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 17 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
 18 **SAN JOSE DIVISION**

19 In re: HP INKJET PRINTER LITIGATION

Master File No. C05-3580 JF

20 **~~{PROPOSED}~~ ORDER PRELIMINARILY**  
 21 **APPROVING CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT,**  
 22 **CONSOLIDATING CASES FOR**  
 23 **SETTLEMENT PURPOSES,**  
 24 **PROVISIONALLY CERTIFYING A**  
**NATIONWIDE SETTLEMENT CLASS,**  
**APPROVING PROPOSED NOTICE, AND**  
**SCHEDULING FAIRNESS HEARING**

25 This Document Relates To:

26 All Actions

1           Upon review and consideration of the Stipulation of Settlement, and the attachments thereto,  
2 which have been filed with the Court, it is HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED as  
3 follows:

4           1.       The Court has carefully reviewed the Stipulation of Settlement, as well as the files,  
5 records, and proceedings to date in this matter. The definitions in the Stipulation of Settlement are  
6 hereby incorporated as though fully set forth in this Order, and capitalized terms shall have the  
7 meanings attributed to them in the Stipulation of Settlement.

8           2.       This Order addresses the settlement reached in three separate actions pending before  
9 this Court: *In re: HP Inkjet Printer Litigation*, Case No. C05-3580 JF (“*Ciolino*”); *Rich v. Hewlett-*  
10 *Packard Co.*, Case No. C06-03361 JF (“*Rich*”); and *Blennis v. Hewlett-Packard Co.*, Case No. C07-  
11 00333 JF (“*Blennis*”). The *Ciolino*, *Rich*, and *Blennis* actions: involve overlapping products, claims,  
12 theories, and class members; the relief provided to HP’s customers pursuant to the Stipulation of  
13 Settlement is similar for each case; Settlement Class Members are eligible to receive settlement  
14 benefits under more than one case based on a single printer purchase; and the parties believe it will be  
15 more efficient to administer this settlement in one action rather than in three separate actions.

16 Accordingly, the Court orders that, for purposes of effectuating the settlement and providing notice to  
17 the Settlement Class, the *Ciolino*, *Rich*, and *Blennis* actions should be related pursuant to Local Civil  
18 Rule 3-12(a) and consolidated pursuant to Rule 42(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The  
19 *Ciolino*, *Rich*, and *Blennis* actions (collectively, the “Action”) are hereby consolidated under the  
20 following caption going forward:

21           In re: HP INKJET PRINTER LITIGATION

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23           3.       The parties have agreed to settle the Action upon the terms and conditions set forth in  
24 the Stipulation of Settlement, which has been filed with the Court. The Stipulation of Settlement,  
25 including all exhibits thereto, is preliminarily approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate. Plaintiffs in  
26 the Action, by and through their respective counsel, have investigated the facts and law relating to the  
27 matters alleged in their respective complaints, including extensive pretrial discovery, pretrial motions  
28 practice, legal research as to the sufficiency of the claims, and an evaluation of the risks associated

1 with continued litigation, trial, and/or appeal. The settlement was reached as a result of extensive  
2 arm’s length negotiations between counsel for Plaintiffs in the *Ciolino*, *Rich*, and *Blennis* actions, on  
3 the one hand, and counsel for HP, on the other hand, occurring over several years and multiple  
4 mediation sessions with several respected mediators—the Honorable Daniel Weinstein of JAMS (in  
5 the *Ciolino* action), the Honorable James L. Warren of JAMS (in the *Ciolino* action and the *Rich*  
6 action), and Alexander S. Polsky, Esq., of JAMS (in the *Blennis* action). The settlement confers  
7 substantial benefits upon the Settlement Class, particularly in light of the damages that Plaintiffs and  
8 Class Counsel believe are potentially recoverable or provable at trial, without the costs, uncertainties,  
9 delays, and other risks associated with continued litigation, trial, and/or appeal.

10 4. The Court conditionally certifies, for settlement purposes only: a class of all  
11 individual or entity end-users who purchased or received as a gift in the United States an Affected  
12 Model (as defined in the Stipulation of Settlement) from September 6, 2001, to September 1, 2010  
13 (the “Settlement Class”). Excluded from the Settlement Class are all persons who are employees,  
14 directors, officers, and/or agents of HP or its subsidiaries and affiliated companies, as well as the  
15 Court and its immediate family and staff.

16 5. The Court conditionally finds, for settlement purposes only and conditioned upon the  
17 entry of this Order and the Final Order and Judgment, and the occurrence of the Effective Date, that  
18 the prerequisites for a class action under Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil  
19 Procedure have been satisfied in that: (a) the number of Settlement Class Members is so numerous  
20 that joinder of all members thereof is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common  
21 to the Settlement Class; (c) the claims of the Plaintiffs are typical of the claims of the Settlement  
22 Class they seek to represent for purposes of settlement; (d) the Plaintiffs have fairly and adequately  
23 represented the interests of the Settlement Class and will continue to do so, and the Plaintiffs have  
24 retained experienced counsel to represent them; (e) for purposes of settlement, the questions of law  
25 and fact common to the Settlement Class Members predominate over any questions affecting any  
26 individual Settlement Class Member; and (f) for purposes of settlement, a class action is superior to  
27 the other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy. The Court also  
28 concludes that, because this Action is being settled rather than litigated, the Court need not consider

1 manageability issues that might be presented by the trial of a nationwide class action involving the  
2 issues in this case. *See Amchem Prods., Inc. v. Windsor*, 521 U.S. 591, 620 (1997). In making these  
3 findings, the Court has exercised its discretion in conditionally certifying the Settlement Class on a  
4 nationwide basis. *See Hanlon v. Chrysler Corp.*, 150 F.3d 1011 (9th Cir. 1998).

5           6.       The Court appoints the law firms of Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy; Kabateck Brown  
6 Kellner, LLP; Berk Law PLLC; Chavez & Gertler LLP; Cuneo, Waldman & Gilbert, LLC; Edelson  
7 & Associates, LLC; The Garcia Law Firm; Law Offices of Michael D. Liberty; Law Offices of Scott  
8 E. Shapiro, P.C.; McNicholas & McNicholas, LLP; Pearson, Simon, Soter, Warshaw & Penny, LLP;  
9 and Seeger Weiss, LLP as counsel for the Class (“Class Counsel”). For purposes of these settlement  
10 approval proceedings, the Court finds that these law firms are competent and capable of exercising  
11 their responsibilities as Class Counsel. The Court designates named Plaintiffs Daniel Feder, Nicklos  
12 Ciolino, Carl K. Rich, David Duran, Jackie Blennis, and David Brickner as the representatives of the  
13 Settlement Class.

14           7.       The Fairness Hearing shall be held before this Court on **January 28, 2011**, at 9:00  
15 a.m., to determine whether the Stipulation of Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and should  
16 receive final approval. The Court will rule on Class Counsel’s application for an award of attorneys’  
17 fees, costs, and expenses (the “Fee Application”) at that time. Papers in support of final approval of  
18 the Stipulation of Settlement and the Fee Application shall be filed with the Court according to the  
19 schedule set forth in Paragraph 14 below. The Fairness Hearing may be postponed, adjourned, or  
20 continued by order of the Court without further notice to the Settlement Class. After the Fairness  
21 Hearing, the Court may enter a Final Order and Judgment in accordance with the Stipulation of  
22 Settlement that will adjudicate the rights of the Settlement Class Members (as defined in the  
23 Stipulation of Settlement) with respect to the claims being settled.

24           8.       Pending the Fairness Hearing, all proceedings in the Action, other than proceedings  
25 necessary to carry out or enforce the terms and conditions of the Stipulation of Settlement and this  
26 Order, are stayed.

27           9.       The Court approves, as to form and content, the Long Form Notice of Pendency and  
28 Settlement of Class Action (“Long Form Notice”) and Summary Notice, attached as Exhibits “B” and

1 “E,” respectively, to the Stipulation of Settlement. As soon as possible after the entry of this Order,  
2 but not later than sixty (60) days after the entry of this Order, HP will coordinate with the Settlement  
3 Administrator to provide notice to the Settlement Class as follows:

4 (a) by e-mailing the Long Form Notice substantially in the form attached as  
5 Exhibit “B” to the Stipulation of Settlement, to the last known e-mail addresses of the Settlement  
6 Class to the extent such e-mail address information exists in HP’s registration database, is a valid e-  
7 mail address, and the member of the Settlement Class has not withheld his/her consent to being  
8 contacted by HP via e-mail;

9 (b) publishing the Summary Notice in USA WEEKEND, PARADE, PEOPLE, and CIO  
10 MAGAZINE publications, and in banner advertisements on Yahoo.com and on other websites through  
11 24/7 Real Media Network; and

12 (c) providing a link in the Long Form Notice and the Summary Notice to a  
13 settlement website to be designed and administered by the Settlement Administrator that will contain  
14 the settlement documents (including but not limited to the Long Form Notice and the Claim Form), a  
15 list of important dates, and any other information to which the parties may agree.

16 10. The Court finds that the Long Form Notice and Summary Notice are reasonable, that  
17 they constitute due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive notice, and that  
18 they meet the requirements of due process and Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.  
19 Specifically, the Court finds that the manner of dissemination of the Long Form Notice and Summary  
20 Notice described in Paragraph 9 complies with Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as  
21 it is a reasonable manner of providing notice to those Settlement Class Members who would be  
22 bound by the settlement. The Court also finds that the manner of dissemination of the Long Form  
23 Notice and Summary Notice described in Paragraph 9 complies with Rule 23(c)(2), as it is also the  
24 best practicable notice under the circumstances, provides individual notice to all Settlement Class  
25 Members who can be identified through a reasonable effort, and is reasonably calculated, under all  
26 the circumstances, to apprise the members of the Settlement Class of the pendency of this Action, the  
27 terms of the settlement, and their right to object to the settlement or exclude themselves from the  
28 Settlement Class. *See, e.g., Farinella v. PayPal, Inc.*, 611 F. Supp. 2d 250, 256-57 (E.D.N.Y. 2009)

1 (court approved plan disseminating notice by email, internet posting, and publication); *In re Grand*  
2 *Theft Auto Video Game Consumer Litig.*, 251 F.R.D. 139, 145 (S.D.N.Y. 2008) (same); *see also Todd*  
3 *v. Retail Concepts, Inc.*, No. 07-0788, 2008 WL 3981593, at \*2 (M.D. Tenn. Aug. 22, 2008) (court  
4 approved plan disseminating notice by email, in-store posting, and website posting).

5 11. Settlement Class Members will have until **February 15, 2011**, to submit their Claim  
6 Forms, which is due, adequate, and sufficient time.

7 12. Each Settlement Class member who wishes to be excluded from the Settlement Class  
8 and follows the procedures set forth in this Paragraph shall be excluded. Putative members of the  
9 Settlement Class who wish to opt out of the settlement must send a letter by fax, U.S. mail, or e-mail  
10 in the form specified in the Stipulation of Settlement and Long Form Notice to: HP Inkjet Settlement  
11 Administrator, P.O. Box 5270, Portland, OR 97208-5270, postmarked (or the equivalent for fax or e-  
12 mail) no later than **January 3, 2011**. All persons or entities who properly elect to opt out of the  
13 settlement shall not be Settlement Class Members and shall relinquish their rights to benefits with  
14 respect to the Stipulation of Settlement, should it be approved.

15 13. Any member of the Settlement Class who has not timely submitted a written request  
16 for exclusion from the Settlement Class, and thus is a Settlement Class Member, may object to the  
17 proposed settlement contained in the Stipulation of Settlement, the certification of the Settlement  
18 Class, the proposed settlement contained in this Stipulation of Settlement, the entry of the Final Order  
19 and Judgment, the amount of fees requested by Class Counsel, and/or the amount of the incentive  
20 awards requested by the named Plaintiffs. Any Settlement Class Member who intends to object to  
21 the Stipulation of Settlement must send a written objection by fax, U.S. mail, or e-mail to the  
22 Settlement Administrator and send U.S. mail or e-mail a copy to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel  
23 at the addresses set forth below postmarked (or the equivalent for fax or e-mail) no later than  
24 **January 3, 2011**. Settlement Class Members who fail to file and serve timely written objections in  
25 the manner specified above shall be deemed to have waived all objections and shall be foreclosed  
26 from making any objection (whether by appeal or otherwise) to the settlement. No Settlement Class  
27 Member shall be entitled to be heard at the Fairness Hearing (whether individually or through  
28 separate counsel) or to object to the settlement, and no written objections or briefs submitted by any

1 Settlement Class Member shall be received or considered by the Court at the Fairness Hearing, unless  
2 written notice of the objecting class member's intention to appear at the Fairness Hearing and copies  
3 of any written objections and/or briefs shall have been filed with the Court and served on Class  
4 Counsel and Defense Counsel by **January 3, 2011**. Settlement Class Members who object must set  
5 forth their full name, current address, and telephone number.

6 Settlement Administrator

7 HP Inkjet Settlement Administrator  
8 P.O. Box 5270  
9 Portland, OR 97208-5270  
10 Facsimile: 877-341-4607  
11 E-mail: [Info@HPInkjetPrinterSettlement.com](mailto:Info@HPInkjetPrinterSettlement.com)

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1 14. Class Counsel shall file their Fee Application on or before **November 29, 2010**.

2 15. Papers in support of final approval of the Stipulation of Settlement, and in response to  
3 objections to the Stipulation of Settlement or the Fee Application, shall be filed with the Court on or  
4 before **January 14, 2011**.

5 16. In summary, the dates of performance are as follows:

6 (a) The Long Form Notice required to be sent by e-mail to the Settlement Class  
7 per the Stipulation of Settlement shall be sent within sixty (60) days after the entry of this Order;

8 (b) The Summary Notice shall be published within sixty (60) days after the entry  
9 of this Order;

10 (c) Settlement Class members who desire to be excluded shall submit requests for  
11 exclusion postmarked (or the equivalent for fax or e-mail) no later than **January 3, 2011**;

12 (d) All objections to the Stipulation of Settlement and written notices of the  
13 objecting class member's intention to appear at the Fairness Hearing shall be filed and served by  
14 **January 3, 2011**;

15 (e) Class Counsel shall file their Fee Application on or before **November 29,**  
16 **2010**;

17 (f) Papers in support of final approval of the Stipulation of Settlement, and in  
18 response to objections to the Stipulation of Settlement or the Fee Application, shall be filed with the  
19 Court on or before **January 14, 2011**; and

20 (g) The Fairness Hearing shall be held on **January 28, 2011**, at 9:00 a.m.

21 17. These dates of performance may be extended by order of the Court, for good cause  
22 shown, without further notice to the Settlement Class. Settlement Class Members must check the  
23 settlement website at [www.HPIInkjetPrinterSettlement.com](http://www.HPIInkjetPrinterSettlement.com) regularly for updates and further details  
24 regarding extensions of these dates of performance.

25 18. In the event the Stipulation of Settlement is not approved by the Court, or for any  
26 reason the parties fail to obtain a Final Order and Judgment as contemplated in the Stipulation of  
27 Settlement, or the Stipulation of Settlement is terminated pursuant to its terms for any reason or the  
28 Effective Date does not occur for any reason, then the following shall apply:



1 (a) All orders and findings entered in connection with the Stipulation of  
2 Settlement shall become null and void and have no force and effect whatsoever, shall not be used or  
3 referred to for any purposes whatsoever, and shall not be admissible or discoverable in this or any  
4 other proceeding;

5 (b) The conditional certification of the Settlement Class pursuant to this Order  
6 shall be vacated automatically, and the Actions shall proceed as though the Settlement Class had  
7 never been certified pursuant to this Stipulation of Settlement and such findings had never been  
8 made;

9 (c) The consolidation of the *Ciolino*, *Rich*, and *Blennis* actions pursuant to this  
10 Order shall be vacated automatically, and the actions shall return to the procedural status quo before  
11 entry of this Order as if no settlement had been negotiated or entered into, and all three actions shall  
12 proceed independently and shall be restored to the active docket in accordance with the Stipulation of  
13 Settlement;

14 (d) Nothing contained in this Order is, or may be construed as, a presumption,  
15 concession or admission by or against HP or Plaintiffs of any default, liability or wrongdoing as to  
16 any facts or claims alleged or asserted in the Action, or in any actions or proceedings, whether civil,  
17 criminal or administrative, including, but not limited to, factual or legal matters relating to any effort  
18 to certify the *Ciolino*, *Rich*, and *Blennis* cases as class actions;

19 (e) Nothing in this Order or pertaining to the Stipulation of Settlement, including  
20 any of the documents or statements generated or received pursuant to the claims administration  
21 process, shall be used as evidence in any further proceeding in this case, including, but not limited to,  
22 motions or proceedings seeking treatment of the *Ciolino*, *Rich*, and *Blennis* cases as class actions; and

23 (f) All of the Court's prior Orders having nothing whatsoever to do with class  
24 certification shall, subject to this Order, remain in force and effect.

25 19. Pending final determination of whether the proposed settlement should be approved,  
26 no Settlement Class Member directly, derivatively, in a representative capacity, or in any other  
27 capacity, shall commence or continue any action against any of the Released Parties (as that term is  
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1 defined in the Stipulation of Settlement) in any court or tribunal asserting any of the Released Claims  
2 (as that term is defined in the Stipulation of Settlement).

3 20. Epiq Class Action & Claims Solutions, Inc., is hereby appointed as Settlement  
4 Administrator for this settlement and shall perform all of the duties of the Settlement Administrator  
5 set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement.

6 21. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel are hereby authorized to use all reasonable  
7 procedures in connection with approval and administration of the settlement that are not materially  
8 inconsistent with this Order or the Stipulation of Settlement, including making, without further  
9 approval of the Court, minor changes to the form or content of the Long Form Notice, Summary  
10 Notice, and other exhibits that they jointly agree are reasonable or necessary.

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12 IT IS SO ORDERED, this 1 day of October, 2010

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16 THE HONORABLE JEREMY FOGEL  
17 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE  
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