

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALTERNATIVE STAFFING, INC.
AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

This Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this 24th day of February 2026, by and between Alternative Staffing, Inc., an Illinois corporation (referred to herein as “ASI”), and the State of Illinois (referred to herein as “the State” or “Illinois Attorney General”) through its Attorney General, on behalf of itself and as *parens patriae* for the residents of Illinois (the State and ASI are collectively referred to herein as the “Parties”).

WHEREAS, the State has investigated conduct between ASI and other agencies providing temporary staffing services to their common client, Vee Pak, LLC d/b/a Voyant Beauty (“Vee Pak”);

WHEREAS, the State has filed a complaint against ASI, other temporary staffing agencies, and their common client Vee Pak, in the matter of *State of Illinois v. Alternative Staffing, Inc., et al.*, No. 2022 CH 05069, pending in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois;

WHEREAS, the State, on behalf of itself and as *parens patriae* for the residents of Illinois, alleges that ASI participated in an unlawful conspiracy to prevent workers provided by the temporary staffing agencies from switching agencies in violation of the Illinois Antitrust Act (“Act”). The State alleged that this “no-poach” conspiracy suppressed the wages of the temporary workers who were employed by the agencies and staffed at Vee Pak, and prevented workers who were unhappy with their treatment and conditions of employment from switching among the agencies;

WHEREAS, ASI denies and will continue to deny the State’s allegations;

WHEREAS, the State has investigated the facts and the law and has determined that ASI participated in and facilitated a conspiracy in violation of the Act, paid temporary workers staffed at Vee Pak lower wages than would have been paid but for the conspiracy, and that ASI’s

asserted defenses are without merit. Nevertheless, the State has determined that resolving claims against ASI according to the terms set forth below is in the best interest of the State and for the residents of Illinois;

WHEREAS, ASI has investigated the facts and law and has determined that it has not participated in an unlawful conspiracy to prevent temporary workers provided to Vee Pak from switching temporary staffing agencies, ASI has not paid temporary workers staffed at Vee Pak lower wages than would have been paid but for the conspiracy, and ASI has not violated the Act in any other manner. Nevertheless, ASI is entering into this Agreement not as an admission of liability, but solely to avoid further litigation, attorneys' fees, and other litigation-related expenses; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement resolves the State's claims in the complaint only against ASI, and the Parties agree that this Agreement does not resolve the claims in the complaint as to any other named Defendant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants, agreements, and releases set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

A. Recitals.

1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and for all purposes shall be interpreted as being an integral and substantive part of this Agreement.

B. Definitions.

2. "Action" means the matter of *State of Illinois v. Alternative Staffing, Inc., et al.*, No. 2022 CH 05069, pending in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

3. “Circuit Court” shall refer to the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

4. “Claims” means, collectively, all actions, causes of action, claims, demands, obligations, suits, counter-claims, defenses, rights, omissions, damages, losses, contingencies, judgments, fines, penalties, charges, costs (including, without limitation, attorneys’ fees and costs of defense and investigation), expenses and liabilities of any kind and nature whatsoever, whether absolute or contingent, suspected or unsuspected, matured or unmatured or otherwise.

5. “Client” means a company that contracts with ASI for Temporary Workers to perform work for the Client.

6. “Common Client” means a company that contracted with ASI and another Temporary Staffing Agency(ies), all of which are required to be registered with the Illinois Department of Labor pursuant to the Day & Temporary Labor Services Act (820 ILCS 175/1 et al.), for Temporary Workers to perform work for the Common Client.

7. “Complaint” shall refer to the Complaint filed in the Action on May 26, 2022, and assigned case number 2022 CH 05069.

8. “Compliance Materials” shall refer to the documents and other materials described in Paragraph 26.

9. “Effective Date” shall refer to the first date on which both ASI and the State have signed this Agreement.

10. “ASI Releasees” means, collectively, (i) ASI; (ii) Steven Swerdloff; (iii) each current and former direct or indirect owner, parent companies/corporations, subsidiaries, and/or partnerships of ASI, each current and former direct or indirect shareholder, member or other equity holder of ASI and each current and former direct or indirect affiliate of ASI; (iii)

each predecessor, successor, heir, agent and assign of any person or entity referenced in either of the immediately preceding clauses (i) and (ii); and (iv) each current and former attorney, agent, insurer, trustee, fiduciary, advisor, director, manager, officer, shareholder, member, general partner, limited partner, other equity holder, representative, control person or entity or employee of any person or entity referenced in any of the immediately preceding clauses (i) through (iii) (and each other person or entity with a functionally equivalent role of a person or entity holding such title notwithstanding the lack of such title or any other title) and each of their respective predecessors, successors, heirs, agents and assigns (and each such person and entity referenced in any of the immediately preceding clauses (i) through (iv) is individually referred to herein as a “ASI Releasee”). For the avoidance of doubt, “ASI Releasees” does not include Vee Pak, LLC, d/b/a Voyant Beauty.

11. “Employee” shall refer to any individual working full or part time directly for ASI and not assigned to work at a Client and/or Common Client. For the avoidance of doubt, the term “Employee” includes onsite managers who are assigned to work at a Client and/or Common Client but not to perform the Client’s or Common Client’s work.

12. “Final Date” shall refer to the date on which the Circuit Court enters the order to approve this Agreement and to enter final judgment.

13. “Released Claims” means, collectively, (i) the claims, allegations and causes of action that were asserted in the Complaint, and (ii) any and all claims that the State may now own, hold, have or claim to have against any of the ASI Releasees arising out of conduct described in the Complaint during the Relevant Period.

14. “Relevant Period” shall refer to the period commencing on February 1, 2016, and ending on the Effective Date of this Agreement.

15. “Settlement Fund” shall be \$1,000,000.00 (“one million”) in United States dollars.

16. “Temporary Staffing Agency” and “Agency” shall have the same meaning as “day and temporary labor service agency” as defined in Section 5 of the Illinois Day and Temporary Labor Services Act, 820 ILC 175/5.

17. “Temporary Worker” shall have the same meaning as “day or temporary laborer” as defined in Section 5 of the Illinois Day and Temporary Labor Services Act, 820 ILCS 175/5.

C. Effectuating the Agreement and Dismissal of Claims against ASI.

18. The State and ASI shall use their reasonable best efforts to effectuate this Agreement, including cooperating in seeking any necessary court approvals.

19. Within 14 business days of the Effective Date, the State and ASI shall jointly seek any orders, approvals and final judgments from the Circuit Court presiding over the Complaint, including an order approving and effectuating this Agreement and entering the injunctive relief and other orders under this Agreement, and entering the final judgment dismissing ASI from the Action with prejudice. The State and ASI agree that for this Agreement to be final, such final judgment shall provide, at a minimum, all of the following:

- a. ASI is enjoined and restrained from engaging in the conduct more fully described in Paragraph 31.
- b. The State shall be awarded one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) from the Settlement Fund for its fees and costs, which shall be used for the following purposes, within the limits of applicable law: for deposit into an account dedicated to defraying the expenses of the State’s antitrust or

consumer protection enforcement and for such other expenditures as authorized by the Illinois Attorney General.

- c. The remainder of the Settlement Fund shall be distributed, within the sole discretion of the Illinois Attorney General, to the alleged victims of ASI's alleged violations of the Act and may be used for payment of administrative costs for distribution of these funds, including notice costs, if applicable.
- d. ASI is dismissed with prejudice from the Action and released in accordance with the terms of Paragraph 23.
- e. Each party shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees except as otherwise stated in this Agreement.

20. As of the Effective Date, the State and ASI shall be bound by the terms of this Agreement, which shall not be rescinded except in accordance with this Agreement. If any party fails to sign the Agreement within thirty days of the first signature, that party or those parties will be deemed to have rejected the Agreement and it shall not be effective. After the Effective Date, the Parties shall remain bound by the terms of this Agreement.

21. Between the Effective Date and Final Date of this Agreement, ASI's obligation to respond to any discovery or motion (unrelated to compliance with this Agreement) initiated by the State and the State's obligation to respond to any discovery or motion (unrelated to compliance with this Agreement) initiated by ASI shall be stayed. If the Circuit Court denies approval of a final judgment, or a final judgment implementing this agreement is reversed on appeal:

- a. all discovery responses stayed pursuant to this paragraph will be due on the later of: (i) thirty days from such denial of approval or appellate reversal, or (ii) the day such responses would have been due if not stayed;
- b. the Parties will negotiate in good faith to present a proposed briefing schedule to the Circuit Court for briefing and resolution of any motion stayed by this paragraph; and
- c. the Parties will jointly move the Circuit Court for a reasonable extension of any other deadlines.

22. Neither this Agreement nor any final judgment(s), including consent decrees, resulting therefrom, nor any and all negotiations, documents and discussions associated with them, shall be deemed or construed to be an admission by ASI or any other ASI Releasee, or evidence of any violation of any statute or law or of any liability or wrongdoing whatsoever by ASI or any other ASI Releasee, or to be an admission of the truth of any of the claims or allegations contained in the Complaint or any other pleading filed by the State in any action whatsoever, and evidence thereof shall not be discoverable or used directly or indirectly, in any way in any action, lawsuit or other proceeding. Neither this Agreement, nor any of its terms and provisions, nor any of the negotiations or proceedings connected with it, nor any other action taken to carry out this Agreement by either of the Parties shall be referred to, offered as evidence or received in evidence in any pending or future civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, except in a proceeding to enforce this Agreement or as otherwise required by applicable law.

D. Release, Discharge, and Covenant Not to Sue.

23. On the Final Date and in consideration of payment of the Settlement Fund, as specified in Paragraphs 15 and 25 of this Agreement, and for other valuable consideration, the ASI Releasees shall be completely released, acquitted, and forever discharged to the fullest extent permitted by law from any and all Released Claims. The State covenants that the State will not sue or bring or otherwise pursue any Claim against any of the ASI Releasees on the basis of or relating to any Released Claim (regardless of whether the release of any such Released Claim is enforceable under, or prohibited by, applicable law or otherwise). For clarification purposes, nothing contained in this section D shall release or relieve any obligations of ASI, or any rights of the State, under this Agreement.

24. The release, discharge and covenant not to sue set forth in Paragraph 23 of this Agreement includes only the Released Claims and does not include any claims other than the Released Claims, including without limitation any claims arising outside of the Relevant Period.

E. Settlement Amount and Settlement Fund.

25. Subject to the provisions hereof, and in full, complete, and final settlement of the Released Claims as provided herein, ASI shall pay nine-hundred (\$900,000.00) in United States Dollars to the State as restitution, for deposit in the Attorney General Court Ordered Settlement Distribution Fund, and ASI shall also pay one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) in United States Dollars to the State for its fees and costs, as described in Paragraph 19(b). ASI shall make initial payments of \$100,000 for each of the first three months following the Final Date, and beginning no later than 14 days after the Final Date. Thereafter, ASI will pay the remainder in equal payments each month until the Settlement Fund is paid in full. The Settlement Fund shall be paid in full on or before December 31, 2026. Payment in full

of \$1,000,000.00 by ASI will fulfill the obligations imposed by this paragraph on ASI. Additionally, payment in full of \$1,000,000 is personally guaranteed by ASI shareholder Steven Swerdloff. The State will provide payment instructions to ASI by separate letter within fourteen (14) days of the Effective Date. After the Final Date, and upon receipt of said payments, the Illinois Attorney General may distribute the funds in his or her sole discretion as permitted by state law. ASI shall have no responsibility for, no rights in, and no authority over the allocation of the Settlement Fund as provided herein. However, ASI agrees to provide the Illinois Attorney General with information that the Illinois Attorney General deems necessary to determine how to locate temporary workers impacted by the conduct alleged in the Complaint including, but not limited to, providing the temporary worker's name and last known contact information, including any emergency contacts, as well as wages paid and hours worked, to the extent such information is within ASI's possession, custody or control.

F. Compliance.

26. ASI agrees to use its reasonable best efforts to:
 - a. Within 45 days of the Final Date, and only to the extent the matter *State of Illinois v. Alternative Staffing, Inc., et al.*, No. 2022 CH 05069 is still being actively litigated, cooperate with the Illinois Attorney General's efforts to identify key witnesses, if any, to testify at trial about the allegations contained in the Complaint.
 - b. Within 45 days of the Final Date, produce documents in response to request number 26 (to the extent responsive documents exist within ASI's possession, custody, and control) of the document requests served on ASI by the Illinois Attorney General on January 23, 2023. The above-

referenced initial production of documents in response to request number 26 of the document requests served on ASI on January 23, 2023 shall be limited to Temporary Workers assigned to Vee Pak.

- c. Within 45 days of the Final Date, and only to the extent the matter *State of Illinois v. Alternative Staffing, Inc., et al.*, No. 2022 CH 05069 is still being actively litigated, ASI and the Office of the Illinois Attorney General shall meet and confer in good faith to attempt to resolve any disputes regarding the remaining January 23, 2023 Document Requests, as well as any additional reasonable document requests served on ASI by the Illinois Attorney General related to the Complaint, and to the extent responsive documents exist within ASI's possession, custody, and control;
- d. Unless already done so prior to the Effective Date, within 45 days of the Final Date, and only to the extent the matter *State of Illinois v. Alternative Staffing, Inc., et al.*, No. 2022 CH 05069 is still being actively litigated, use reasonable efforts to produce complete responses to interrogatories served on ASI by the Illinois Attorney General on January 23, 2023, as well as any additional reasonable interrogatories served on ASI by the Illinois Attorney General. Provided, however, ASI and the Office of the Illinois Attorney General shall meet and confer to attempt to resolve any disputes regarding the January 23, 2023 interrogatories, as well as any additional reasonable interrogatories served on ASI by the Illinois Attorney General related to the Complaint;

- e. Only to the extent the matter *State of Illinois v. Alternative Staffing, Inc., et al.*, No. 2022 CH 05069 is still being actively litigated, authenticate documents for use in deposition, trial or any other proceeding concerning the Complaint, as reasonably required by the Illinois Attorney General (but only to the extent ASI has the ability to authenticate such documents requested by the Illinois Attorney General). In addition, ASI shall use its reasonable best efforts to provide affidavits on behalf of persons ASI controls as officer, employees or agents for the purpose of authenticating business records, as reasonably required by the Illinois Attorney General;
 - f. Nothing contained in this Agreement waives ASI's objections to the document requests and interrogatories served on ASI by the Illinois Attorney General on January 23, 2023, or the ability to object to additional discovery requests served on it by the State or any other party in the underlying Complaint. However, ASI shall cooperate in good faith with the State to address and attempt to resolve any disputes. Any unresolved dispute may be brought to the Court's attention for resolution pursuant to Paragraph 43.
27. To avoid any doubt, all terms in this section F are material terms of this Agreement. All terms in this section F are enforceable by court order. If the State believes that there has been a material breach of the terms in this section F by ASI, then the State will provide written notice to counsel for ASI of such belief. The Parties shall then meet and confer to resolve the dispute, and then ASI shall have a reasonable time to cure such material breach before the State

may pursue a court order or any other remedy relating to the alleged material breach. If, after a reasonable time, either ASI has not cured the alleged material breach or the Parties have not otherwise resolved any dispute relating to such material breach alleged by the State, then the State may immediately seek enforcement of the breached provision of section F by injunction. ASI's failure to comply with any injunction issued by the Court is subject to the full sanctions power of the Court. The Circuit Court, on application of the State, shall negate the release in Paragraph 23 if ASI fails to use its reasonable best efforts to produce at trial a key witness whose attendance at trial was timely requested by the State pursuant to Paragraph 26, if any such witnesses are identified pursuant to Paragraph 26. Such negation of the release shall require the State to return the Settlement Fund to ASI, with the exception of \$100,000.00 that the State shall retain as liquidated damages, but will not impair the State's rights to continued possession and use of the Compliance Materials previously received.

28. The Parties agree and acknowledge that, upon the final adjudication of the case, including the conclusion of any and all trials and exhaustion of all appeals, or the final settlement and full satisfaction of payment by all defendants, whichever is later (the "Conclusion Date"), all obligations to retain case-related documents/materials in any format shall cease for ASI. ASI shall have the right, but not the obligation, to retain any documents/materials in any format, including hard copy or electronic documents, related to the case after the Conclusion Date. ASI may, in its sole discretion and at its expense, dispose

of, destroy, or securely delete any and all such documents 30 days after the Conclusion Date without further notice to any other Party. Each Party shall be responsible for its own records and compliance with its own internal or legal retention requirements. The provisions of any confidentiality agreement or protective order entered during the litigation shall continue to apply to any retained documents to the extent specified therein.

G. Injunctive Relief – Implementing Policies.

29. ASI and Steven Swerdloff have represented that ASI is no longer in business and its assets have been sold. Accordingly, the obligations in Sections G, H and I herein apply to ASI only to the extent it remains in business after the Effective Date, or to any entity that Steven Swerdloff directly or indirectly owns or controls in whole or in part during the four (4) years following the Effective Date of this Agreement.

30. The obligations described in Paragraph 31 apply to Temporary Workers that reside in Illinois and to Common Clients operating within Illinois.

31. ASI and Steven Swerdloff agree that, for a period of four (4) years after the Final Date, it and he will:

- a. Not enter into, or participate in any manner in any agreements with, or engage in communications with other Temporary Staffing Agencies about agreements that restrict a Temporary Staffing Agency from hiring Temporary Workers assigned to Vee Pak or any other Common Client by a different Temporary Staffing Agency or require a Temporary Staffing Agency to force a Temporary Worker assigned to Vee Pak or any other Common Client to return to the Temporary Staffing Agency that had

previously assigned such Temporary Worker to Vee Pak or any other Common Client;

- b. To the extent ASI maintains a list of Temporary Workers that are not eligible for assignment to any Client, commonly referred to as a Do Not Return (“DNR”) list, if a Temporary Worker was placed on the list for the sole reason that they switched from one Agency to another Agency at a Common Client, ASI shall remove the name of that Temporary Worker from the DNR list. It is expressly understood and agreed that nothing contained in this section G or elsewhere in this Agreement shall limit, or is otherwise intended to limit, any ability of ASI to decline to assign any Temporary Worker to a particular Client whose work performance or behavior was unsatisfactory or due to misconduct in a prior assignment at that Client.

H. Injunctive Relief – Reporting Requirements.

32. The obligations described in Paragraph 33 apply only to Temporary Workers that reside in Illinois and are assigned by ASI to work at Common Clients operating within Illinois.

33. ASI and Steven Swerdloff agree that, for a period of four (4) years after the Final Date, it will:

- a. After the Final Date, within seven (7) business days of the receipt by ASI’s corporate management of any of the following in clauses (i) through (iii) below, ASI will report to the Illinois Attorney General by calling the

Workplace Rights Hotline at (844) 740-5076, and, if the Office of the Illinois Attorney General requests, produce:

- (i) Communications demonstrating an agreement prohibiting Temporary Workers switching from one Agency to another Agency at a Common Client;
- (ii) Communications demonstrating an agreement not to poach Temporary Workers among Agencies working at any Common Client; and
- (iii) Communications reflecting an agreement or understanding to pay a fixed wage to Temporary Workers placed at any Common Client across multiple Agencies. Excluded from this would be any communications from a Client to ASI regarding the amount it will agree to pay ASI or another Agency for temporary workers placed at its place of business.

For the avoidance of doubt, the communications described in Paragraph 33 a(i)-(iii) do not apply to communications between Temporary Staffing Agencies or communications between the Client or Common Client and ASI to ensure compliance with Sections 30(h) and 42 of the Day and Temporary Labor Services Act (820 ILCS 175/30(h) and 42).

I. Injunctive Relief – Notice and Training Requirements.

34. The obligations described in Paragraphs 35 to 37 apply to Temporary Workers that reside in Illinois and are assigned by ASI or by any future entity owned in whole or in part by Steven Swerdloff, to Common Clients operating within Illinois.

35. Within twenty-one (21) business days of the Final Date, ASI shall provide written notice to any of its current Temporary Workers assigned to a known Common Client that

any prohibition or limitation on their right to switch to another Agency while continuing to work at the Common Client is void and unenforceable. The notices and their translations in all languages spoken by Temporary Workers at ASI shall be printed in a font that is easily legible (at least 14-point font) and will contain the phone number of the Illinois Attorney General's Workplace Rights hotline, which is (844) 740-5076. Such notice shall be posted within ASI's Illinois branch offices, along with other notices required by federal and state laws and regulations.

36. For a period starting twenty-one (21) business days from the Final Date, through four (4) years after the Final Date, when ASI distributes any initial Employment Notice (as defined by 820 ILCS 175/10) to a Temporary Worker at a known Common Client, ASI will also distribute to any Temporary Worker a notice as described in Paragraph 35.

37. Within one (1) year after the Final Date, and annually thereafter for a period of four (4) years, ASI will provide training to any of its then current Employees who have responsibilities for contracting to provide Temporary Workers to ASI's Clients or who interview, hire or have any supervisory responsibility over Temporary Workers regarding the Illinois Antitrust Act and the federal antitrust laws including prohibitions of no-poach agreements, price-fixing and wage-fixing.

J. Non-Admission

38. This Agreement, being entered with consent of the State and ASI, shall not constitute an adjudication or finding on the merits of this Action and shall not be deemed an admission by ASI of any violation of the Act or wrongdoing, including the allegations in the Complaint filed by the State. ASI denies that it has violated the Act in any manner. ASI is entering into this Agreement solely to avoid further litigation.

K. Miscellaneous.

39. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted to effectuate the intent of the Parties, which is to provide, through this Agreement, for a complete resolution of all Released Claims as provided in this Agreement.

40. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to restrict ASI's ability to comply with any applicable state and/or federal labor laws (including, but not limited to, Section 30(h) of the Day and Temporary Labor Services Act (820 ILCS 175/30(h)), the recent amendments to the Day and Temporary Labor Services Act (SB3650, P.A.103-0347, 820 ILCS § 175/42) and minimum wage laws).

41. This Agreement does not settle or compromise any Claim by the State against any person or entity other than the ASI Releasees as expressly set forth in this Agreement. All rights against such other persons or entities are specifically reserved by the State.

42. This Agreement shall not affect whatever rights the State may have (i) to seek damages or other relief from any other person or entity (other than the ASI Releasees) with respect to any unlawful conspiracy to prevent the Temporary Workers provided by the Temporary Staffing Agencies from switching Agencies and an unlawful conspiracy to artificially lower the wages paid to those Temporary Workers; and (ii) to assert any cause of action against any person or entity (other than any of the ASI Releasees) with respect to any of the Released Claims.

43. The Circuit Court shall retain jurisdiction over the implementation, enforcement, and performance of this Agreement and shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any suit, action, proceeding, or dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the applicability

of this Agreement that cannot be resolved by negotiation and agreement by the State and ASI. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted according to the substantive laws of the State of Illinois, without regard to its choice of law or conflict of laws principles.

44. This Agreement constitutes the entire, complete and integrated agreement between the State and ASI pertaining to the matters expressly set forth in this Agreement and supersedes all other prior oral or written agreements between the State and ASI with respect to the subject matter contained herein. This Agreement may not be modified, amended or waived other than in a written instrument that is executed by the State and ASI, and, to the extent necessary, approved by the Circuit Court.

45. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors and assigns of the State, ASI, each of the other ASI Releasees and is not for the benefit of, nor may any provision hereof be enforced by, any other person or entity.

46. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts by the State, through its Attorney General, and ASI, through its designated representative, and a facsimile or electronic signature shall be deemed an original signature for purposes of executing this Agreement.

47. Neither the State nor ASI shall be considered the drafter of this Agreement or any of its provisions for the purpose of any statute, case law, or rule of interpretation or construction that would or might cause any provision to be construed against the drafter of this Agreement. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, each pronoun herein shall be deemed to include the masculine, feminine, neuter, singular and plural forms thereof.

48. Where this Agreement requires either Party to provide notice to the other, such notice shall be in writing, and such notice shall be provided by email and letter by overnight delivery to the counsel identified below for the Party to whom notice is being provided. Any

Party may change the identity of the recipient of such notice by providing notice of such change under the terms of this paragraph.

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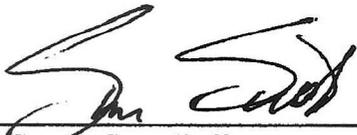
49. Each of the Parties represents and warrants that it is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of, and to execute, this Agreement.

50. If, after the Effective Date, any non-material provision or provisions of this Agreement is prohibited by applicable law or otherwise determined to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction after the exhaustion of all rights to appeal, the entire Agreement shall not be nullified, such invalid portion or portions shall be severed from the remainder of the Agreement as if they had never been entered into, and the remainder of the Agreement shall be enforced. The Parties agree that the material portions of this Agreement

include, but may not be limited to, portions concerning the release of claims, the payment of the Settlement Amount, and Compliance.

Dated: 2/24/26

Alternative Staffing, Inc.

By: 

Steven Swerdloff

Its: President

Dated: 2/24/26

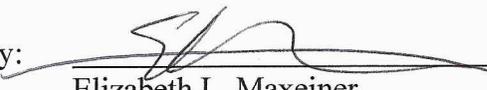
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