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14	DOLAR, individually and on behalf of		
15	other similarly situated individuals,	FINAL JUDGMENT AND ORDER APPROVING AMENDED	
16	Plaintiffs,	<u>SETTLEMENT</u>	
17	V.	Hearing Date: November 5, 2020	
18	v.	Time: 9:30 a.m. Location: Courtroom 10C, Santa Ana	
19	MOPHIE, INC., a California	Judge Hon. James V. Selna	
20	corporation,		
21	Defendant.		
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2	WHEREAS, this matter came before the Court for hearing on November 5,	
3	2020 (the "Settlement Hearing"), on motion of Plaintiffs in the above-captioned	
4	action (the "Action") to, among other things, determine (i) whether the terms and	
5	conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement dated as of October 1, 2020 (the	
6	"Settlement Agreement"), as amended on October 26, 2020 (the "Amendment")	
7	(collectively, the "Amended Settlement Agreement"), are fair, reasonable, and	
8	adequate and should be approved by the Court; and (ii) whether a judgment	
9	providing for, among other things, the entry of an injunction and the dismissal with	
10	prejudice of the Action against Defendant as provided for in the Amended	
11	Settlement Agreement, should be entered; and	
12	WHEREAS, at the Settlement Hearing, Plaintiffs moved for approval of the	
13	Amended Settlement Agreement and the grant of Service Awards; and	
14	WHEREAS, at the Settlement Hearing, Class Counsel moved for an award of	
15	Class Counsel's Fees and Expenses; and	
16	WHEREAS, the Settlement Hearing was duly held before this Court; and	
17	WHEREAS, this Court has considered all matters submitted to it at the	
18	Settlement Hearing, and all papers filed in this Action, and proceedings had herein,	
19	and otherwise being fully informed in the premises, and finds that there is good	
20	cause appearing therefore.	
21	NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:	
22	1. The Amended Settlement Agreement is incorporated by reference in this	
23	Judgment and Order as though fully set forth herein. All capitalized terms used herein	
24	shall have the meanings set forth in the Settlement Agreement and the Amendment	
25	thereto.	
26	2. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action and over	
27	all parties to the Action, including all Class Members.	
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3. Pursuant to Rules 23(a) and (b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil
 Procedure, and for the purposes of the settlement only, the Action is hereby finally
 certified as a class action on behalf of all persons who purchased any of the Covered
 Products within the United States.

5 4. The Court finds, for the purposes of the settlement only, that the prerequisites for a class action under Rules 23(a) and (b)(2) of the Federal Rules of 6 7 Civil Procedure have been satisfied in that: (a) the number of class members in the 8 Settlement Class is so numerous that joinder of all members thereof is impracticable; 9 (b) there are questions of law or fact common to the Settlement Class; (c) the claims 10 of Plaintiffs are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class they seek to represent; (d) Plaintiffs and Class Counsel have and will fairly and adequately represent the 11 interests of the Settlement Class; and (e) Defendant has acted or refused to act on 12 13 grounds that apply generally to the Settlement Class, so that final injunctive relief is 14 appropriate with respect to the class as a whole.

5. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and for the
 purposes of the Settlement only, Plaintiffs Dan Dolar and Michael Young are certified
 as the Class Representatives and E. Michelle Drake of the law firm of Berger
 Montague P.C. and D. Greg Blankinship of the law firm of Finkelstein, Blankinship,
 Frei-Pearson & Garber, LLP are certified to serve as Class Counsel, and for no other
 purpose.

6. The Court finds that notice to the Settlement Class is unnecessary,
notwithstanding the Class Injunctive Release by the Settlement Class, because the
settlement falls under Rule 23(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and,
pursuant to Section 5 of the Settlement Agreement, the Class Injunctive Release does
not extend to any claims or potential claims for monetary damages that any member
of the Settlement Class may have against Mophie or any of the Mophie Entities,
except to the Plaintiffs who provided full and complete general releases of all Claims.

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7. The Court finds also that the appropriate state and federal officials were
 timely notified of the Amended Settlement Agreement under the Class Action
 Fairness Act of 2005 (CAFA), 28 U.S.C. § 1715, and that ninety (90) days have
 passed without comment or objection from any government entity.

5 8. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, this Court hereby approves the settlement as set forth in the Amended Settlement Agreement 6 7 and finds that settlement, including but not limited to the terms of the Settlement 8 Agreement and the Amendment thereto, is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and 9 adequate, and in the best interests of the members of the Settlement Class, including 10 the Class Representatives. This Court further finds that the settlement set forth in the Amended Settlement Agreement is the result of arm's-length negotiations between 11 12 experienced counsel representing the interests of the Parties, and that Class Counsel 13 has concluded that the proposed settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. 14 Accordingly, the settlement embodied in the Amended Settlement Agreement is 15 hereby approved in all respects and shall be consummated in accordance with the 16 terms and provisions of the Settlement Agreement and Amendment thereto.

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9. The Action and all claims asserted therein are dismissed with prejudice and without costs, as such costs are identified in 28 U.S.C. § 1920.

19 10. Class Counsel are hereby awarded attorney fees and expenses ("Class
20 Counsel Fees and Expenses") of \$325,000, which sum the Court finds to be fair and
21 reasonable. In making this award, the Court has considered and found that:

(a) The Action involves complex factual and legal issues, was actively
prosecuted, and, in the absence of the Settlement, would involve further lengthy
proceedings with uncertain resolution of the complex factual and legal issues;

(b) E. Michelle Drake of the law firm of Berger Montague P.C. and D. Greg
Blankinship and his firm of Finkelstein, Blankinship, Frei-Pearson & Garber, LLP
skillfully and zealously pursued the Action on behalf of the Plaintiffs and the Class;

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(c) The hourly rates charged by Class Counsel are reasonable;

(d) Had Class Counsel not achieved the settlement, there would remain a
 significant risk that Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class would recover nothing from
 the Defendant;

4 (e) The amount of the Class Counsel Fees and Expenses awarded herein is
5 consistent with awards in similar cases; and

6 (f) Class Counsel shall be responsible for allocating and distributing the
7 Class Counsel Fees and Expenses to Plaintiffs' counsel.

8 11. The Court finds that an award to Plaintiffs for their time and effort in
9 representing the Settlement Class in the prosecution of the Action is fair and
10 reasonable, and thus awards each of the Plaintiffs a Service Award in the amount of
11 \$5,000.00.

12 12. This Judgment and Order, the Settlement Agreement and Amendment
13 thereto, any of their terms and provisions, any of the negotiations or proceedings
14 connected with it, and any of the documents or statements referred to therein:

(a) shall not be offered or received against Defendant or any other Released
Party as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption,
concession, or admission by Defendant or the Mophie Entities with respect to the truth
of any fact alleged by the Plaintiffs or the validity of any claim that was or could have
been asserted against any Defendant or the Mophie Entities in the Action or in any
litigation, or of any liability, fault, misconduct, or wrongdoing of any kind of any of
the Defendant or the Mophie Entities;

(b) Shall not be offered or received against Defendant or the Mophie Entities
as evidence of a presumption, concession, or admission of any liability, fault,
misconduct, or wrongdoing by any Defendant or the Mophie Entities or against the
Plaintiffs or any member of the Settlement Class as evidence of any infirmity in the
claims of the Plaintiffs or the other members of the Settlement Class;

(c) Shall not be offered or received against Defendant or the Mophie
Entities, or against Plaintiffs or any other member of the Settlement Class, as evidence

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of a presumption, concession, or admission with respect to any liability, fault, 1 misconduct, or wrongdoing of any kind, or in any way referred to for any other reason 2 3 as against any Defendant or the Mophie Entities, in any other civil, criminal, 4 regulatory or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Amended Settlement Agreement and 5 this Judgment and Order; provided, however, that Defendant or any of the other 6 7 Mophie Entities may refer to this Judgment and Order and the Amended Settlement 8 Agreement to effectuate the protection from liability granted them thereunder;

9 (d) Shall not be construed against any Defendant or the Mophie Entities, or
10 against Plaintiffs or any other member of the Settlement Class as an admission,
11 concession, or presumption that the consideration to be given hereunder represents
12 the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial; and

(e) Shall not be construed against Plaintiffs or any other member of the
Settlement Class as an admission, concession, or presumption that any of their claims
are without merit or that damages would not be recoverable under the Complaint or
Amended Complaint in this Action.

17 13. The Court reserves jurisdiction, without affecting in any way the finality
18 of this Judgment and Order, over (a) the implementation and enforcement of this
19 Settlement; (b) enforcing and administering this Judgment and Order; and (c) other
20 matters related or ancillary to the foregoing.

21 14. In the event that this Judgment and Order does not become Final or the 22 Settlement is terminated pursuant to the terms of the Amended Settlement Agreement, 23 then this Judgment and Order shall be rendered null and void to the extent provided 24 by and in accordance with the Amended Settlement Agreement, and shall be vacated 25 to the extent provided by the Amended Settlement Agreement and, in such event: (a) all Orders entered and releases delivered in connection herewith shall be null and void 26to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Amended Settlement Agreement; 27 28and (b) the fact of the Settlement shall not be admissible in any trial of the Action and

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the Settling Parties shall be deemed to have reverted to their respective status in the
 Action immediately prior to October 1, 2020.

3 15. Without further order of the Court, the parties may agree to reasonable
4 extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Amended Settlement
5 Agreement.

6 16. There is no just reason for delay in the entry of this Judgment and Order
7 and immediate entry by the Clerk of the Court is expressly directed.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, THE COURT HEREBY ENTERS THE FOLLOWING9 INJUNCTION:

The following pertains to all Covered Products ordered by Mophie from
manufacturers 90 days or more after the date of final approval of the settlement (by
entry of this Judgment and Order in the form approved by the Parties and in
compliance with Section 8 of the Amended Settlement Agreement):

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In circumstances where Mophie includes the mAh rating on its
 package, where the rating is determined based on the capacity of the internal battery,
 Mophie shall use the following or substantially similar language: "contains a XXXX
 mAh internal battery".

Mophie has no obligation to revise packaging for products that were
 ordered by Mophie from manufacturers prior to the expiration of 90 days after the
 date of final approval of the settlement (by entry of this Judgment and Order in the
 form approved by the Parties and in compliance with Section 8 of the Amended
 Settlement Agreement).

3. If Mophie references the mAh rating on its website for a product where the rating is determined based on the capacity of the internal battery, not later than 90 days after the date of final approval of the settlement (by entry of this Judgment and Order in the form approved by the Parties and in compliance with Section 8 of the Amended Settlement Agreement), Mophie shall include the following or

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substantially similar language on the website for that product: "contains a XXXX
 mAh internal battery".

Nothing in this Judgment and Order shall preclude Mophie from making further
changes to any of its product labels or marketing that (1) Mophie reasonably believes
are necessary to comply with applicable rules, guidelines, or decisions, or any other
statute, regulation, or other law of any kind; (2) are permitted by product changes or
additional testing or development work and/or to ensure Mophie provides accurate
product descriptions; or (3) are more detailed than those required by this Amended
Settlement Agreement.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, WITH RESPECT TO RELEASES, THE COURT11 HEREBY ORDERS THE FOLLOWING:

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1. The Amended Settlement Agreement, as incorporated in this Judgment 13 and Order, shall be the sole and exclusive remedy for any and all Claims of all 14 Parties against all other Parties. No Party shall be subject to liability of any kind to 15 any Party with respect to any Claim. As of the Effective Date, and excepting only 16 the obligations created by the Amended Settlement Agreement, the Parties shall be 17 permanently barred and enjoined from initiating, asserting, and/or prosecuting any 18 Claim against any other Party in any court or any forum, as specified in Section 4 19 of the Amended Settlement Agreement. 20

2. As of the Effective Date, each Party shall be deemed to have released
and forever discharged each of the other Parties of and from any and all liability for
any and all Claims, as specified in Section 4 of the Amended Settlement Agreement.

3. As of the Effective Date, the Settlement Class shall be deemed to have
released and forever discharged Mophie and each of the Mophie Entities of and from
any and all injunctive relief, consistent with the Class Injunctive release, as specified
in Section 5 of the Amended Settlement Agreement.

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As of the Effective Date, without further action, for good and valuable

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consideration, as specified in Section 4 of the Amended Settlement Agreement,
Plaintiffs and Mophie shall be deemed to have fully, finally, and forever expressly
waived and relinquished with respect to the Claims, any and all provisions, rights,
and benefits of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code and any and all similar
provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the
United States or principle of common law that is similar, comparable, or equivalent
to Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

12 5. As of the Effective Date, each of the Parties shall be deemed to have
released and forever discharged each of the Parties and their respective counsel, for
all Claims, except to enforce terms and conditions contained in the Amended
Settlement Agreement.

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6. The Court shall retain exclusive and continuing jurisdiction over the
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Parties and the members of the Settlement Class to interpret and enforce the terms,
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conditions, and obligations this Judgment and Order and the Amended Settlement
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22 Dated: November 30, 2020

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HONORABLE JAMES V. SELNA UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE