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| | | DISTRICT COURT OF NEVADA |
| 14 | | Case No. 2:17-cv-02815 |
| 15 16 | MICHAEL FROMBERGER, Individually and | STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL AND |
| 17 | On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated, | ORDER |
| | Plaintiff, | ECF NO. 4 |
| 18 | V. | |
| 19 | OMEGA PROTEIN CORPORATION, GARY R. GOODWIN, BRET D. SCHOLTES, | |
| 20 | STEPHEN C. BRYAN, MICHAEL N. CHRISTODOLOU, CELESTE A. CLARK, | |
| 21 | DAVID H. CLARKE, DAVID A. OWEN, DAVID W. WEHLMANN, COOKE INC., | |
| 22 | and ALPHA MERGERSUB, INC., | |
| 23 24 | Defendants. | |
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| 2 | WHEREAS, on November 6, 2017, Plaintiff Adam Franchi filed a Class Action |
| 3 | Complaint in Case No. 2:17-cv-02805 in the United States District Court for the District of |
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| 5 | Nevada (THE "Franchi Action"); |
| 6 7 | WHEREAS, on November 7, 2017, Plaintiff Michael Fromberger filed the above |
| 8 | captioned action; |
| o 9 | WHEREAS, on November 13, 2017 Plaintiff Daniel Durkee filed a Class Action |
| 10 | Complaint in Case No. 2:17-cv-02849 in the United States District Court for the District of |
| 11 | Nevada (the "Durkee Action"); |
| 12 | WHEREAS, each of the three actions (collectively, "the Actions") assert claims for |
| 13 | violations of Sections 14(a) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 14a-9 |
| 14 | promulgated thereunder relating to disclosures made in a Form PREM14A (the "Preliminary |
| 15 | Proxy Statement") filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the |
| 16 | "SEC") on or around October 30, 2017, in connection with the proposed acquisition of Omega |
| 17 18 | Protein Corporation ("Omega") by Cooke Inc.; |
| 18 | WHEREAS, following commencement of the Actions, the Parties entered into |
| 20 | negotiations and took certain actions that led to the issuance of the Supplemental Disclosures |
| 21 | (defined below). |
| 22 | WHEREAS, on November 24, 2017, Omega made certain of the disclosures demanded in |
| 23 | the Actions by including them in a Definitive Proxy Statement filed with the SEC |
| 24 | ("Supplemental Disclosures"); |
| 25 | WHEREAS, Defendants acknowledge that these Supplemental Disclosures were made, at |
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| 27 | least in part, in response to the Actions; |
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| 1 | WHEREAS, based on their review and analysis of the Supplemental Disclosures, | | |
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| 2 | Plaintiffs believe that sufficient material information addressing their claims was provided in the | | |
| 3 | Supplemental Disclosures to warrant dismissal of the Complaints as moot; | | |
| 4 | WHEREAS, on January 30, 2018 the Franchi Action was dismissed; | | |
| 5 | WHEREAS, on January 30, 2018 the Durkee Action was dismissed; | | |
| 6 | WHEREAS, as a result of the Supplemental Disclosures, Plaintiffs assert that they have | | |
| 7 | created a substantial benefit for Omega stockholders and that Plaintiffs' counsel have a claim for | | |
| 8 | attorney's fees and expenses in connection with the prosecution of the Actions: | | |
| 9 10 | WHEREAS, the parties intend to meet and confer concerning Plaintiffs' counsels' claim | | |
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| 12 | WHEREAS, Defendants expressly deny that any claim asserted by Plaintiffs is or ever | | |
| 13 | was meritorious, and continue to deny that they committed or aided and abetted any violation of | | |
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| 17 | expressly maintain that they have diligently complied with all of their legal obligations; | | |
| 18 | WHEREAS, for the avoidance of doubt, no compensation in any form has passed directly | | |
| 19 | or indirectly to Plaintiffs or Plaintiffs' counsel, and no promise, understanding, or agreement to | | |
| 20 | give any such compensation has been made; nor have the parties had any discussions concerning | | |
| 21 | the amount of any attorney's fees and expenses; and | | |
| 22 | WHEREAS, no class has been certified in the Actions. | | |
| 23 24 | NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS STIPULATED AND AGREED by the undersigned | | |
| 25 | parties, through their attorneys and subject to the Court's approval, that: | | |
| 26 | 1. This action is dismissed pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A) of the Federal Rules of Civil | | |
| 27 | Procedure, and all claims asserted therein are dismissed with prejudice as to the | | |
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| 1 | named Plaintiff, individually, and without prejudice as to any actual or potential | |
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| 2 | claims of any other putative class member. | |
| 3 | 2. As the dismissal is with prejudice to Plaintiff only, and without prejudice as to all | |
| 4 | other members of the putative class, notice of this dismissal is not required. | |
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| 6 | 3. The named Plaintiff releases Defendants from all claims that were brought in the | |
| 7 | action or otherwise could have been brought. This release is not given on behalf of | |
| 8 | any other member of the putative class. | |
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| 10 | ORDER | |
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| 12 | Based on the parties' stipulation [ECF No. 4] and good cause appearing, IT IS | |
| 13 | HEREBY ORDERED that this action is DISMISSED with prejudice, each party to bear its own fees and costs. | |
| 14 | Norder | |
| 15 | U.S. District Judge Jenniter A Dorsey | |
| 16 | February 4, 2018 | |
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