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## FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON DIVISION

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v,

EXCELLENT MARKETING RESULTS, INC., a corporation, and

MICHAEL MCGAHEE, individually and as an officer of EXCELLENT MARKETING RESULTS, INC.,

Defendants.

Case No. 20-10249 -TSH

STIPULATED ORDER FOR PERMANENT INJUNCTION AND MONETARY JUDGMENT

Plaintiff, the Federal Trade Commission ("Commission" or "FTC"), filed its Complaint

for Permanent Injunction and Other Equitable Relief ("Complaint"), for a permanent injunction,

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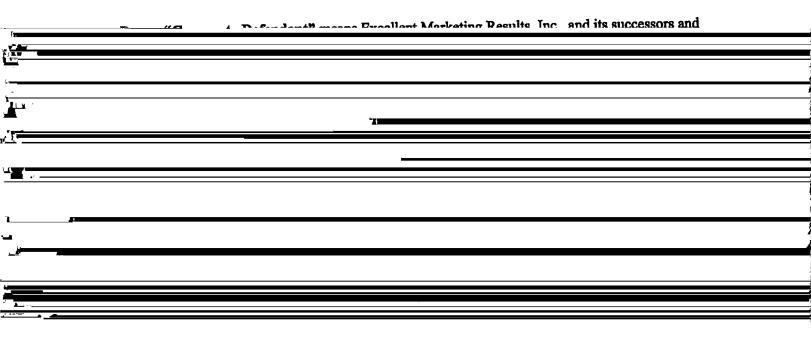
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that it is easily noticed, read, and understood.

An audible disclosure, including by telephone or streaming video, must be 3. delivered in a volume, speed, and cadence sufficient for ordinary consumers to easily hear and understand it.

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C. "Covered Product" means any Dietary Supplement, Food, or Drug, including but not limited to StimTein.

D. "Defendants" means the Individual Defendant and Corporate Defendant, individually, collectively, or in any combination.

E. "Dietary Supplement" means: (1) any product labeled as a dietary supplement or otherwise represented as a dietary supplement; or (2) any pill, tablet, capsule, powder, softgel, gelcap, liquid, or other similar form containing one or more ingredients that are a vitamin,

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- C. Provides rapid, substantial, or long-lasting relief from joint pain, including chronic or severe pain caused by arthritis, bursitis, and stenosis; or
- D. Cures, mitigates, or treats any disease

unless the representation is non-misleading, and, at the time of making such representation, they possess and rely upon competent and reliable scientific evidence substantiating that the representation is true. For purposes of this Section, competent and reliable scientific evidence must consist of human clinical testing of the Covered Product, or of an Essentially Equivalent Product, that is sufficient in quality and quantity based on standards generally accepted by experts in the relevant

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entire body of relevant and reliable scientific evidence, to substantiate that the representation is true.

Such testing must be: (1) randomized, double-blind, and placebo-controlled; and (2) conducted by

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testing to substantiate that the representation is true. In addition, when such tests or studies are human clinical tests or studies, all underlying or supporting data and documents generally accepted by experts in the field as relevant to an assessment of such testing as set forth in the section entitled Preservation of Records Relating to Competent and Reliable Human Clinical Tests or Studies must be available for inspection and production to the Commission. Persons covered by this Section have

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C. The existence, contents, validity, results, conclusions, or interpretations of any test, study, or other research.

#### **IV.**

# PROHIBITED MISREPRESENTATIONS

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, their officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or indirectly, in connection with the manufacturing, labeling, advertising, promotion, offering for sale, sale, or distribution of any good or service, are permanently restrained and enjoined from misrepresenting, in any manner,

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other individual or entity affiliated with the good or service. For the purposes of this provision,

or credibility of the testimonial or endorsement and that would not reasonably be expected by consumers.

#### VI.

#### FDA-APPROVED CLAIMS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that nothing in this Order prohibits Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, or all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them from:

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## PRESERVATION OF RECORDS RELATING TO COMPETENT AND RELIABLE HUMAN CLINICAL TESTS OR STUDIES

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, with regard to any human clinical test or study ("test")

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	and preserve all underlying or supporting data and documents generally accepted by experts in the
	field as relevant to an assessment of the test, including:

A. All protocols and protocol amendments, reports, articles, write-ups, or other accounts of the

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regults of the test and drafts of such documents reviewed by the test sponsor or any other

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*Provided, however,* the preceding preservation requirement does not apply to a reliably reported test, unless the test was conducted, controlled, or sponsored, in whole or in part by: (1) any Defendant; (2) any Defendant's officers, agents, representatives, or employees; (3) any other person or entity in active concert or participation with any Defendant; (4) any person or entity affiliated with or acting on behalf of any Defendant; (5) any supplier of any ingredient contained in the product at issue to any of the foregoing or to the product's manufacturer; or (6) the supplier or manufacturer of such product.

For purposes of this Section, "reliably reported test" means a report of the test has been published in a peer-reviewed journal, and such published report provides sufficient information about the test for experts in the relevant field to assess the reliability of the results.

For any test conducted controlled or sponsored, in whole or in part, by Defendants,

Defendants must establish and maintain reasonable procedures to protect the confidentiality, security, and integrity of any personal information collected from or about participants. These procedures must be documented in writing and must contain administrative, technical, and physical safeguards

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	purpose other than payment to the Commission. Such payment must be made within 7 days of
	entry of this Order by electronic fund transfer in accordance with instructions previously
	provided by a representative of the Commission. Upon such payment, the remainder of the
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# B. Defendants are ordered to pay to the Commission One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand

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	to Commission counsel Mary Johnson dated October 8, 2019.
	D. The suspension of the judgment will be lifted as to any Defendant if, upon motion
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	C. The facts alleged in the Complaint establish all elements necessary to sustain an
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	§ 523(a)(2)(A), and this Order will have collateral estoppel effect for such purposes.
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A. Failing to provide sufficient customer information to enable the Commission to

efficiently administer consumer redress. If a representative of the Commission requests in writing

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other reasonable notice, at such places and times as a Commission representative may designate, without the service of a subpoena.

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#### NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

In the FURTHER OBRERED that within 30 days of the entry of this Order:

A. Corporate Defendant shall send by first-class mail an exact copy of the notice

attached as Attachment A, showing the date of the mailing, to any consumer who, as of the date of

entry of this Order, purchased StimTein on or after January 1, 2016.

B. Corporate Defendant's name and return address, for any mailing, must appear on the

front of the envelope, and the customer's name and address must be printed on the front of the

envelope or he visible through a window in the envelope. The notice required by this Section shall

not include any other document or enclosures.

#### XIII.

#### ORDER ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants obtain acknowledgments of receipt of this

Order:

and representatives who participate in conduct related to the subject matter of the Order; and (3) any

huginess entity resulting from any change in structure as set forth in the Section titled Compliance

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#### Additionally, Individual Defendant must: (a) identify all telephone numbers 2.

and all physical, postal, email and Internet addresses, including all residences; (b) identify all -----2.4 Ύμ. . ..... <u>- in 5-</u>

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E. All records necessary to demonstrate full compliance with each provision of this

Order, including all submissions to the Commission.

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# **COMPLIANCE MONITORING**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for the purpose of monitoring Defendants' compliance

with this Order:

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D. Upon written request from a representative of the Commission, any consumer reporting agency must furnish consumer reports concerning Individual Defendant, pursuant to Section 604(1) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(a)(1).

#### XVII.

#### **RETENTION OF JURISDICTION**

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of construction, modification, and enforcement of this Order.

SO ORDERED this day of Ich 19, 2020 un

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

SO STIPULATED AND AGREED:

FOR DEFENDANT EXCELLENT MARKETING RESULTS, INC.: Date: 11/4/19

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Phone: 954-374-7722 Fax: 954-212-0170 Email: <u>vbilloo@ilp.law</u> COUNSEL FOR EXCELLENT MARKETING RESULTS, INC.

**DEFENDANTS:** 

MICHAEL McGAHEE, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS AN OFFICER OF EXCELLENT MARKETING RESULTS, INC.

#### ATTACHMENT A

#### [On EMR letterhead]

## [on envelope]

# IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT STIMTEIN COURT SETTLEMENT

# [content of letter, 16-point font]

Dear [Recipient]:

We're writing because you bought StimTein pills that we claimed had many health benefits. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation's consumer protection agency, sued us for deceptive advertising.

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