (e) entry of final judgment in this Action. Class Counsel's application for award of attorney's fees and Litigation Costs and Expenses, and request for the Court to award a Service Award Payment to the named Plaintiffs, shall also be heard at the time of the hearing.

24. The date and time of the Final Approval Hearing shall be subject to adjournment by the Court without further notice to the members of the Settlement Class, other than that which may be posted by the Court. Should the Court adjourn the date for the Final Approval Hearing, that shall not alter the deadlines for mailing and issuing of notice, the Opt-Out deadline, or the deadlines for submissions of settlement objections, and notices of intention to appear at the Final Approval

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Hearing unless those dates are explicitly changed by subsequent Order. The Court may also decide to hold the hearing via zoom or telephonically. Instructions on how to appear at the Final Approval Hearing will be posted on the Settlement Website. As referenced above, the Final Approval Hearing is scheduled to take place on \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2022 at \_\_\_ am/pm Eastern.

25. Any person who does not elect to be excluded from the Settlement Class may, but need not, enter an appearance through their own attorney. Settlement Class Members that do not timely object or opt out and that do not have an attorney enter an appearance on their behalf will be represented by Class Counsel.

26. Any person who does not elect to be excluded from the Settlement Class may object to the proposed Settlement. Any Settlement Class Member may object to, among other things: (a) the proposed Settlement; (b) entry of Final Approval Order and the judgment approving the Settlement; (c) Class Counsel's application for attorneys' fees and Litigation Costs and Expenses, or (d) the Service Award Payment request, by serving a written objection upon Class Counsel; Defendant's counsel, and the Court.

27. The Notice shall explain the procedure for Settlement Class Members to object to the Settlement or Fee Application by submitting written objections to the Court no later than the Objection Deadline. A written objection must include (i) the name of the proceedings; (ii) the Settlement Class Member's full name, current mailing address, and telephone number; (iii) a statement of the specific grounds for the objection, as well as any documents supporting the objection; (iv) the identity of any attorneys representing the objector; (v) a statement regarding whether the Settlement Class Member (or his/her attorney) intends to appear at the Final Approval Hearing; and (vi) the signature of the Settlement Class Member or the Settlement Class Member's attorney.

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28. Only Settlement Class Members that have filed and served valid and timely notices of objection shall be entitled to be heard at the Final Approval Hearing. Any Settlement Class Member who does not timely file and serve an objection in writing in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Notice and mandated in this Order shall be deemed to have waived any objection to (a) the Settlement Agreement; (b) the Release; (c) entry of Final Approval Order or any judgment; (d) Class Counsel's application for attorneys' fees and Litigation Costs and Expenses; and/or (e) the Service Award Payment requested for the Class Representative, whether by appeal, collateral attack, or otherwise.

29. Settlement Class Members need not appear at the hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.

30. Upon entry of the Order and Final Judgment all members of the Settlement Class that have not personally and timely requested to be excluded from the Settlement Class will be enjoined from proceeding against Defendant with respect to all of the Released Claims.

31. The Notice Administrator shall prepare and send all notices that are required by the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 ("CAFA") as specified in 28 U.S.C. § 1715. The Notice Administrator shall provide notice to Class Counsel and Defendant of compliance with the CAFA requirements within ten (10) days of providing notice to the appropriate government officials under CAFA.

#### Administration of the Settlement

32. The Court hereby appoints Kroll Settlement Administration to serve as the Notice Administrator. Responsibilities of the Notice Administrator shall include: (a) establishing a post office box for purposes of communicating with Settlement Class Members; (b) disseminating by email and U.S. Mail notice to the Settlement Class; (c) developing a web site to enable Settlement

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Class Members to access documents and information about this Settlement; and (d) accepting and maintaining documents sent from Settlement Class Members relating to opt out and objections. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Notice Administrator and costs of administration shall be paid by Defendant.

33. In the event the Settlement Agreement and the proposed settlement are terminated in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Settlement Agreement, the Settlement Agreement, the proposed Settlement, and all related proceedings shall, except as expressly provided to the contrary in the Settlement Agreement, become null and void, shall have no further force and effect, and Settlement Class Members shall retain all of their current rights to assert any and all claims against Defendant and any other released party, and Defendant and any other released parties shall retain any and all of their current defenses and arguments thereto (including but not limited to arguments that the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and (b)(3) are not satisfied for purposes of continued litigation). The Action shall thereupon revert forthwith to its respective procedural and substantive status prior to the date of execution of the Settlement Agreement and shall proceed as if the Settlement Agreement and all other related orders and papers had not been executed.

34. Neither this Order nor the Settlement Agreement nor any other settlement-related document nor anything contained herein or therein or contemplated hereby or thereby nor any proceedings undertaken in accordance with the terms set forth in the Settlement Agreement or herein or in any other settlement-related document, shall constitute, be construed as or be deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession by Defendant as to the validity of any claim that has been or could have been asserted against it or as to any liability by it as to any matter set forth in this Order, or as to the propriety of class certification for any purposes other than for purposes

of the current proposed settlement.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

HON. VERNON S. BRODERICK UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

# GOLDENBERG DECLARATION EXHIBIT 3

### A COURT AUTHORIZED THIS SUMMARY LEGAL NOTICE

# If you purchased a Luminox Watch Series 3000/3900, 3050/3950, 3120, 3150, 3160, 3180, 3190, 3250, 3500, 3510, 3580, 3590, 3600, 3610, 3800, 3810, 7050, 7060, 7200, or 7250 (a "Watch") you may be entitled to an extended warranty or replacement watch benefit from a class action settlement.

Go to www.lumondiwatchsettlement.us (the "Settlement Website") for complete information about this settlement.

A settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit titled *Biddick v. Lumondi, Inc.*, No. 1:20-cv-08091 (S.D.N.Y.). The lawsuit claims that Lumondi, Inc ("Lumondi") falsely marketed the Watches as especially suitable for "rugged outdoorsmen" seeking "extreme performance" even though the Watches contain a defect that causes their faces to fog when worn outdoors in air temperatures below approximately 40 degrees Fahrenheit or above approximately 90 degrees. Lumondi denies all of the claims and allegations in the lawsuit, denies any wrongdoing, stands by its products as advertised and warranted, and states that it is customary for the watches to show fogging when exposed to an extreme temperature decrease because of a law of physics known as the dew point, but the fog will dissipate within 20 minutes after the watch is returned to room temperature.

#### WHO IS A CLASS MEMBER?

All consumers nationwide who purchased (or received as a gift) one or more Luminox Watch Series 3000/3900, 3050/3950, 3120, 3150, 3160, 3180, 3190, 3250, 3500, 3510, 3580, 3590, 3600, 3610, 3800, 3810, 7050, 7060, 7200, or 7250 that contained an original Lumondi Warranty Card (the "Original Warranty") at the time of purchase on or after June 1, 2018 through [DATE OF PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER].

#### WHAT BENEFITS DOES THE SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

Under the Settlement Agreement, Class Members are entitled two different settlement benefits:

#### Extended Limited Warranty

Class Members will receive a 12-month limited warranty extension on their Luminox Watches covered by the Settlement ("Extended Warranty"). The Extended Warranty will begin to run from the Effective Date of the proposed Settlement or the end of their Original Warranty, whichever date is later, and shall be limited to cover the Fogging Issues as defined by the Settlement Agreement as fogging of the inside of the watch crystal after the watch has been exposed to a significant temperature decrease to below approximately 40 degrees Fahrenheit or exposed to temperatures above approximately 90 degrees Fahrenheit, and which persists for more than 20 minutes after the watch is returned to room temperature. Each Class Member shall receive this Extended Warranty regardless of whether the Original Warranty has expired or is still valid as of the Effective Date.

To file a Valid Claim under the Extended Warranty, a Class Member must:

- a. Present an original or clearly legible copy of a valid, fully completed Official Luminox Warranty Card, including the Lumondi Authorized Dealer's name and address as listed on the Settlement Website, model/series number, and date of purchase; or
- b. Present a legible, itemized receipt or copy of a receipt from a Lumondi Authorized Dealer as listed on the Settlement Website; or
- c. If no Official Luminox Warranty Card or receipt from a Lumondi Authorized Retailer is available, certify under oath: (a) that the watch was purchased from a Lumondi Authorized Retailer as listed on the Settlement Website; (b) provide the identity of the Lumondi Authorized Dealer, if known; and (c) provide the approximate date of purchase or receipt;
- d. Comply with the on-line warranty claim process and requirements;

- e. Certify under oath that he or she is not aware of any physical damage to the Luminox Watch and he or she has experienced multiple Fogging Issues, defined as fogging of the inside of the watch crystal after the watch has been exposed to a significant temperature decrease to below approximately 40 degrees Fahrenheit or exposed to temperatures above approximately 90 degrees Fahrenheit, and which persists for more than 20 minutes after the watch is returned to room temperature;
- f. Include a photo of the Luminox Watch showing at least one qualifying Fogging Issue as described above with his/her warranty claim submission; and
- g. Initiate the claim prior to the end of the Extended Warranty period.

The following conditions are not covered by the Extended Warranty and do not constitute a Valid Claim: (1) normal wear and tear (or aging) of band, case, crystal, bezel, crown, battery, push buttons, or plating of metal components; (2) damage caused by tampering with, misuse or abuse; (3) damage to the watch case or movement caused by water entering the watch due to improper use or handling; (4) defects or damage resulting from battery replacement, service or repairs performed by non-authorized Lumondi service or repair centers; (5) a watch not obtained from an Authorized Luminox Dealer, as listed on the Settlement Website.

Please review the Settlement Website www.humondiwatchsettlement.us for further details.

#### **Replacement Watch Benefit**

Class Members who make two qualifying warranty claims under the Extended Warranty shall be entitled to receive a new replacement Luminox Watch if the Extended Warranty Service is unsuccessful. An unsuccessful Extended Warranty Service means that the Luminox Watch that was serviced twice under the Extended Warranty benefit later exhibits the visible moisture and/or Fogging Issue within the later of (a) 90 days from the second Extended Warranty Service; or (b) the expiration of the Extended Warranty. The Replacement Watch shall be limited to the same model and color as the original Luminox Watch to be replaced ("Replacement Watch"). If the same model and color as the original Luminox Watch to be replaced is not available, Lumondi shall provide the Class Member with a substantially comparable Luminox Watch. "Substantially Comparable" means a Luminox with similar design, color, features, and price as the Class Member's original Luminox Watch. Lumondi's "Original Limited Warranty" terms shall apply to any Replacement Watch provided pursuant to the proposed Settlement.

To qualify for the Replacement Luminox Watch benefit, the Class Member must return the original Luminox Watch to the Authorized Lumondi Service Center listed on the Settlement Website. Upon receipt of the original Luminox Watch returned pursuant to this section, Lumondi shall provide the Class Member with the Replacement Luminox Watch within a reasonable period of time not to exceed 30 days from the date of receipt by the Authorized Lumondi Service Center of the original Luminox watch.

Please review the Settlement Website www.lumondiwatchsettlement us for further details.

#### **YOUR RIGHTS AND OPTIONS**

**Opt Out.** You may exclude yourself from the settlement and keep your rights, if any, to sue Lumondi by sending a written request for exclusion to the Notice Administrator by [60 days after Notice Date]. If you do not exclude yourself, you will be bound by the Settlement and give up your right to sue regarding the settled claims.

**Object.** If you do not exclude yourself, you have the right to object to the proposed Settlement. Written objections must be signed, postmarked by [60 days after Notice Date], and provide the reasons for the objection. Please review the Settlement Website <u>www.lumondiwatchsettlement.us</u> for further details.

**Do Nothing.** If you do nothing, you will will lose the right to sue regarding any issues relating to the Lawsuit and claims released by the Settlement. You will be considered part of the Settlement Class, and you will be bound by the Settlement and the Court's decisions.

**<u>Released Claims</u>**. If you do nothing, or do not exclude yourself from the Settlement, you will be releasing Lumondi from all claims, damages, and losses that you now have or may have in the future that relate to your

Watch's Fogging Issue. Please review the Settlement Website <u>www.lumondiwatchsettlement.us</u> for further details.

Attend the Fairness Hearing. The Court, located at the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007 in Courtroom 518, will hold a Fairness Hearing on \_\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_. All persons who timely object to the Settlement by [60 days after Notice Date], may ask to appear at the Fairness Hearing.

This Notice is only a summary. You can find more details at the Settlement Website: <u>www.lumondiwatchsettlement.us</u> or by calling toll-free \_\_\_\_\_. Do not contact the Court.

# GOLDENBERG DECLARATION EXHIBIT 4

#### A COURT AUTHORIZED THIS LEGAL NOTICE

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A Settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit pending in federal court titled Biddick v. Lumondi, Inc., No. 1:20-cv-08091 (S.D.N.Y.). The lawsuit alleges that Lumondi falsely advertised Watches as suitable for Nugged outdoorsment seeking 'extreme performance' even though the Watches contain a defect that causes their faces to fog when wom outdoors in air temperatures below approximately 40 degrees Fahrenheit or above approximately 90 degrees. Lumondi vigorously denies these allegations and assents that: (i) the Watches are not defective in any respect; (ii) the Watches were tested and qualified to be advertised as represented; (iii) Lumondi did not fail to disclose any material delect in the Watches; and (iv) it is customary for the watches to show logging when exposed to an extreme temperature decrease because of a law of physics known as the dew point, but the fog will dissipate within 20 minutes after the watch is returned to room temperature.

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WHAT BENEFITS DOES THE SETTLEMENT PROVIDE? (Over)

Nolice Administrator Address

Go to www.lumondiwatchsettlement.us

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# GOLDENBERG DECLARATION EXHIBIT 5

#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Scott Biddick, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, v. Lumondi, Inc.

Case No. 1:20-cv-08091

#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT; SETTLEMENT FAIRNESS HEARING; AND MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES, REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION EXPENSES, AND SERVICE AWARD

#### TO: ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE PROPOSED CLASS IN THIS ACTION (See definition of the Class set forth in paragraph 1 below)

#### A Federal Court authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

Please be advised that the Plaintiff, Scott Biddick (the "Named Plaintiff"), on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, has reached a proposed settlement of the above-captioned class action lawsuit (the "Lawsuit") with Defendant Lumondi, Inc. (collectively, "Defendant" or "Lumondi") concerning certain Luminox watches.<sup>1</sup>

**PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.** The Lawsuit is about Luminox Watches Series 3000/3900, 3050/3950, 3120, 3150, 3160, 3180, 3190, 3250, 3500, 3510, 3580, 3590, 3600, 3610, 3800, 3810, 7050, 7060, 7200, and 7250, which were manufactured by Lumondi (the "Watches"). If you purchased a Watch, your rights may be affected by the Settlement whether or not you act.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you submit a claim, do nothing, or do not exclude yourself from the Settlement, you will be releasing Lumondi from all claims, damages, and losses that you now have or may have in the future that relate to your Watch's Fogging Issue, defined as fogging of the inside of the watch crystal after the watch has been exposed to a significant temperature decrease to below approximately 40 degrees Fahrenheit or exposed to temperatures above approximately 90 degrees Fahrenheit, and which persists for more than 20 minutes after the watch is returned to room temperature.

#### YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT:

EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT BY [DATE 150 DAYS AFTER PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER]	This is the only option that allows you ever to be part of another lawsuit against Lumondi about the claims resolved by this Settlement. If you exclude yourself from this Settlement, you will not be able to get any benefits from it, including that you will not receive any Extended Limited Warranty Benefit or Replacement Watch Benefit.
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All capitalized terms used in this Notice that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning provided in the Class Action Settlement Agreement and Release ("Settlement Agreement"), which is available online on the settlement website for this Lawsuit at www.lumondiwatchsettlement.us.

OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT BY SUBMITTING A WRITTEN OBJECTION NO LATER THAN [DATE 150 DAYS AFTER PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER]	If you wish to object to the proposed Settlement, the request for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of litigation expenses, or Service Award to Named Plaintiff, you should write to the Court and explain why you object. You cannot object to the proposed Settlement unless you are a Class Member.
GO TO THE HEARING ON [DATE], AND FILE A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPEAR SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED NO LATER THAN [DATE 150 DAYS AFTER PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER]	Filing a written objection and notice of intention to appear by [DATE], permits you to speak in Court at the Court's discretion about the fairness of the proposed Settlement, including the request for attorneys' fees, reimbursement of litigation expenses, and the Service Award to Named Plaintiff. If you submit a written objection, you may (but are not required to) attend the DATE Fairness Hearing and, at the discretion of the Court, speak to the Court about your objection.
<b>DO NOTHING</b>	If you are a Class Member and do nothing, you will give up your right to ever be part of another Lawsuit against Lumondi about the legal claims relating to the Fogging Issue resolved by this Settlement. However, you are still eligible to receive benefits provided by the Settlement's Extended Limited Warranty Benefit and Replacement Watch Benefit.

If you have any questions about this Notice, the proposed Settlement, or your eligibility to participate in the Settlement, please <u>DO NOT</u> contact the Court, Lumondi, or its legal counsel. All questions should be directed to the Notice Administrator (see paragraphs 28, 34, and 48 below). You may also contact Class Counsel (see paragraph 4 below).

Description of the Lawsuit and Class: This Notice relates to a proposed class action 1. Settlement of a case where Named Plaintiff alleges, among other things, that (i) Defendant represented, advertised, and marketed the Watches as designed to be durable and tough for military service members, scuba divers, first responders, athletes, and "rugged outdoorsmen" seeking "extreme performance;" (ii) that such representations, advertising and marketing statements were false and misleading because the Watches contain a defect that causes their faces to fog when worn outdoors in air temperatures below approximately 40 degrees Fahrenheit or above approximately 90 degrees Fahrenheit; and (iii) that Named Plaintiff and all other consumers who purchased the Watches have suffered damages because had they known the truth they would not have purchased the Watches or would have paid less for the Watches. Lumondi denies the allegations and claims in the Lawsuit, denies any wrongdoing or liability, and has asserted numerous defenses to the Lawsuit including, among others, that: (i) the Watches are not defective in any respect; (ii) the Watches were tested and qualified to be advertised as represented; (iii) Lumondi did not fail to disclose any material defect in the Watches; and (iv) it is customary for the watches to show fogging when exposed to an extreme temperature decrease because of a law of physics known as the dew point, but the fog will dissipate within 20 minutes after the watch is returned to room temperature. The Court has not ruled on the merits of Plaintiff's claims or on Lumondi's denial of the claims or on Lumondi's defenses. The proposed Settlement, if approved by the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court"), will settle claims of the following class of persons and entities (collectively the "Class" or "Class Members"):

All consumers nationwide who purchased (or received as a gift) one or more Luminox Watch Series 3000/3900, 3050/3950, 3120, 3150, 3160, 3180, 3190, 3250, 3500, 3510, 3580, 3590, 3600, 3610, 3800, 3810, 7050, 7060, 7200, or 7250 that contained an original Lumondi Warranty Card (the "Original Warranty") at the time of purchase on or after June 1, 2018 through [DATE OF PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER].

Excluded from the Class is Defendant and its officers, directors, and employees; Class Counsel and their partners, associates, lawyers, and employees; and the judicial officers and their immediate family members and associated Court staff assigned to this case.

2. <u>Benefits Available to Class Members</u>: Under the Settlement Agreement, Class Members are entitled two different settlement benefits (as further outlined in Paragraph 28): (1) Extended Limited Warranty Benefit; and (2) Replacement Watch Benefit.

3. <u>Reasons for the Settlement</u>: Both sides agreed to a Settlement to avoid the costs and risks of further litigation and to provide benefits to Class Members. The Class Representative and the lawyers representing them (called "Class Counsel") believe that the Settlement is fair and in the best interests of all Class Members. Lumondi has agreed to settle to avoid burdensome and costly litigation and disruption to its business operations. The proposed Settlement is not an admission of wrongdoing, and this Notice does not mean the Court has expressed an opinion as to the merits of any claims or defenses.

4. <u>Identification of Class Counsel</u>: Named Plaintiff and the Class are being represented by the following attorneys:

Jeffrey S. Goldenberg GOLDENBERG SCHNEIDER, LPA 4445 Lake Forest Drive, Suite 490 Cincinnati, OH 45249 (513) 345-8291

Todd S. Garber Bradley F. Silverman FINKELSTEIN, BLANKINSHIP, FREI-PEARSON & GARBER, LLP One North Broadway, Suite 900 White Plains, New York 10601 (914) 298-3281 Sean K. Collins LAW OFFICES OF SEAN K. COLLINS 184 High Street, Suite 503 Boston, Massachusetts 02110 (617) 320-8485

5. <u>Attorneys' Fees, Expenses, and Service Awards Sought</u>: This Lawsuit has been prosecuted on behalf of Named Plaintiff on a wholly contingent basis. That means that Class Counsel have not received any payment of attorneys' fees for their representation of the Class and have advanced expenses necessarily incurred to prosecute this Lawsuit. As set forth in greater detail below, Class Counsel have reviewed and analyzed documents obtained through Class Counsel's own investigation; examined and considered the benefits to be provided to the Class Members under the Settlement; and considered the laws of several States and the claims that could be asserted under those laws regarding the Watches.

Class Counsel will request Attorneys' Fees and Expenses of up to a maximum of two hundred and two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$202,500). The Court's award of any attorneys' fees and expenses to Class Counsel shall be separate from and independent of the Court's determination of whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court declines to approve the Settlement, no award of attorneys' fees and expenses shall be awarded or paid to Class Counsel. The Parties have negotiated and reached agreement on the Attorneys' Fees and Expenses only after reaching agreement on all other material terms of Settlement in this matter. Lumondi has no liability or obligation with respect to any Attorneys' Fees and Expenses or Service Award to the Named Plaintiff except as awarded by the Court. The Court will determine the appropriate amount of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses for Class Counsel.

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# WHY DID I GET THIS NOTICE AND DOES IT APPLY TO ME?

6. This Notice is being sent to you pursuant to an Order of the Court because you may be a member of the Class. The Court has directed that this Notice be provided to you because, as a potential Class Member, you have a right to know about your options before the Court rules on the proposed Settlement. Additionally, you have the right to understand how a class action lawsuit may generally affect your legal rights. If the Court approves the Settlement, Lumondi will distribute certain benefits (detailed in paragraph 28 below) of this Settlement after any objections and appeals are resolved.

7. In a class action lawsuit, under state and federal law governing lawsuits such as this one, the Court approves one or more plaintiffs (known as class representatives) to represent the class and to oversee the litigation brought on behalf of all persons or entities with the same or similar claims, commonly known as the class or the class members. In this Lawsuit, Named Plaintiff is the class representative, and Class Counsel (identified in paragraph 4 above) represents the Named Plaintiff and the Class Members. A class action is a type of lawsuit in which the claims of a number of individuals are resolved together, thus providing the class members with consistent and efficient adjudication of their claims. As part of the Settlement in this case, the Class as described in paragraph 1 above will be certified solely for the purpose of facilitating the Settlement. Accordingly, the Settlement, if approved by the Court, will resolve all issues on behalf of the Class Members, except for anyone who requests to be excluded from the Settlement.

8. The Court in charge of this case is the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and the case is known as *Scott Biddick, Individually and on Behalf of All others Similarly Situated, v. Lumondi, Inc.*, Case No. 1:20-cv-08091. The judge presiding over this Lawsuit is the Honorable Vernon S. Broderick, United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York. The person suing is called the plaintiff, and the party being sued is called the defendant.

9. This Notice explains the Lawsuit, the Settlement, your legal rights, what benefits are available under the Settlement, who is eligible for them, and how to receive the benefits. The purpose of this Notice is to inform you that a settlement has been reached in this Lawsuit and how you might be affected. It also is being provided to inform you of the terms of the proposed Settlement, and of a Hearing on the Final Approval of the Settlement to be held by the Court to consider the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the proposed Settlement, and the motion of Class Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of litigation expenses, and a Service Award for the Named Plaintiff (the "Fairness Hearing").

10. The Fairness Hearing will be held on \_\_\_\_\_, at the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007 in Courtroom 518 to determine:

a) whether the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and should be approved by the Court;

- b) whether the Lawsuit should be dismissed with prejudice against the Defendant as set forth in the Settlement Agreement;
- c) whether Class Counsel's request for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of litigation expenses should be approved by the Court;
- d) whether the Service Award to the Named Plaintiff should be approved by the Court; and,
- e) any other relief the Court deems necessary to effectuate the terms of the Settlement.

11. This Notice does not express an opinion by the Court concerning the merits of any claim in this Lawsuit, and the Court still must decide whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement, benefits of the Settlement will be given to Class Members who submit Valid Claims after any objections or appeals are resolved, and after the completion of all claims processing. Please be patient. The Settlement Website, www.lumondiwatchsettlement.us, will be updated on a regular basis to provide Class Members with the most recent information.

12. If you are a member of the Class, you are subject to the Settlement unless you take the steps set forth below to exclude yourself. The Class consists of:

All consumers nationwide who purchased (or received as a gift) one or more Luminox Watch Series 3000/3900, 3050/3950, 3120, 3150, 3160, 3180, 3190, 3250, 3500, 3510, 3580, 3590, 3600, 3610, 3800, 3810, 7050, 7060, 7200, 7250 that contained an original Lumondi Warranty Card (the "Original Warranty") at the time of purchase on or after June 1, 2018 through [DATE OF PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER]

Excluded from the Class is Defendant and its officers, directors, and employees; Class Counsel and their partners, associates, lawyers, and employees; and the judicial officers and their immediate family members and associated Court staff assigned to this case

# PLEASE NOTE: RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU ARE A CLASS MEMBER OR THAT YOU WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE BENEFITS FROM THE SETTLEMENT.

## WHAT IS THIS CASE ABOUT?

# Summary of Procedural History and Arm's-Length Settlement Negotiations

13. On September 30, 2020, Plaintiff Scott Biddick commenced this action by filing the Class Action Complaint challenging the marketing and sale of Luminox Watches. Plaintiff alleges, among other things, that (i) Defendant marketed the Watches as being designed to be durable and tough for military service members, scuba divers, first responders, athletes, and "rugged outdoorsmen" seeking "extreme performance;" (ii) the marketing statements were false and misleading because the watches are actually poorly-suited for "rugged outdoorsmen" because they contain a defect that causes their faces to fog when worn outdoors in air temperatures below approximately 40 degrees Fahrenheit or above approximately 90 degrees Fahrenheit; and (iii) Plaintiff and all other consumers who purchased the Watches have suffered damages because had they known the truth they would not have purchased the Watches or would have paid less for them.

14. Based on these allegations, Plaintiff asserts claims for: (a) Violation of New York General Business Law, Deceptive Acts and Practices, N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349 ("NYGBL"); (b) Breach of Express Warranty – Magnuson Moss Warranty Act; (c) Breach Express Warranty; (d) Violation of California's Consumer Legal Remedies Act, California Civil Code § 1750 et seq.; (e) Violation of California's Unfair Competition Law, California Business & Professions Code § 17200 et seq.; (f) Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability; and (g) Breach of Implied Warranty of Fitness for a Particular Purpose. The Class Action Complaint seeks certification of a nationwide class of purchasers of the Watches

15. Lumondi denies the allegations in the Lawsuit and asserts numerous defenses to Plaintiff's claims, including that: (i) the Watches are not defective in any respect; (ii) the Watches were tested and

qualified to be advertised as represented; (iii) Lumondi did not fail to disclose any material defect in the Watches; (iv) Plaintiff's and the putative class members' exclusive remedy for any defective Watches is the Limited Warranty; (v) Lumondi fully complied with the Limited Warranty for the Watches; (vi) Plaintiff fails to allege sufficient facts in the Class Action Complaint to state any valid claims against Lumondi; (vii) Plaintiff and the putative Class did not suffer any losses or actual injury whatsoever; and (viii) it is customary for the watches to show fogging when exposed to an extreme temperature decrease because of a law of physics known as the dew point, but the fog will dissipate within 20 minutes after the watch is returned to room temperature.

16. On May 19, 2021, the parties engaged in private mediation before the Honorable Judge James Holderman (Ret.). of JAMS. The parties made substantial progress but were not able to fully resolve the dispute at the mediation. With the aid of the mediator, the Parties continued to engage in extensive settlement discussions.

17. From May through July, the Parties continued to engage in extensive settlement discussions with the aid of the mediator, and the parties reached a settlement in principle on July 12, 2021 and entered into a written Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Parties' counsel. On July 16, 2021, the Parties informed the Court that they had reached a settlement in principal to resolve this matter on a class-wide basis

18. Prior to reaching a settlement and entering into this Agreement: (1) the Parties engaged in informal discovery and sharing of information regarding the design, development, and testing of the Watches; and (2) the Parties engaged in numerous arm's-length settlement negotiations, including months of mediation efforts and discussions under the direction and guidance of Judge Holderman as a mediator. The Parties eventually reached an agreement providing for a resolution of all claims that have been or could have been brought in the Lawsuit against Lumondi on behalf of Named Plaintiff.

19. Named Plaintiff and Class Counsel have reviewed and analyzed the information furnished by Lumondi and information obtained through their own investigation; examined and considered the benefits to be provided to the Class Members under the Settlement provided for in this Agreement; and considered the laws of the several States and the claims that could be asserted under those laws regarding the Watches.

20. Named Plaintiff and Class Counsel believe the Settlement is fair, adequate, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Class Members, taking into account the benefits provided to the Class Members through the terms of the Settlement, the risks of continued litigation and possible trial and appeals, and the length of time and the costs that would be required to complete the litigation.

21. Lumondi has at all times disputed, and continues to dispute, Plaintiff's allegations and claims in the Lawsuit and denies any liability for any of the claims that have or could have been raised in the Lawsuit by Plaintiff or the Class Members, but believes that the comprehensive resolution of the claims in the Lawsuit as provided in this Agreement will avoid the substantial costs and disruptions of continued litigation, including potential trial and appeals, is in the best interest of Class Members, is in the best interests of Defendant, its employees, and its customers, and is the most effective and efficient resolution of the Lawsuit reasonably possible.

22. Named Plaintiff and Lumondi entered into the Settlement after extensive arm's-length negotiations. Named Plaintiff and Lumondi agreed on the benefits to the Class described in this Agreement before beginning negotiations of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses and payment of a Service Award to the Named Plaintiff.

23. On \_\_\_\_\_, the Court preliminarily approved the Settlement, authorized Notice to be disseminated to potential Class Members, and scheduled the Fairness Hearing to consider whether to grant final approval of the Settlement.

# WHY IS THERE A SETTLEMENT?

24. Named Plaintiff's principal reason for consent to the Settlement is that it provides immediate and substantial benefits to the Class in the form of an Extended Limited Warranty and a Replacement Watch Benefit. The benefits provided by the proposed Settlement must be compared to the risk that no recovery might be achieved after further contested litigation, including appeals, which likely would last several years into the future.

25. Lumondi's principal reason for the Settlement is to avoid the uncertainty, burden, and expense of further protracted litigation, and disruption to its business operations. Lumondi has expressly denied and continues to deny all assertions of wrongdoing or liability arising out of any of the conduct, statements, or acts, alleged against it, or that could have been alleged, in this Lawsuit.

# WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF THERE WERE NO SETTLEMENT?

26. If there were no Settlement and Named Plaintiff failed to establish any essential legal or factual element of his claims, neither Named Plaintiff nor the other members of the proposed Class would recover anything from Lumondi in this case. Also, if Lumondi were successful in proving any of its defenses, either at class certification, summary judgment, trial, or on appeal, the Class likely would recover substantially less than the benefits provided in the Settlement, or nothing at all.

# WHAT BENEFITS MIGHT I RECEIVE FROM THE SETTLEMENT?

27. Under the Settlement Agreement, Class Members are entitled two different settlement benefits:

# Extended Limited Warranty

Class Members will receive a 12-month limited warranty extension on their Luminox Watches covered by the Settlement ("Extended Warranty"). The Extended Warranty will begin to run from the Effective Date of the proposed Settlement or the end of their Original Warranty, whichever date is later, and shall be limited to cover the Fogging Issues, defined as fogging of the inside of the watch crystal after the watch has been exposed to a significant temperature decrease to below approximately 40 degrees Fahrenheit or exposed to temperatures above approximately 90 degrees Fahrenheit, and which persists for more than 20 minutes after the watch is returned to room temperature. Each Class Member shall receive this Extended Warranty regardless of whether the Original Warranty has expired or is still valid as of the Effective Date. Class Members who do not opt out of the proposed Settlement will receive the Extended Warranty.

To file a Valid Claim under the Extended Warranty, a Class Member must:

- a. Present an original or clearly legible copy of a valid, fully completed Official Lumondi Warranty Card, including the Lumondi Authorized Dealer's name and address as listed on the Settlement Website, model/series number, and date of purchase; or
- b. Present a legible, itemized receipt or copy of a receipt from a Lumondi Authorized Dealer, as listed on the Settlement Website; or
- c. If no Official Lumondi Warranty Card or receipt from a Lumondi Authorized Dealer is available, certify under oath: (a) that the watch was purchased from a Lumondi Authorized Dealer, as listed on the Settlement Website; (b) provide the identity of the Lumondi Authorized Dealer, as listed on the Settlement Website, if known; and (c) provide the approximate date of purchase or receipt;
- d. Comply with the on-line warranty claim process and requirements;
- e. Certify under oath that he or she is not aware of any physical damage to the Luminox Watch and he or she has experienced multiple Fogging Issues, defined as fogging of the inside of the watch crystal after the watch has been exposed to a significant

temperature decrease to below approximately 40 degrees Fahrenheit or exposed to temperatures above approximately 90 degrees Fahrenheit, and which persists for more than 20 minutes after the watch is returned to room temperature;

- f. Include a photo of the Luminox Watch showing at least one qualifying Fogging Issue as described above with his/her warranty claim submission; and
- g. Initiate the claim prior to the end of the Extended Warranty period.

The following conditions are not covered by the Extended Warranty and do not constitute a Valid Claim: (1) normal wear and tear (or aging) of band, case, crystal, bezel, crown, battery, push buttons, or plating of metal components; (2) damage caused by tampering with, misuse or abuse; (3) damage to the watch case or movement caused by water entering the watch due to improper use or handling; (4) defects or damage resulting from battery replacement, service or repairs performed by non-authorized Luminox service or repair centers; (5) a watch not obtained from an Authorized Luminox Dealer, as listed on the Settlement Website; (6) Fogging Issue that dissipates after watch is returned to room temperature for 20 minutes. If an exclusion is found, the Lumondi Authorized Service Center will document the condition and will contact the claimant regarding next steps, which may include repair at the claimant's expense or return of the Luminox watch with no further action.

The Authorized Lumondi Service Center will perform Extended Warranty Service, which shall include drying the watch, as necessary, performing an ISO condensation test and ensuring proper functioning of all seals and gaskets and replacing any seals and gaskets as needed, and any additional repair or service deemed necessary by the Lumondi Authorized Service Center, as listed on the Settlement Website. Through the claims process, Claimants will pay for postage and handling for sending the Luminox Watch to the Lumondi Authorized Repair Center but will be reimbursed by Luminox if the Claim is a Valid Claim. Reimbursement for postage under this section shall be at the actual cost of the postage and shall not include any mark up. Defendant will pay for postage and handling for sending the Luminox Watch back to the Claimant from the Lumondi Authorized Repair Center, regardless of whether the Claim is a Valid Claim.

## Replacement Watch Benefit

Class Members who make two qualifying warranty claims under the Extended Warranty shall be entitled to receive a new replacement Luminox Watch if the Extended Warranty Service is unsuccessful. An unsuccessful Extended Warranty Service means that the Luminox Watch that was serviced twice under the Extended Warranty benefit later exhibits the visible moisture and/or Fogging Issue no later than 12 months following the completion of the second Extended Warranty repair. The Replacement Watch shall be limited to the same model and color as the original Luminox Watch to be replaced ("Replacement Watch"). If the same model and color as the original Luminox Watch to be replaced is not available, Lumondi shall provide the Class Member with a substantially comparable Luminox Watch. "Substantially Comparable" means a Luminox with similar design, color, features, and price as the Class Member's original Luminox Watch. Lumondi's "Original Limited Warranty" terms shall apply to any Replacement Watch provided pursuant to the proposed Settlement.

To qualify for the Replacement Luminox Watch benefit, the Class Member must return the original Luminox Watch to an Authorized Lumondi Service Center. Upon receipt of the original Luminox Watch returned pursuant to this section, Lumondi shall provide the Class Member with the Replacement Luminox Watch within a reasonable period of time not to exceed 30 days from the date of receipt by the Authorized Lumondi Service Center of the original Luminox watch.

If, after reading this Notice, you are still not sure whether you are included in the Settlement, you may visit the Settlement Website www.lumondiwatchsettlement.us or call 800-\_\_\_\_\_. You may also write with questions by email to \_\_\_\_\_\_.com or regular mail to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

# WHAT RIGHTS AM I GIVING UP BY RECEIVING BENEFITS AND STAYING IN THE SETTLEMENT CLASS?

28. Unless you exclude yourself, you are staying in the Settlement Class. If the Settlement is approved and becomes final, the Settlement and all the Court's orders will apply to you and legally bind you. Generally, that means you will not be able to sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against Lumondi for the legal issues and claims resolved by this Settlement relating to the Fogging Issues. The specific rights you are giving up are called Released Claims. Unless you exclude yourself from the Settlement, you will be releasing Lumondi from all claims, damages, and losses that you now have or may have in the future that relate to the Fogging Issue.

The complete release language from the Settlement Agreement is as follows: "Class 29. Members who do not timely and validly exclude themselves from the Settlement forever release and discharge the Released Parties from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, counterclaims, demands (including, without limitation, demands for arbitration), actions, suits, causes of action, allegations of wrongdoing, liabilities, rights, demands, suits, debts, liens, contracts, agreements, offsets or liabilities, including but not limited to tort claims, claims for breach of contract, breach of the duty of good faith and fair dealing, breach of statutory duties, actual or constructive fraud, misrepresentations, fraudulent inducement, statutory and consumer fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, unfair business or trade practices, restitution, rescission, compensatory and punitive damages, injunctive or declaratory relief, attorneys' fees, interests, costs, penalties and any other claims, whether known or unknown, alleged or not alleged in the Litigation, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or matured, under federal law, state law, common law, or local law, which the Named Plaintiff and/or any Class Member had, have, or may in the future have, with respect to any conduct, act, omissions, facts, matters, transactions or oral or written statements or occurrences relating to or arising out of the Fogging Issue, as asserted, or as could have been asserted in the Litigation or any other proceedings, and that are based on the same factual predicate asserted in the Class Action Complaint filed in the Litigation, including via the use of a class action procedural device by the Named Plaintiffs and/or Class Members whether at law or equity, against Defendant and all of the Releasees for injunctive relief, declaratory relief, and economic injury or damages. Notwithstanding the forgoing, the Release does not include claims for personal injury/ injuries."

## WHAT PAYMENT ARE THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE CLASS SEEKING? HOW WILL THE LAWYERS BE PAID?

30. Class Counsel have not received any payment for their services in pursuing claims against Lumondi on behalf of the Class, nor have they been reimbursed for their out-of-pocket expenses. Class Counsel will ask the Court for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses of up to a maximum of two hundred and two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$202,500). The amount of attorneys' fees to be awarded will be determined solely by the Court. The Court must approve any request for fees, expenses, and costs. The Parties negotiated and reached agreement on the Attorneys' Fees and Expenses to be paid by Lumondi only after reaching agreement on all other material terms of this Settlement.

31. Class Members are not personally liable for any such court-approved attorneys' fees or expenses, and the payment of attorneys' fees and expenses, as approved by the Court, will not reduce the benefits to the Class.

32. Lumondi will not pay Attorneys' Fees and Expenses to any attorneys other than Class Counsel and attorneys working under Class Counsel's direction. If you choose to hire attorneys that have not been appointed as Class Counsel, you may incur additional charges, subject to your agreement with your personally retained attorneys. No attorneys other than Class Counsel or other attorneys authorized by Class Counsel to perform work in connection with this Action shall be eligible to receive fees or expenses under this Settlement Agreement.

### HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT? WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

33. To submit a claim under the Extended Limited Warranty Benefit or Replacement Watch Benefit, you must be a member of the Class and you must submit a timely and Valid Claim Form through the Settlement Website www.lumondiwatchsettlement.us. If you are excluded from the Class by definition or file a request to opt out of the Class or if you do not submit a timely and Valid Claim, you will not be eligible to the benefits of the Settlement.

# HOW DO I EXCLUDE MYSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS?

34. If you do not want to receive the benefits provided by the Settlement, and you want to keep the right to sue or continue to sue Lumondi about the legal claims in this lawsuit, you must take steps to exclude yourself from the Settlement. This is sometimes called "opting out" of the Settlement Class.

35. Class Members may opt out of the Settlement by submitting an Opt-Out Request to the Notice Administrator that is postmarked no later than sixty (60) days following the Notice Date. Your request to opt out must include:

- Your name, address, and telephone number;
- The serial number(s) of your Watch(es);
- A statement that "I wish to be excluded from the Settlement Class in Scott Biddick, v. Lumondi, Inc., Case No. 1:20-cv-08091" or substantially similar clear and unambiguous language;
- Your personal signature (electronic signatures, including Docusign, are invalid and will not be considered personal signatures). You must personally sign your request. The request cannot be signed by an attorney or other representative on your behalf.

You must either (i) mail your signed written request to \_\_\_\_\_\_ or (ii) email a complete and legible scanned copy or photograph of your signed written request to \_\_\_\_\_\_, com. Your signed written request must be sent (postmarked or emailed) by [60 days after Notice Date].

## IF I EXCLUDE MYSELF, CAN I STILL GET FULL BENEFITS FROM THE SETTLEMENT?

36. No. If you choose to exclude yourself from the Settlement, you are telling the Court that you do not want to be part of the Settlement Class in this Settlement. You can only get the Extended Limited Warranty Benefit and Replacement Watch Benefit if you stay in the Settlement Class.

37. If you choose to exclude yourself from the Settlement, you are not giving up the right to sue Lumondi for the claims that this Settlement resolves and releases. You must exclude yourself from this Settlement Class to start or continue with your own lawsuit.

# HOW DO I OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT?

38. If you are a Class Member, you may object to any part of the Settlement you do not like and the Court will consider your views. You can ask the Court to deny approval of this Settlement by filing an objection. You cannot ask the Court to order a different settlement; the Court can only approve or reject the Settlement. If the Court denies approval, no settlement benefits will be made available to the Class and the Lawsuit will continue. If that is what you want to happen, you must object.

Any objection to the proposed Settlement must be in writing and submitted no later than **[60 days after Notice Date]**. If you file a timely written objection, you may, but are not required to, appear at that Final Approval Hearing, either in person or through your own attorney. If you appear through your own attorney, you're responsible for hiring and paying that attorney.

A written objection must state: (a) the full name, address, telephone number, and email address of the objector; (b) the serial number(s) for the objector's Watch(es); (c) a clear written statement as to the date of purchase of the Watch(es) and the retailer from which the Watch(es) were purchased; (d) a clear written statement of all grounds for the objection accompanied by any legal support for such objection; (e) copies of any papers, briefs, or other documents on which the objection is based; (f) a list of all cases in which the objector and/or objector's counsel had filed or in any way participated in—financially or otherwise—an objection to a class action settlement in the preceding five years; (g) the name, address, email address, and telephone number of all attorneys representing the objector; (h) a statement indicating whether the objector and/or the objector's counsel intends to appear at the Fairness Hearing, and, if so, a list of all persons, if any, who will be called to testify in support of the objection; and (i) the objector's signature.

39. Any Class Member who does not submit a request for exclusion from the Class may object to the proposed Settlement, or Class Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees, reimbursement of litigation expenses, and Service Awards to Named Plaintiff.

40. Class Members who fail to make objections in the manner specified in this Section may be deemed to have waived any objections and may be foreclosed from making any objection to the Settlement or this Agreement (whether by appeal, collateral proceeding, or otherwise).

You may file a written objection without having to appear at the Fairness Hearing. You may not, however, appear at the Fairness Hearing to present your objection unless you first filed and served a written objection in accordance with the procedures described above, unless the Court orders otherwise. The Fairness Hearing is described in more detail in paragraphs 44-45 below.

# WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT AND OPTING OUT?

41. If you opt out of the Class, you cannot object to the Settlement. Opting out is telling the Court that you do not want to be part of the Settlement, and you do not want to receive any Settlement benefits. If you opt out, you have no basis to object to the Settlement by telling the Court you do not like something about it, because the Settlement no longer affects you. If you opt out, you retain your right to sue Lumondi, but you give up your right to obtain the benefits provided by this Settlement.

42. If you object to the Settlement, you are expressing your views about the Settlement but remain a member of the Class (if you are otherwise eligible). If you make an objection, you remain eligible to submit a claim under the Extended Limited Warranty Benefit and Replacement Watch Benefit if the Settlement is approved by the Court.

## WHEN AND WHERE IS THE FAIRNESS HEARING?

43. The Court will hold the Fairness Hearing at \_\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, at the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007 in Courtroom 518. At the hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. If there are objections that were received by the deadline, the Court will then consider them. If you submit a timely objection, the Court will also listen to you speak at the hearing, if you so request.

44. The Court may reschedule the Fairness Hearing or change any of the deadlines described in this Notice. The date of the Fairness Hearing may change without further notice to the Class Members. Be sure to check the website, www.lumondiwatchsettlement.us, for news of any such changes. You can also access the case docket via the Court's Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system at https://ecf.nysd.uscourts.gov.

## AM I REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE FAIRNESS HEARING?

45. No. You are not required to attend the Fairness Hearing, but you are welcome to attend at your own expense. If you timely file an objection, then you can, but are not obligated to, come to Court to discuss it. You may also pay your own lawyer to attend or discuss your objection, but that is not necessary.

# MAY I SPEAK AT THE FAIRNESS HEARING IF I DON'T LIKE THE SETTLEMENT?

46. Yes. You may ask the Court to permit you to speak at the Fairness Hearing. To do so, you must file with the Court and serve on Class Counsel and Lumondi an entry of appearance in the Lawsuit and notice of intention to appear at the Fairness Hearing no later than 150 DAYS AFTER PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER. If you plan to have your own attorney speak for you at the hearing, you must also include the name, address, and telephone number of the attorney who will appear. You may not be permitted to speak at the hearing if your Notice of Intent to Appear is late.

# HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CASE?

47. This Notice summarizes the proposed Settlement. For the precise terms and conditions of the Settlement, please see the Settlement Agreement available at www.lumondiwatchsettlement.us. You can also contact Class Counsel at the addresses listed above in paragraph 4 or the Notice Administrator by emailing \_\_\_\_\_\_.

48. You can access the docket in this case through the Court's Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system at https://ecf.nysd.uscourts.gov, or by visiting the office of the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Court holidays.

PLEASE DO NOT TELEPHONE THE COURT OR THE COURT CLERK'S OFFICE TO INQUIRE ABOUT THIS SETTLEMENT OR THE CLAIM PROCESS.

# GOLDENBERG DECLARATION EXHIBIT 7

SEAN K. COLLINS earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and History from Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts. Mr. Collins earned his Juris Doctor degree from Suffolk University Law School in Boston, Massachusetts. During his final year of law school, Mr. Collins worked as a law clerk at the securities class action firm Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd. Upon graduation he joined Robbins Geller as a litigation associate where he worked on securities and consumer class actions on behalf of investors and consumers.

Mr. Collins' current practice, the Law Offices of Sean K. Collins, is dedicated to protecting shareholders and consumers through individual and class action litigation.

Mr. Collins has obtained significant results on behalf of his class action and individual clients over the years. Notable examples include: *Estate of Gardner v. Continental Casualty Co.*, No. 3:13-cv-1918 (JBA), 2016 WL 806823 (D. Conn. Mar. 1, 2016) (granting class certification and appointing Mr. Collins class counsel); *Daluge v. Cont'l Cas. Co.*, No. 15-CV-297-WMC, 2018 WL 6040091, at \*5 (W.D. Wis. Oct. 25, 2018) (appointing Mr. Collins as class counsel and approving \$4.85 class settlement fund); *Tsirekidze v. Syntax-Brillian Corp.*, No. CV-07-02204-PHX-FJM, 2009 WL 2151838 (D. Ariz. July 17, 2009) (granting class certification; case settled for \$10 million); *Tyll v. Stanley Black & Decker Life Ins. Program*, 403 F. Supp. 3d 27, 41 (D. Conn. 2019) (entering judgment for \$5.89 million against insurer).

Mr. Collins is admitted to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the State of Connecticut, the State of California, the Districts of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Southern California, Central California, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and Sixth Circuit, as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

# GOLDENBERG DECLARATION EXHIBIT 6



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**GOLDENBERG SCHNEIDER, L.P.A**. was founded in 1996 and focuses on prosecuting actions primarily on behalf of plaintiffs in complex civil litigation and class actions. The subject matter of the Firm's past and current representations is broad, ranging from consumer protection, defective products, privacy protection and data breach, to employment and labor cases including ERISA and FLSA, to antitrust and insurance actions (including long-term care insurance). The firm's attorneys are experienced in every level of the state and federal judicial systems in Ohio and the country.

The Firm has demonstrated its capability to successfully represent governmental entities, corporations, and individuals in the most complex types of litigation. Founding partner Jeff Goldenberg served as special counsel to the Ohio Attorney General in prosecuting Ohio's Medicaid recoupment action against the tobacco industry and has served as lead or co-lead counsel on numerous nationwide class actions. The tobacco Medicaid recoupment litigation settled in 1999, resulting in a recovery to the State of Ohio of more than \$9.86 billion. Setting aside the substantial, if not immeasurable non-economic components of the settlement, which curb youth smoking and addiction, the settlement's financial proceeds are a multiple of twelve times larger than the prior largest Ohio-based settlement.

Class actions in which one or more of the Firm's attorneys currently serves or served as class counsel include the following:

Deloitte Consulting Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Data Breach Litigation – Goldenberg Schneider serves as Lead Counsel representing Plaintiffs and the class of several hundred thousand Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ("PUA") applicants from Ohio, Colorado and Illinois whose sensitive personal information was made available to third parties without their authorization. Plaintiffs allege that Deloitte Consulting designed, operated and maintained the PUA systems which resulted in the unauthorized exposure. The case, pending in federal district court for the Southern District of New York before Judge Lewis J. Liman, recently settled for \$4,950,000. The Final Approval hearing is scheduled for January 2022.

- In Re: Veterans' Administration Data Theft Litigation Goldenberg Schneider served as co-lead counsel for a nationwide class of approximately 20 million veterans and current members of the military who were impacted by the August 2006 theft of personal data. Multiple actions were consolidated by the Panel on Multidistrict Litigation and sent to the Federal District Court in the District of Columbia. Goldenberg Schneider successfully resolved this action with a \$20,000,000 settlement.
- Estep v. J. Kenneth Blackwell, Ohio Secretary of State Goldenberg Schneider served as co-lead counsel on this class action against former Ohio Secretary of State, Ken Blackwell, based upon a violation of privacy rights when personal information was unlawfully disclosed in public records accessible through the Secretary's website. The settlement required the Secretary of State to dramatically improve the protection of social security numbers.
- In re: Google Inc. Street View Electronic Communications Litigation In 2010, Goldenberg Schneider and co-counsel filed the first nationwide class action lawsuit against Google for violating the Federal Wiretap Act. The complaint alleges that Google routinely used Google Street View vehicles equipped with special hardware and software "snoopers" and "sniffers" to illegally intercept and record wireless electronic communications. In 2011, the Court denied Google's motion to dismiss the federal wiretapping claim, ruling that plaintiffs stated a viable claim and that none of the statutory exemptions apply to Google's actions. Google appealed to the Ninth Circuit which affirmed the denial. The litigation recently settled for \$13 million.
- Navy Federal Credit Union TCPA Litigation Goldenberg Schneider served as co-lead counsel in this nationwide class action alleging that Navy Federal Credit Union violated the Telephone Consumer Protection Act by repeatedly texting non-customers without authorization. Goldenberg Schneider successfully resolved this litigation recently through the creation of a \$9,250,000 common fund for the benefit of the class. Judge Leonie M. Brinkema of the Federal Court located in the Eastern District of Virginia granted final approval to the settlement on October 20, 2020.

- In Re: Ford Motor Co. Spark Plug and 3-Valve Engine Products Liability Litigation Goldenberg Schneider served as co-lead counsel for a national class comprised of approximately 4 million Ford vehicle owners who purchased or leased vehicles containing a 5.4 liter 3-valve engine equipped with defective spark plugs and related engine defects. On January 26, 2016, after Plaintiffs had defeated Ford's motion for summary judgment, Judge Benita Pearson of the Northern District of Ohio granted final approval of a nationwide settlement that provided reimbursement to class members for expenses related to spark plug replacement.
- Acura RDX Infotainment System Litigation Goldenberg Schneider filed a nationwide class action alleging that Honda knowingly sold its 2019 and 2020 Acura RDX vehicles with defective infotainment systems. The infotainment systems in these vehicles behave erratically, malfunctioning, freezing, and creating a safety hazard and distraction. The court denied in large part Defendant's motion to dismiss. Following substantial discovery, the Court certified a class of California purchasers of these vehicles. Goldenberg Schneider and co-counsel Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro recently negotiated a nationwide class settlement and filed for preliminary approval in March 2021.
- Vicki Linneman, et al., v. Vita-Mix Corporation Goldenberg Schneider served as Class Counsel in this nationwide class action alleging that certain Vita-Mix blenders deposit tiny shards of polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE), a Teflon-like substance, into foods during use. Goldenberg Schneider and co-counsel successfully settled the litigation allowing class members to choose between (1) a free replacement blade assembly that does not fleck (valued at over \$100) or (2) a gift card valued at \$70.00. About 5 million class members were eligible for these benefits.
- Shin v. Plantronics, Inc. Goldenberg Schneider served as Lead Class Counsel in this nationwide class action on behalf of more than 1.2 million consumers who purchased defective Plantronics BackBeat FIT wireless headphones. Following oral argument on Defendant's motion to dismiss, Goldenberg Schneider and co-counsel successfully resolved the litigation on a nationwide class basis through mediation. The court granted final approval to the settlement in January 2020.
- Ulyana Lynevych v. Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC Goldenberg Schneider along with Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro initiated this lawsuit against Mercedes and Bosch alleging

that these defendants knowingly programmed Mercedes' Clean Diesel BlueTEC vehicles to emit illegal and dangerous levels of nitrogen oxide (NOx) in virtually all real-world driving conditions and equipped the vehicles with a "defeat device." Mr. Goldenberg serves on the Executive Committee. Goldenberg Schneider and its co-counsel initiated this litigation nearly six months before the U.S. EPA and the California Air Resources Board began their investigation and eventual enforcement actions. A nationwide settlement with Defendants valued at over \$750 million for the benefit of defrauded consumers was recently granted final approval in July, 2021.

- City of Cincinnati Pension Litigation Goldenberg Schneider and its co-counsel, with the assistance of U.S. District Court Judge Michael Barrett, successfully resolved a series of cases relating to the City of Cincinnati Retirement System, known as the CRS. Judge Barrett granted final approval of the historic and landmark Settlement Agreement on October 5, 2015. The settlement comprehensively reforms the CRS, establishes a consistent level of City funding, and reinstates several key provisions that were eliminated in 2011 changes for employees who were vested in the plan at that time. The settlement benefits for the Current Employees Class members, for whom Goldenberg Schneider was approved as Class Counsel, are valued at approximately \$50 million.
- Bower v. MetLife Goldenberg Schneider served as co-lead class counsel on behalf of a nationwide class of beneficiaries of the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) Policy, the world's largest group life insurance program. Following the Court's Order certifying the nationwide Class, the case was settled in 2012 for \$11,500,000.
- In Re: OSB Antitrust Litigation Goldenberg Schneider served on the trial team in a case that alleged illegal collusion and cooperation among the oriented strand board industry. The case was resolved through a series of settlements that collectively exceeded \$120,000,000.
- Parker v. Berkeley Premium Nutraceuticals Goldenberg Schneider served as co-lead counsel and certified three nationwide classes in a consumer fraud class action on behalf of purchasers of herbal supplements for false and unproven claims and deceptive credit card practices. This case was successfully resolved with a settlement valued in the millions of dollars. Moreover, class members retained all rights to recover a portion of the nearly \$30 million that the U.S. Attorney General seized in a civil forfeiture action.

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Goldenberg Schneider then recovered an additional \$24,000,000 for the victims by prosecuting a successful class-wide Petition for Remission through the forfeiture proceedings.

- Cates v. Cooper Tire & Rubber Company/ Johnson v. Cooper Tire & Rubber Company Goldenberg Schneider served as co-lead counsel for a class of more than a thousand Cooper Tire retirees who claimed that they were entitled to lifetime health care benefits. Goldenberg Schneider secured a judgment on the pleadings, certified the class, and ultimately resolved the case through a settlement valued at over \$50,000,000.
- In Re: Consolidated Mortgage Satisfaction Cases Goldenberg Schneider served as lead counsel on behalf of Ohio homeowners against some of the largest national and Ohio banking and lending institutions for their failure to timely record mortgage loan payoffs. The Firm was able to consolidate all twenty actions before one trial judge and successfully upheld all the class certifications before the Ohio Supreme Court. These cases were resolved through multiple settlements valued at millions of dollars.
- In re: Verizon Wireless Data Charges Litigation Goldenberg Schneider filed the first nationwide class action challenging Verizon Wireless' improper \$1.99 data usage charges to certain pay-as-you-go customers. Goldenberg Schneider, as a member of the Plaintiffs Advisory Committee, played an active role in this litigation which resulted in benefits to the Class in excess of \$50,000,000 in refunds and reimbursement payments.
- Daffin v. Ford Motor Company Goldenberg Schneider and its co-counsel successfully certified an Ohio statewide class on behalf of all Ohio purchasers or lessors of 1999 and 2000 model year Mercury Villager Minivans. The Sixth Circuit upheld the class certification, and the case was resolved through a settlement. The Sixth Circuit decision was one of the first to recognize diminished value as a viable damage model.
- Meyer v. Nissan North America Goldenberg Schneider served as co-lead counsel on behalf of thousands of Nissan Quest minivan owners throughout the United States. The suit alleged that the Quest minivan developed dangerous levels of carbon deposits in the accelerator system causing the gas pedal to stick, resulting in a roadway safety hazard including documented accidents and injuries. The case was resolved by a nationwide settlement that included the application of the vehicle warranty to remedy the problem as well as a refund of prior repair costs.

- Continental Casualty Long Term Care Insurance Litigation ("Pavlov Settlement") -Goldenberg Schneider served as Lead Class Counsel in this litigation on behalf of certain CNA long term care policyholders nationwide whose claims for stays at certain facilities were wrongly denied based upon a non-existent 24/7 on-site nursing requirement. The Federal District Court in the Northern District of Ohio granted final approval to a nationwide class action settlement negotiated by Goldenberg Schneider that provided damages to those whose claims were improperly denied and expanded the types of facilities now covered by these policies. The settlement value exceeded \$25 million.
- Carnevale FLSA Class Action Goldenberg Schneider served as co-lead counsel on behalf of employees working for a large industrial company that alleged violations of federal and state labor laws through the systematic misclassification of managers and other employees as salaried professionals. This case successfully resolved with a common fund settlement in excess of \$5 million.
- Lesley Conti and Tom Conti v. American Honda Motor Co., Inc., Goldenberg Schneider filed a nationwide class action alleging that Honda knowingly sold its 2018-2019 Honda Odyssey, 2019-2020 Honda Passport, and 2019-2020 Honda Pilot vehicles with defective infotainment systems. The infotainment systems in these vehicles behave erratically, malfunctioning, freezing, and creating a safety hazard and distraction. The defect can cause safety-related systems (including backup camera functions) to fail. The court denied in large part Defendant's motion to dismiss. Goldenberg Schneider and co-counsel Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro recently negotiated a nationwide class settlement which received preliminary approval in May 2021.

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# **Bar Admissions/Licenses**

State of Ohio (admitted since 1994) United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

# Activities/Memberships

Ohio Association for Justice American Association for Justice American Bar Association Ohio State Bar Association Cincinnati Bar Association The Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers Volunteer Attorney for the Ohio Foreclosure Mediation Project Supreme Court of Ohio Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program Pro Seniors Legal Volunteer President, Board of Directors, Jewish National Fund – Ohio Valley Region Board of Directors, University of Cincinnati Hillel Jewish Student Center

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Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, Indiana, J.D. 1994 Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, M.S.E.S. 1994 Indiana University, B.A. Biology, 1988

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Mr. Goldenberg's practice includes class action and complex civil litigation with an emphasis on consumer protection. His practice areas include insurance coverage (including long-term care insurance), consumer fraud, data breach and privacy protection, product defects, overtime and wage and hour, ERISA, antitrust, toxic torts, and commercial disputes.

Mr. Goldenberg has served as lead and/or co-counsel in numerous multi-million dollar complex civil cases throughout the United States, including Continental Casualty Long Term Care Insurance Litigation, City of Cincinnati Pension Litigation, Ford Spark Plug Litigation, Enzyte Consumer Fraud Litigation, GEAE FLSA Litigation, VA Data Theft Litigation, Styrene Railway Car Litigation, Ford and Nissan Auto Defect Litigation, Clayton Home Sales Tax Litigation, Metlife FEGLI Litigation, Mercedes Diesel Emissions Fraud Litigation, MetLife Reduced Pay at 65 Litigation, FCA Chrysler 2.4 Liter Engine Oil Consumption Litigation, Honda Odyssey and Pilot Infotainment Defect Litigation, Acura RDX Infotainment System Litigation. Jeff also served as Special Counsel representing the State of Ohio against the Tobacco industry and was part of the litigation team that achieved an unprecedented \$9.86 billion settlement for Ohio taxpayers. He also served as lead counsel on the In re Consolidated Mortgage Satisfaction Cases involving twenty separate class actions. That litigation resulted in a significant Ohio Supreme Court decision defining key aspects of Ohio class action law.

Mr. Goldenberg earned three degrees from Indiana University: a Bachelor of Arts in Biology in 1988 (Phi Beta Kappa); a Master of Science in Environmental Science in 1994; and his Juris Doctor in 1994. Jeff has practiced in all levels of Ohio trial and appellate courts as well as other courts across the nation and is admitted to practice in the State of Ohio and the United States District Court for the Southern and Northern Districts of Ohio, the Northern District of Illinois, and the United States Second, Sixth & Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeal. Jeff is a member of the American Association for Justice, the Ohio State Bar Association, and the Cincinnati Bar Association.