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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA GILBERT SALINAS, individually, and Case No. 12-CV-02894 on behalf of all others similarly **CLASS ACTION** Plaintiff, ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR AN ORDER: (1) GRANTING PRELIMINARY KRAFT FOODS GLOBAL, INC., and APPROVAL OF THE CLASS ACTION DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT; Defendants. (2) GRANTING CONDITIONAL **CÉRTIFICATION OF THE SETTLEMENT CLASS;** (3) APPOINTING CLASS COUNSEL; (4) APPOINTING CLASS REPRESENTATIVE;

**ADMINISTRATION** 

**ADMINISTRATOR**; AND

(5) APPOINTING SETTLEMENT

**OUT FORM AND TIMELINE FOR** 

(6) APPROVING CLASS NOTICE, OPT-

The Court, having considered the submissions, arguments and good cause appearing, hereby **ORDERS THAT**:

This Court preliminarily approves the Class Action Settlement Agreement and 1. Release of Claims ("Settlement") between Plaintiff Gilbert Salinas ("Plaintiff"), on Behalf of Himself, and all Others Similarly Situated, and Defendant Kraft Foods Global, Inc. ("Defendant") and finds that the Settlement is within the "range of reasonableness" as to the Settlement Class, and that it is the product of good faith negotiations between the parties.

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- 2. The Court conditionally certifies the proposed Settlement Class contained therein and conditionally finds that, solely for the purposes of approving this settlement and for no other purpose and with no other effect on this litigation, the proposed Settlement Class meets the requirements for certification under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rules 23(a) and 23(b), including that: (a) the proposed class is ascertainable and so numerous that joinder of all members of the class is impractical; (b) there are predominant questions of law or fact common to the proposed class, and there is a well defined community of interest amongst the members of the proposed class with respect to the subject matter of the litigation; (c) the claims of Representative Plaintiff Gilbert Salinas are typical of the claims of the members of the proposed class; (d) Representative Plaintiff Gilbert Salinas and Class Counsel will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of the class and (e) a class action is superior to other available methods for an efficient adjudication of this controversy.
- 3. The Court provisionally finds Scott Cole & Associates, APC to be sufficiently experienced and proficient in class action proceedings that they may act as Class Counsel and are, therefore, appointed as such.
- 4. The Court provisionally appoints Representative Plaintiff Gilbert Salinas as Class Representative.
- 5. The Court grants Class Counsel permission to obtain bids from various companies for the administration of this Settlement and grants permission for the Parties to then select the most cost efficient bidder as Claims Administrator.
- The Court approves the Revised Class Notice, filed on August 20, 2013. Dkt. No. 6. 41, Exhibit A. Notice shall be provided to Settlement Class Members as set forth in the Settlement and the Court finds that it is the best notice practicable under the circumstances and fully complies with the laws of the State of California, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the requirements of due process.
- 7. Defendant will provide the Claims Administrator with the name, last known home address, home telephone number, email address, and data pertaining to the dates of employment

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for each and every person within the class definition. This data is within Defendant's employment records.

- 8. The Class Notice will be mailed within twenty-five (25) calendar days of the Court granting preliminary approval of the Settlement. Plaintiff and Class Members shall not be required to pay return postage on the Class Notice and the cost of such postage shall be included in the fees and costs of the Settlement Administrator.
- 9. The Court approves the proposed procedure for submitting Requests for Exclusion. Class Members must submit a signed, written request to the Claims Administrator which clearly states his/her wish not to participate in the Settlement.
- 10. Objections to the Settlement must be filed with the clerk of the court and served on Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the Class Notice is sent (or not more than ten (10) calendar days after the date the Class Notice is remailed).
- 11. At least 35 days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff will file a motion for final approval and judgment, for reimbursement of attorneys' fees and litigation costs, for reimbursement of costs associated with the claims administration of this settlement, and an enhancement award to the Representative Plaintiff for his service to the Class.
- 12. The Final Approval Hearing shall be held on November 13, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. to determine whether the proposed Settlement is fair, adequate, reasonable, and should be approved. Plaintiff's papers in support of the Settlement, and any application for award of attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses to Class Counsel, payment to the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") for release of claims under the Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA") under Labor Code §§ 2699 et seq., and any application for a service payment to the Representative Plaintiff, shall be filed with the Court on or before October 9, 2013. Should the proposed Settlement be approved, following the final approval hearing, the Court shall enter judgment in accordance with the Settlement that will adjudicate the rights of all Class Members who do not opt out, including the named Plaintiff.

1	13. Class Counsel shall provide the Court, at least five (5) calendar days prior to the	
2	final approval hearing, a declaration by the Settlement Administrator of due diligence and proof	
3	of mailing with regard to the mailing of the Class Notice.	
4	13. Unless otherwise modified by the Court, the dates for performance are as follows:	
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6	Date/Triggering Event:	Event:
7	August 26, 2013	Court enters Conditional Approval Order.
8 9	September 10, 2013 [15 calendar days after Conditional Approval]:	Deadline for Defendant to provide the Stipulated Class Members' contact information to Settlement Administrator.
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11	September 20, 2013 [25 calendar days after Conditional	Deadline for Settlement Administrator to mail Class Notice Package.
12	Approval]:	
13	October 20, 2013	Last day for Class Members to object to the
14	[30 days after Class Notice Package mailed (or within ten calendar days of the date the	Settlement or to opt-out of the Settlement via a written request for exclusion.
15	Class Notice was re-mailed)]:	
16	October 9, 2013	Last Day for Class Counsel to file Motion for
17	[35 days or more before Final Approval Hearing]	Final Approval.
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19	IT IS SO ORDERED.	1.1.1100
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21	Dated: August 26, 2013	The Honorable William H. Orrick
22		Inited States District Court Judge
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