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10	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT		
11	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA		
12	SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION		
13	GREGORY M. MILLER, derivatively on)		
14	behalf of SOLAZYME, INC.,		
15	Plaintiff,)		
16	vs.		
17	JONATHAN S. WOLFSON, MICHAEL V.) Case No. 15-cv-3880 HSG		
18	ARBIGE, IAN T. CLARK, JAMES R. (CRAIGIE, JERRY FIDDLER, PETER) Second Stipulation and Order Temporarily		
19	KOVACS, DAVID C. COLE, and TYLER W.) Deferring Prosecution of Derivative Action PAINTER,		
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21	Defendants,)		
22	- and -)		
23	SOLAZYME, INC., a Delaware corporation,		
24	Nominal Defendant.)		
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In compliance with the Court's January 25, 2017 order, the parties respectfully submit this stipulation and proposed order and state as follows:

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2015, plaintiff Gregory M. Miller ("Plaintiff") filed this shareholder derivative action (the "Federal Derivative Action") on behalf of nominal defendant Solazyme, Inc., which is now named TerraVia, Inc. ("Solazyme"), and against defendants Jonathan S. Wolfson, Michael V. Arbige, Ian T. Clark, James R. Craigie, Jerry Fiddler, Peter Kovacs, David C. Cole, and Tyler W. Painter, (collectively with Solazyme, "Defendants"), alleging claims for, among other things, breaches of fiduciary duties in connection with alleged false and misleading statements regarding Solazyme's financial condition and business prospects;

WHEREAS, related to the Federal Derivative Action is a purported shareholder derivative action captioned, *Bertonis v. Wolfson*, No. CIV 534717 (Cal. Super. Ct., Cnty. of San Mateo) (complaint filed July 16, 2015), which is currently pending in the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo (the "State Derivative Action"), asserting similar claims against nearly identical defendants based on similar events and transactions alleged in the Federal Derivative Action;

WHEREAS, both the Federal Derivative Action and the State Derivative Action involve some of the same defendants and similar events and transactions alleged in a related securities-fraud class action pending in this Court, *Norfolk County Retirement System v. Solazyme, Inc.*, No. 15-cv-2938 HSG (N.D. Cal.) (complaint filed June 24, 2015) (the "Securities Class Action");

WHEREAS, counsel for the parties in the Federal Derivative Action have been engaged in discussions since the Federal Derivative Action was filed regarding next steps in light of the State Derivative Action and Securities Class Action, and agreed to temporarily defer proceedings in the Federal Derivative Action;

WHEREAS, the parties' agreement to defer proceedings in the Federal Derivative Action was reflected in the Court's March 29, 2016 order (Dkt. No. 26);

WHEREAS, on December 29, 2016, the Court granted without prejudice defendants' motion to dismiss the complaint in the Securities Class Action;

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WHEREAS, on January 20, 2017, the Court set a schedule in the Securities Class Action, ordering that (a) plaintiffs file their amended complaint by February 15, 2017, and (b) any motion to dismiss be filed by March 17, 2017;

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2017, pursuant to the March 29, 2016 order (Dkt. No. 26), counsel for the parties in the Federal Derivative Action met and conferred, and agreed that this Action should remain deferred until an answer or order of dismissal is filed in the Securities Class Action, so long as motion practice and discovery in the State Derivative Action also remains deferred;

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2017, the Superior Court stayed the State Derivative Action until July 1, 2017 (while the anticipated motion to dismiss the Securities Class Action is pending) and set the next status conference for August 7, 2017;

WHEREAS, based upon the overlapping parties and factual allegations contained in the Federal Derivative Action and the Securities Class Action, and to avoid the unnecessary expenditure of judicial resources before resolution of the anticipated motion to dismiss the Securities Class Action, Plaintiff and Defendants agree, subject to this Court's approval, to temporarily defer prosecution, including motion practice and discovery, in the Federal Derivative Action until such time as the Court issues an order ruling on the defendants' motion to dismiss the Securities Class Action; and

WHEREAS, the parties in the Federal Derivative Action agree that (a) at any time during which the prosecution of this case is deferred pursuant to this stipulation and order, any party may move the Court to modify the terms of the deferred-prosecution order, and (b) any party may oppose such motion.

NOW THEREFORE, Plaintiff and Defendants, by their undersigned counsel, stipulate as follows:

1. Except as noted in ¶¶ 4–6 below, all proceedings, including motions practice and discovery, in the Federal Derivative Action are deferred until the earlier occurrence of: (a) an order on the anticipated motion to dismiss in the Securities Class Action (currently scheduled to

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be filed on or before March 17, 2017) sustaining all or part of the anticipated amended complaint; (b) issuance of a scheduling order in the State Derivative Action that requires defendants in that action to respond to an operative complaint; (c) dismissal of the Securities Class Action in its entirety with prejudice; (d) notification to the Court by counsel for Plaintiff or Defendants of a settlement of the Securities Class Action, the State Derivative Action, or any subsequently filed or threatened derivative actions that are based on the same or substantially similar allegations as made in the Federal Derivative Action; (e) as otherwise ordered by the Court (including a further deferral of these proceedings); or (f) January 1, 2018.

- 2. Within 20 days after the occurrence of any event listed in ¶ 1, the parties shall meet and confer; and within 30 days of the occurrence of any event listed in ¶ 1, the parties shall submit a proposed scheduling order governing further proceedings in the Federal Derivative Action, including a proposed schedule regarding the designation or filing of an operative complaint and Defendants' responses thereto.
- 3. Plaintiff may file an amended complaint, but Defendants need not answer, move, or otherwise respond to any complaint or amended complaint filed in the Federal Derivative Action while the proceedings are deferred. None of the Defendants shall have to respond to any complaint or amended complaint filed in the Federal Derivative Action until a response date is set and/or approved by the Court.
- **Y.** In the event that, while proceedings in the Federal Derivative Action are deferred, any discovery is provided or produced to plaintiff in the State Derivative Action, or any subsequently filed or threatened derivative actions that are based on the same or substantially similar allegations as made in the Federal Derivative Action, Defendants will provide copies of that discovery to counsel for Plaintiff subject to the execution of an appropriate protective order.
- **5.** Defendants shall invite counsel for Plaintiff, Bottini & Bottini, Inc., to participate in any formal settlement meetings, mediations, or conferences that might be held in the State Derivative Action, or any subsequently filed or threatened derivative actions that are based on the

2	proceedings in the Federal Derivative A	Action are deferred.	
3	6. At any time during wh	nich the prosecution of this Federal Derivative Action is	
4	deferred pursuant to this stipulation and order, a party may file a motion with the Court seeking to		
5	modify the terms of the order, whether	or not other parties object to such motion.	
6	IT IS SO STIPULATED.		
7	Dated: January 27, 2017	Respectfully submitted,	
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1 same or substantially similar allegations as made in the Federal Derivative Action while

ATTESTATION In compliance with Local Rule 5-4.3.4(a)(2)(i), I, Francis A. Bottini, Jr., attest that all other signatories listed, and on whose behalf the filing is submitted, concur in the filing's content and have authorized the filing. s/ Francis A. Bottini, Jr. Francis A. Bottini, Jr. **ORDER** Pursuant to stipulation, it is so ordered. Dated: February 3, 2017 The Honorable Haywood S. Gillia United States District Judge