## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MARVIN GONG, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

NEPTUNE WELLNESS SOLUTIONS INC., MICHAEL CAMMARATA, TONI RINOW and MARTIN LANDRY

Defendants.

Case No. 2:21-cv-01386-ENV-ARL

## **CLASS ACTION**

Hon. Eric N. Vitaliano Hon. Arlene R. Lindsay

LEAD PLAINTIFF'S REPLY MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF (1) UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND (2) UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES, REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION EXPENSES, AND COMPENSATORY AWARD FOR PLAINTIFF

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Lead Plaintiff Kenneth Rickert ("Lead Plaintiff") respectfully submits this reply memorandum of law in support of the (1) Unopposed Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement (ECF 62); and (2) Unopposed Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees, Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, and Compensatory Award for Plaintiff (ECF 63).

The Court-ordered May 30, 2023 deadline for Settlement Class Members¹ to request exclusion from the Settlement or object to the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of the Settlement, Plan of Allocation, proposed attorneys' fees and expenses, and/or proposed compensatory award to Lead Plaintiff has lapsed. As of this filing, over 3,000 investors have filed proofs of claim seeking to participate in the Settlement, one anonymous person who may or may not be a Settlement Class Member has objected, and two exclusion requests have been received. *See* Supplemental Declaration of Eric A. Nordskog Regarding: (A) Mailing of the Postcard Notice; (B) Publication of the Summary Notice; and (C) Report on Requests for Exclusion and Objections ("Supp. Nordskog Decl."), attached as **Exhibit A**.² Further, as outlined in Lead Plaintiff's memorandum in support of final approval, the \$2,750,000 worth of Neptune stock issued as part of the Settlement qualifies as exempt from registration under Section 3(a)(10) of the Securities Act of 1933. *See* ECF 62-1 at 19-20.

Accordingly, the Settlement Class Members' reaction to the proposed Settlement, Plan of Allocation, proposed attorneys' fees and expenses, and proposed compensatory award to Lead

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms take the same meaning provided in the Stipulation of Settlement dated December 6, 2022 ("Settlement" or "Stipulation") (ECF 57-2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Although the Settlement Class includes only those who purchased their Neptune securities on the NASDAQ or another U.S. trading venue, Lead Plaintiff received one exclusion request from an investor who appears to have purchased her Neptune securities on a Canadian trading venue, and thus would not have been a member of the Settlement Class, irrespective of her request. *See* Supp. Nordskog Decl. ¶7, Exh. 1. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, Lead Plaintiff recommends that the Court give effect to the investor's request and exclude her from the Settlement Class.

Plaintiff strongly supports entering the [Proposed] Order of Final Judgment attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

## I. THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR PROVIDED NOTICE OF THE SETTLEMENT TO POTENTIAL CLASS MEMBERS

The Claims Administrator, A.B. Data Ltd. ("A.B. Data") initially mailed the Postcard Notice or e-mailed a link to the Notice and Proof of Claim to 34,471 potential Settlement Class Members. *See* ECF 64-2, ¶8. Since Lead Plaintiff filed his Unopposed Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement on May 23, 2023, 29,529 additional Postcard Notices were mailed or additional links of the Notice and Proof of Claim were e-mailed. *See* Supp. Nordskog Decl. ¶3. In total, 64,000 potential Settlement Class Members were notified of the Settlement either by mail or e-mail. *Id.* at ¶4.

On April 11, 2023, A.B. Data disseminated the Summary Notice electronically over *PR Newswire*. *See* ECF 64-2, ¶9. A.B. Data also established a website dedicated to the Settlement which included the online claim filing link, case deadlines, and important documents such as the Notice, the Preliminary Approval Order, and the Stipulation. *See* Supp. Nordskog Decl. ¶6. Further, A.B. Data has maintained a toll-free telephone number for potential Settlement Class Members. *Id.* at ¶5. This plan of notice cast a broad net to ensure that any potential Settlement Class Member had the opportunity to learn about and participate in the Settlement.

The May 21, 2023 claims filing deadline and the May 30, 2023 deadline for objections and requests for exclusions have passed. To date, there has been only one anonymous objection and two requests for exclusion from the Settlement. *Id.* at ¶¶7-9.

## II. THE LIMITED OBJECTION AND EXCLUSIONS STRONGLY SUPPORTS FINAL APPROVAL

"The reaction of the Class to the Settlement is a significant factor in assessing its fairness

and adequacy, and the absence of objections may itself be taken as evidencing the fairness of a settlement." City of Providence v. Aeropostale, Inc., 2014 WL 1883494, at \*5 (S.D.N.Y. May 9, 2014); see also In re Bear Stearns Companies, Inc. Sec., Derivative, & ERISA Litig., 909 F. Supp. 2d 259, 266 (S.D.N.Y. 2012). Here, after completing a robust notice program that included disseminating notice of the Settlement to 64,000 potential Settlement Class Members, publishing Summary Notice on a widely-distributed, business-oriented newswire, and hosting a comprehensive settlement website containing all Notice and Settlement-related materials, only one anonymous objection has been filed and two requests for exclusion from the Settlement have been received. See Supp. Nordskog Decl. ¶¶7-9. The anonymous objection, which was addressed in Lead Plaintiff's Memorandum of Law in Support of Unopposed Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement (see ECF 62-1 at 11), declined to provide the objector's name, contact information, or transactions. Id. Lead Plaintiff has been unable to find any further information about the objector and cannot ascertain whether the objector is an actual Settlement Class Member. At any rate, the objection demonstrates no deficiency with the Settlement, Plan of Allocation, or requests for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses.

The two exclusions likewise do not identify any substantive concerns. Both involved relatively small share amounts, and one appears to primarily involve purchases on Canadian exchanges which would not be included in this Action. Nonetheless, Lead Plaintiff and Counsel believe that the exclusions should be given effect, and have identified the two parties seeking exclusion on the exclusion list appended to the [Proposed] Order of Final Judgment.

The exceptionally low number of objections and exclusions is strong evidence of the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement. *See*, *e.g.*, *Rodriquez v. It's Just Lunch Int'l*, 2020 WL 1030983, at \*4–5 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 2, 2020); *In re MetLife Demutualization Litig.*,

689 F. Supp. 2d 297, 333 (E.D.N.Y. 2010) (collecting cases); *In re Glob. Crossing Sec. & ERISA Litig.*, 225 F.R.D. 436, 457 (S.D.N.Y. 2004). And, that no objection took issue with the proposed fee request, expense reimbursement request, or compensatory award to Lead Plaintiff, strongly favors granting those requests. *See Rodriquez*, 2020 WL 1030983, at \*11 (awarding the requested 31.5% in attorneys' fees over two objections, noting that "the relatively low number of objections weighs in favor of approving the attorneys' requested fees as reasonable").

## III. STOCK ISSUED TO THE SETTLEMENT FUND MEETS SECTION 3(a)(10)

In addition to the \$1,500,000 cash that has already been transferred to the Settlement Fund, the Settlement calls for \$2,750,000 worth of Neptune stock to be issued to the Settlement Fund thirty-one (31) days after final approval. ECF 57-2 at 12. That stock is to be issued pursuant to an exemption from registration under Section 3(a)(10) of the Securities Act of 1933. It will not be considered "restricted" stock and may later be sold with the proceeds delivered to the Settlement Fund. However, the Stipulation provides certain contractual limits on the amount of shares that can be sold each day to maintain orderly markets. ECF 57-2 at 12-13.

As outlined in Lead Plaintiff's opening brief, all three Section 3(a)(10) requirements are satisfied here. See ECF 62-1 at 19-20. The Settlement (1) provides for the issuance of securities as part of a settlement to extinguish bona fide claims; (2) provides for a fairness hearing for Neptune and all Settlement Class Members to attend; and (3) contains terms and conditions that are fair and represents a negotiated agreement between sophisticated parties. See Sabby Volatility Warrant Master Fund Ltd. v. Kiromic Biopharma, Inc., 2022 WL 16626898, at \*2 (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 2, 2022); U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Staff Legal Bull. No. 3a (Cf), Release No. SLB -3A (June 18, 2008). Courts both inside and outside of the Second Circuit have found that similar settlements have met all the requirements to qualify for the exemption from registration

under Section 3(a)(10) of the Securities Act of 1933. See, e.g., Sabby, 2022 WL 16626898, at \*2; YA II PN, Ltd. v. Taronis Techs., Inc., 435 F. Supp. 3d 622, 625–26 (S.D.N.Y. 2020); Chapel Invs., Inc. v. Cherubim Ints., Inc., 177 F. Supp. 3d 981, 986–91 (N.D. Tex. 2016); Oceana Capitol Grp. Ltd. v. Red Giant Ent., Inc., 150 F. Supp. 3d 1219, 1223 (D. Nev. 2015) (collecting cases); In re Tripath Tech., Inc., Sec. Litig., No. C 04 4681 SBA, 2006 WL 1009228, at \*2 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 18, 2006); In re Rite Aid Corp. Sec. Litig., No. 2:99-CV-1349 SD, 2001 WL 35963382, at \*2 (E.D. Pa. Aug. 16, 2001); Adams v. Amplidyne, Inc., No. CIV.A. 99-4468 (MLC), 2001 WL 34885324, at \*2 (D.N.J. Aug. 15, 2001).

The [Proposed] Order of Final Judgment attached hereto as  $\underline{Exhibit B}$  contains a finding that the requirements for Section 3(a)(10) of the Securities Act of 1933 are satisfied, which Lead Plaintiff understands is necessary for issuance. See  $\underline{Exhibit B}$  at ¶11.<sup>3</sup> Thus, Lead Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court find that Settlement qualifies for the Section 3(a)(10) exemption.

## IV. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, and those in the Unopposed Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement and the Unopposed Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees, Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, and Compensatory Award for Plaintiff, Lead Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court enter [Proposed] Order of Final Judgment submitted herewith as **Exhibit B**.

Dated: July 11, 2023 Respectfully submitted,

### POMERANTZ LLP

/s/ Christopher P.T. Tourek

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Paragraph 11 of the [Proposed] Order of Final Judgment attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u> contains more detailed language regarding the Section 3(a)(10) elements than the originally proposed Order of Final Judgment. Lead Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court enter the attached proposed Order rather than the originally proposed Order.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On July 11, 2023, the foregoing document was filed through the Court's ECF system and will be sent electronically to the registered participants as identified on the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF).

/s/ Christopher P.T. Tourek
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## **EXHIBIT A**

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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# SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF ERIC A. NORDSKOG REGARDING: (A) MAILING OF THE POSTCARD NOTICE; (B) PUBLICATION OF THE SUMMARY NOTICE; AND (C) REPORT ON REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSION AND OBJECTIONS

I, Eric A. Nordskog, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a Senior Project Manager of A.B. Data, Ltd.'s Class Action Administration Division ("A.B. Data")<sup>1</sup>, whose Corporate Office is located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Pursuant to the Court's March 16, 2023, Order granting preliminary approval of the class action settlement and plan of allocation; certification of the proposed class; and approval of the notice to the class (the "Preliminary Approval Order"), A.B. Data was authorized to act as the Settlement Administrator in connection with the Settlement in the above-captioned action (the "Action"). I am over 21 years of age and am not a party to this Action. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein and, if called as a witness, could and would testify competently thereto.
- 2. I submit this Declaration to supplement the Declaration of Eric A. Nordskog Regarding:

  (A) Mailing of the Postcard Notice; (B) Publication of the Summary Notice; and (C) Report on Requests

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized terms have the meanings set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement dated December 6, 2022 ("Stipulation"). ECF 57-2.

for Exclusion and Objections (the "Initial Mailing Declaration"), dated May 22, 2023, which was previously filed with the Court.

## **UPDATE ON MAILING OF THE POSTCARD NOTICE**

- 3. As more fully stated in my Initial Mailing Declaration, as of May 22, 2023, A.B. Data had mailed a total of 63,993 copies of the Postcard Notice to potential Settlement Class Members and nominees. Since the date of the Initial Mailing Declaration, A.B. Data has mailed seven (7) additional Postcard Notices at the request of three nominees and Settlement Class Members, and has re-mailed an additional 35 Postcard Notices, which were previously returned to A.B. Data by the USPS.
- 4. Therefore, as of July 6, 2023, A.B. Data has mailed a total of 64,000 Postcard Notices to potential Settlement Class Members.

## <u>UPDATE ON TELEPHONE HOTLINE AND WEBSITE</u>

- 5. On or about March 31, 2023, A.B. Data established a case-specific toll-free phone number, 877-254-8530, with an Interactive Voice Response system and live operators. An automated attendant answers all calls initially and presents callers with a series of choices to respond to basic questions. If callers need further help, they may speak to an operator during business hours. If an operator is not available or if a call is placed after hours, the caller is instructed to leave a voicemail message. A.B. Data promptly returns calls to callers who leave a voicemail message. Because A.B. Data strives to place each call with an operator when received, callers never have to endure long waits to speak to an operator.
- 6. A.B. Data has also established a case-specific website, <a href="https://www.NeptuneSecuritiesSettlement.com">www.NeptuneSecuritiesSettlement.com</a>, which provides general information regarding the case and its current status, as well as downloadable copies of the Postcard Notice, Long-Form Notice, Proof of Claim, and other court documents, including the Settlement Agreement.

### UPDATE ON REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSION AND OBJECTIONS

7. The Postcard Notice and the Long-Form Notice informed potential Settlement Class Members that written requests for exclusion are to be mailed to *Gong v. Neptune Wellness Solutions Inc.*, *et al.*, EXCLUSIONS, c/o A.B. Data, Ltd., P.O. Box 173001, Milwaukee, WI 53217 such that they are postmarked no later than May 30, 2023. A.B. Data has been monitoring all mail delivered to the post office box. As of the date of this Declaration, A.B. Data has received two (2) requests for exclusion, which are attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

- 8. According to the Long-Form Notice, Settlement Class Members seeking to object to the Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund, the Final Order and Judgment contemplated by the Stipulation, the application for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses, and/or the application for reimbursement of the reasonable time, costs, and expenses of Plaintiff are required to submit their objection in writing such that the request is received by the Parties and filed with the Court no later than May 30, 2023.
- 9. A.B. Data is aware an objection to the Settlement was filed with the Court on May 8, 2023 (ECF 61). As of the date of this Declaration, A.B. Data has not received any additional correspondence regarding this filing or any other misdirected objections.

### UPDATE ON CLAIMS RECEIVED TO DATE

10. Pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order, Proofs of Claim were to be submitted no later than May 21, 2023. As of the date of this Declaration, A.B. Data has received 3,004 Proofs of Claim.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

Eric A. Nordskog

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		OPC	CALL HEXO 02/21/20 5 HEXO	CORP	.,		
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		OPC	CALL RAD 07/17/20 14 RITE A	D CORPORATION			
USD .	07/02/20	5.0000	BUY	3.950	1,991.20 DR	•	
		OPC	GALL NGD   08/21/20   1 NEW GO	DEDING			
USD	04/01/20	25.0000	` SELL	0.100			214.99
USD	04/24/20	25.0000	SELL	0.200	,		464.98
USD	06/10/20	50.0000	BUY	0.400	2,035.00 DR		
		OPC	CALL HEXO: 03/20/20 2 HEXO	CORP			
USD	02/25/20	100,0000	SELL	0.050	And the second s		464.98
USD	03/23/20	100.0000	EXPIRED				
		OPC	CALL TD 01/15/21 47.50 TORC BANK	INTO DOMINION			
USD	11/19/20	10.0000	SELL	5.080			5,057.43
USD	12/22/20	10.0000	BUY	8.200	8,222.45 DR		
			CALL NEPT 05/21/21 4 NERTU SOLUTIONS INC	NE WELLNESS			
USD	10/28/20	, 20.0000	SELL	0.200			365.04
		OPC	CALUNEPT 06/19/20 3 NERTUI SOLUTIONS INC	NE WELLNESS			
USD	06/11/20	20.0000	SELL	0.309		•	583.02
USD	06/22/20	20.0000	EXPIRED	*****************************			
		OPC:	- CALL TD 08/21/20 - 50 TORONT	O DOMINION BANK			
USD	06/22/20	10.0000	SELL	0.750			727,53
USD	08/24/20	10.0000	EXPIRED				
		- OPC	CALL RAD 11/20/20 16 RITE AL				
USD	09/24/20	7.0000	SELL	1.050	•		716.28
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USD	07/02/20 07/20/20	5.0000	SELL	4.750	4 404 00 00		2,358.74
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1100	00/04/00	OPC	CALUTD 06/19/20 45 TORONT				707.50
USD	06/01/20	10.0000	SELL	0.760	170 15 55		737.53
USD	06/22/20	10.0000	BUY	0.450	472.45 DR		

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USD	08/26/20	•	20.0000		SELL	0.350				665.03
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		OPG		CALL TD 11/20/20 BANK	47.50 TORONTO	DOMINION				
USD	11/06/20		10.0000	NY OF THE CONTROL OF	ŚELL	0.300				277.54
USD	11/19/20		10.0000		BUY	4.700		4,722.45 DR		
		OPC		CALL TD 10/16/20	55 TORONTO D	OMINION BANK				
USD	09/09/20		10.0000		SELL	0.055				32.53
USD	10/19/20		10.0000		EXPIRED					
		OPC		CALL NGD 01/15/2	1' 1.50 NEW GO	LD INC				
USD	03/09/20		15.0000		SELL	0.100		1		<b>12</b> 1.29
USD	11/25/20		40.0000	a transfer and a second and the second	BUY	0.300		1,235.00 DR		
		OPC		ÇALL RAD 09/25/20	14 RITE AID C	ORPORATION				
USD	09/09/20		7.0000		SELL	0.600				401.29
USD	09/24/20		7.0000		BUY	0.760		550.70 DR	· · ·	
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CAD	06/03/21		500.0000		SELL		0.175		•	80.50	87.00
CAD	06/03/21		9,500.0000		SELL		0.190			1,529.50	1,795.55
CAD	07/09/21	,	2,500.0000		BUY.		0.150		377.49 DR	•	
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CAD	05/28/21		20.0000		SELL.	•	0.060				85.05
CAD	08/23/21		20,0000	•	EXPIRED			<b>.</b>			
TOTAL TRAN	SACTIONS/TOTA	DES TRANSACTIONS C	AD			1.0			3,157 40 DR	1,610.00	2,132.65

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USD	01/22/21	.0000	BUY	78.680	95 DR	
USD	04/30/21		SELL	75.000	3.95	
USD	05/03/21	.0000	BUY	95.425	7.45 DR	
		SHS HEXO.C	ORP COM NEW	4283	04307	
USD	01/20/21	3,000,0000	SELL	6.000	17,810.60	

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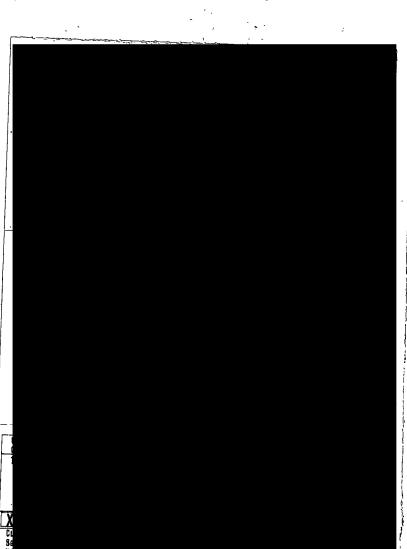
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## **EXHIBIT B**

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MARVIN GONG, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Case No. 2:21-cv-01386-ENV-ARL

Plaintiff,

**CLASS ACTION** 

v.

Hon. Eric N. Vitaliano Hon. Arlene R. Lindsay

NEPTUNE WELLNESS SOLUTIONS INC., MICHAEL CAMMARATA, TONI RINOW, and MARTIN LANDRY

Defendants.

## [PROPOSED] FINAL APPROVAL ORDER

On the 18th day of July, 2023 a hearing having been held before this Court to determine: (1) whether the terms and conditions of the Stipulation of Settlement dated December 6, 2022 ("Stipulation") are fair, reasonable, and adequate for the settlement of all claims asserted by the Class in this Action, including the release of Plaintiff's Released Claims and Defendants' Released Claims, and should be approved; (2) whether judgment should be entered dismissing this Action with prejudice; (3) whether to approve the proposed Plan of Allocation as a fair and reasonable method to allocate the Net Settlement Fund among Class Members; (4) whether and in what amount to award attorneys' fees to Class Counsel; (5) whether and in what amount to award Class Counsel reimbursement of litigation expenses; and (6) whether and in what amount to award compensation to Lead Plaintiff.

The Court having considered all matters submitted to it at the hearing and otherwise; and it appearing in the record that the Summary Notice substantially in the form approved by the Court in the Court's Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action

Settlement, dated March 16, 2023 ("Preliminary Approval Order") was published; the Mailed Notice and Proof of Claim were mailed or emailed to all reasonably identifiable Class Members, and the Notice, Proof of Claim, and other settlement documents were posted to the Settlement website; all in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order and the specifications of the Court; and

### NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

- 1. This Final Approval Order incorporates by reference the definitions in the Stipulation, and all capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meanings as set forth therein.
  - 2. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action.
- 3. The Court finds that, for settlement purposes only, the prerequisites for a class action under Rule 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure have been satisfied in that:
  - (a) the number of Class Members is so numerous that joinder of all members thereof is impracticable;
  - (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Class;
  - (c) the claims of Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the Class he seeks to represent;
  - (d) Plaintiff and Class Counsel fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Class;
  - (e) questions of law and fact common to the members of the Class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Class; and
  - (f) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this Action, considering:

- i. the interests of Class Members in individually controlling the prosecution of the separate actions;
- ii. the extent and nature of any litigation concerning the controversy already commenced by Class Members;
- iii. the desirability or undesirability of concentrating the litigation of these claims in this particular forum; and
- iv. the difficulties likely to be encountered in the management of the class action.

The Class is being certified for settlement purposes only.

4. The Court hereby finally certifies this action as a class action for purposes of the Settlement, pursuant to Rule 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on behalf of Pursuant to Rule 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and for the purposes of the Settlement only, the Action is hereby certified as a class action on behalf of all persons and entities that purchased or otherwise acquired Neptune Wellness Solutions, Inc. ("Neptune") securities on the NASDAQ or another U.S. trading venue between July 24, 2019, and July 15, 2021, both dates inclusive (the "Class Period"). Excluded from the class are Defendants, any former or current officer or director of Neptune, any entity in which any defendant (alone or in combination with other defendant(s)) has or had a controlling interest, and any affiliates, family members, legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns of any of the persons or entities described in this sentence. Also excluded are those Class members who have timely and validly excluded themselves from the Class in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Mailed Notice and Preliminary Approval Order, as listed on Exhibit A hereto.

- 5. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, for the purposes of this Settlement only, Lead Plaintiff is certified as the class representative on behalf of the Class and Class Counsel previously selected by him and appointed by the Court is hereby appointed as counsel for the Class.
- 6. In accordance with the Court's Preliminary Approval Order, the Court hereby finds that the forms and methods of notifying the Class of the Settlement and its terms and conditions met the requirements of due process, Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Section 21D(a)(7) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(7), as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995; constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances; and constituted due and sufficient notice of these proceedings and the matters set forth herein, including the Settlement and Plan of Allocation, to all Persons entitled to such notice. No Class Member is relieved from the terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the releases provided for in the Stipulation, based upon the contention or proof that such Class Member failed to receive actual or adequate notice. A full opportunity has been offered to the Class Members to object to the proposed Settlement and to participate in the hearing thereon. The Court further finds that the notice provisions of the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1715, were fully discharged. Thus, it is hereby determined that all Class Members are bound by this Final Approval Order except those Persons listed on Exhibit A hereto.
- 7. The Settlement is approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and in the best interests of the Class. This Court further finds that the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation is the result of good faith, arm's-length negotiations between experienced counsel representing the interests of Plaintiff, Class Members, and

Defendants. The Parties are directed to consummate the Settlement in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Stipulation.

- 8. The Action and all claims contained therein, as well as all of Plaintiff's Released Claims, are dismissed with prejudice. The Parties are to bear their own costs, except as otherwise provided in the Stipulation.
  - 9. The Court orders that:
  - (a) In accordance with 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(f)(7)(A), any and all claims for contribution, equitable indemnity, or any claims however designated that seek equivalent relief are hereby permanently barred and discharged if the claim or claims: (1) arise out of the Action or any Plaintiff's Released Claim; and (2) are filed by any Person against Defendants; except that Defendants expressly reserve the right to seek contribution, equitable indemnity, or any claim seeking equivalent relief against any Person whose liability has been extinguished by the Settlement.
  - (b) Any and all Class Members and other Persons are permanently barred, enjoined, and restrained from commencing, prosecuting, or asserting any of the Plaintiff's Released Claims, however styled, (hereafter the "Complete Bar Order"). All such claims are hereby extinguished, discharged, satisfied, and unenforceable.
  - (c) If any term of the Complete Bar Order entered by the Court is held to be unenforceable after the date of entry, such provision shall be substituted with such other provision as may be necessary to afford the fullest protection permitted by law from any claim that is based upon, arises out of, or relates to any Plaintiff's Released Claim.

- (d) Notwithstanding the Complete Bar Order or anything else in the Stipulation, nothing shall release, interfere with, limit, or bar the assertion by any Defendant of any claim for or defense to the availability of insurance coverage under any insurance, reinsurance or indemnity policy that provides coverage respecting the conduct at issue in this Action, except as limited by the insurance agreement.
- 10. Plaintiff and Class Members, on behalf of themselves, their successors and assigns, and any other Person claiming (now or in the future) through or on behalf of them, regardless of whether such person submits a Proof of Claim or obtains any disbursement from the Settlement Fund, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of this Final Approval Order shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged all Plaintiff's Released Claims. Plaintiff and Class Members shall be deemed to have, and by operation of this Order shall have, covenanted not to sue with respect to any and all Plaintiff's Released Claims in any forum and in any capacity. Plaintiff and Class Members shall be and hereby are permanently barred and enjoined from commencing or prosecuting any Plaintiff's Released Claim in any forum or capacity. Defendants, on behalf of themselves, their successors and assigns, and any other persons claiming (now or in the future) through or on behalf of him, similarly release and are permanently barred and enjoined from pursuing Defendants' Released Claims. Nothing contained herein shall, however, bar Plaintiff or Defendants from bringing any action or claim to enforce the terms of the Stipulation or this Final Approval Order.
- 11. The stock to be issued by Neptune as part of the Settlement qualifies for the exemption under Section 3(a)(10) of the Securities Act of 1933. The stock constitutes partial consideration for resolving a bona fide dispute, and the Court has approved the exchange as fair after a hearing in which the parties involved had the opportunity to be heard. Such shares shall

not bear a restricted legend and may be resold subject to the contractual limitations set forth in the Stipulation. *See, generally, YA II PN, Ltd. v. Taronis Techs., Inc.*, 435 F. Supp. 3d 622, 626 ("Because the Court approves the exchange as fair, the shares can be resold immediately as unrestricted and freely tradeable exempted securities pursuant to Section 3(a)(10).") (quotation and citation omitted); *Oceana Capitol Grp. Ltd. v. Red Giant Ent., Inc.*, 150 F. Supp. 3d 1219, 1223 (D. Nev. 2015) (collecting cases).

- 12. The Clerk of this Court shall enter Judgment dismissing this Action with prejudice.
- 13. The Court hereby finds that the proposed Plan of Allocation is a fair and reasonable method to allocate the Net Settlement Fund among Class Members, and Class Counsel and the Settlement Administrator are directed to administer the Plan of Allocation in accordance with its terms and the terms of the Stipulation.
- 14. The Court awards fees to Class Counsel of \_\_\_\_\_% of the cash contributed and stock to be contributed to the Net Settlement Fund (and any interest thereon), and reimbursement of expenses to Class Counsel in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_, all to be paid from the Settlement Fund. The Court also awards Lead Plaintiff a compensatory award in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_, also to be paid from the Settlement Fund.
- 15. The Court finds that the Parties and their counsel have complied with all requirements of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Private Securities Litigation Record Act of 1995 as to all proceedings herein.
- 16. Neither this Order, the Stipulation (nor the Settlement contained therein), nor any of its terms and provisions, nor any of the negotiations, documents or proceedings connected with them:

- (a) is or may be deemed to be, or may be used as an admission, concession, or evidence of, the validity or invalidity of Plaintiff's Released Claims, the truth or falsity of any fact alleged by Plaintiff, the sufficiency or deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in the Action, or of any wrongdoing, liability, negligence or fault of Defendants;
- (b) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, any fault or misrepresentation or omission with respect to any statement or written document attributed to, approved or made by Defendants in any civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal;
- (c) is or may be deemed to be or shall be used, offered, or received against Plaintiff or Defendants as an admission, concession or evidence of the validity or invalidity of the Released Claims, the infirmity or strength of any claim raised in the Action, the truth or falsity of any fact alleged by the Plaintiff or the Class, or the availability or lack of availability of meritorious defenses to the claims raised in the Action;
- (d) is or may be deemed to be or shall be construed as or received in evidence as an admission or concession against Plaintiff or Defendants that any claim is with or without merit, that a litigation class should or should not be certified, that damages recoverable in the Action would have been greater or less than the Settlement Fund or that the consideration to be given pursuant to the Stipulation represents an amount equal to, less than or greater than the amount which could have or would have been recovered after trial.

- 17. This Order may be filed in any other action that may be brought with respect to any of Plaintiff's Released Claims or Defendants' Released Claims to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of res judicata, collateral estoppel, full faith and credit, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction, or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim. The Parties may file the Stipulation and/or this Order in any proceedings that may be necessary to consummate or enforce the Stipulation, the Settlement, or this Order.
- 18. Except as otherwise provided herein or in the Stipulation, all funds held by the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to be *in custodia legis* and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until such time as the funds are distributed or returned pursuant to the Stipulation and/or further order of the Court.
- 19. Without affecting the finality of this Order in any way, this Court hereby retains continuing exclusive jurisdiction regarding the administration, interpretation, effectuation, or enforcement of the Stipulation and this Order, and including any application for fees and expenses incurred in connection with administering and distributing the Settlement proceeds to the Class Members.
- 20. Without further order of the Court, Defendants and Plaintiff may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Stipulation.
- 21. The finality of this Order is not contingent on rulings that the Court may make on any application in the Action for fees or expenses to Class Counsel, or compensatory awards to Lead Plaintiff.
- 22. If the Settlement is not consummated in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, then the Stipulation and this Order shall be null and void, of no further force or effect,

and without prejudice to any Party, and may not be introduced as evidence or used in any action or proceeding by any Person against the Parties, and each Party shall be restored to his, her or its respective litigation positions as they existed prior to October 10, 2022, pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023

Hon. Arlene R. Lindsay
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE DISTRICT JUDGE