### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

IN RE: AUTOMOTIVE PARTS ANTITRUST LITIGATION Master File No. 12-md-02311 Hon, Marianne O. Battani

IN RE: AUTOMOTIVE LAMPS

IN RE: HID BALLASTS

Case No. 2:13-cv-01203-MOB-MKM Case No. 2:13-cv-01703-MOB-MKM

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO END-PAYOR ACTIONS

# FINAL JUDGMENT APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN END-PAYOR PLAINTIFFS AND KOITO AND ENTERING DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE AS TO KOITO

This matter has come before the Court to determine whether there is any cause why this Court should not approve the settlement between End-Payor Plaintiffs ("Plaintiffs") and Defendants Koito Manufacturing Co., Ltd., and North American Lighting, Inc. (together, "KOITO") set forth in the Settlement Agreement ("Agreement"), dated May 26, 2017, relating to the above-captioned actions (the "Actions"). The Court, after carefully considering all papers filed and proceedings held herein and otherwise being fully informed in the premises, has determined (1) that the settlement should be approved, and (2) that there is no just reason for delay of the entry of this final judgment ("Judgment") approving the Agreement. Accordingly, the Court directs entry of Judgment, which shall constitute a final adjudication of these cases on the merits as to the parties to the Agreement. Good cause appearing therefor, it is:

#### ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

- 1. The definitions of terms set forth in the Agreement are incorporated herein as though fully set forth in this Judgment.
- 2. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure ("Rule") 23(g), Class Counsel, previously appointed by the Court (Cotchett, Pitre, & McCarthy LLP, Robins Kaplan LLP, and Susman Godfrey L.L.P.), are appointed as Counsel for the Automotive Lamps Settlement Class and the HID Ballasts Settlement Class (together, "Settlement Classes"). These firms have, and will, fairly and competently represent the interests of the Settlement Classes.
- 3. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this litigation, over the non-monetary relief contained in paragraph 4, over the Actions within this litigation, and over the parties to the Agreement, including all members of the Settlement Classes.
- 4. Plaintiffs, having filed complaints in the Actions alleging that KOITO conspired to rig bids, allocate markets and fix prices for Automotive Lamps and HID Ballasts, and KOITO, having denied Plaintiffs' allegations and represented it would assert defenses thereto, have entered into the Agreement to settle the Actions with respect to Automotive Lamps and HID Ballasts to avoid further expense, inconvenience, and the distraction of burdensome and protracted litigation, to obtain the releases, orders, and judgment contemplated by the Agreement, and to put to rest with finality all claims that have been or could have been asserted against KOITO with respect to Automotive Lamps and HID Ballasts. KOITO has agreed for a period of 24 months from the date of entry of preliminary approval of the Settlement Agreement not to engage in conduct that constitutes a *per se* violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act with respect to the sale of Automotive Lamps and HID Ballasts as such terms are defined in the Agreement. Pursuant to the Agreement, KOITO has agreed to provide specified monetary

compensation to Plaintiffs, and to cooperate with Plaintiffs in connection with the continued prosecution of the Actions.

- 5. The Court hereby finally approves and confirms the settlement set forth in the Agreement and finds that said settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Classes pursuant to Rule 23.
- 6. The Court hereby dismisses on the merits and with prejudice the individual and class claims asserted against KOITO, with Plaintiffs and KOITO to bear their own costs and attorneys' fees, except as provided for herein or in the Agreement.
- 7. All Releasors shall, by operation of law, be deemed to have released all Releasees from the Released Claims. All persons and entities who are Releasors are hereby barred and enjoined from commencing, prosecuting, or continuing, either directly or indirectly, in an individual or representative or derivative capacity, against the KOITO Releasees, in this or any other jurisdiction, any and all claims, causes of action or lawsuits, which they had, have, or in the future may have, arising out of or related to any of the Released Claims as defined in the Agreement.
- 8. The KOITO Releasees are hereby and forever released and discharged with respect to any and all claims or causes of action which the Releasors had, have, or in the future may have, arising out of or related to any of the Released Claims as defined in the Agreement.
- 9. Neither the Agreement, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to the Agreement, may be deemed or used as an admission of wrongdoing in any civil, criminal, administrative, or other proceeding in any jurisdiction.
- 10. The notice given to the Settlement Classes of the settlement set forth in the Agreement and the other matters set forth herein was the best notice practicable under the circumstances, including individual notice to all members of the Settlement Classes who could

be identified through reasonable efforts. Said notice provided due and adequate notice of the proceedings and of the matters set forth therein, including the proposed settlement set forth in the Agreement, to all persons entitled to such notice, and said notice fully satisfied the requirements of Rules 23(c)(2) and 23(e) and the requirements of due process.

- 11. Without affecting the finality of this Judgment in any way, the Court hereby retains exclusive jurisdiction over: (a) the enforcement of this Judgment; (b) the enforcement of the Agreement and over any suit, action, proceeding, or dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the applicability of this Agreement that cannot be resolved by negotiation and agreement by End-Payor Plaintiffs and KOITO, including challenges to the reasonableness of any party's actions required by this Agreement; (c) any application for distribution of funds, attorneys' fees, or reimbursement of costs and expenses made by End-Payor Plaintiffs' Counsel; (d) any application for incentive awards for the End-Payor Plaintiffs; and (e) the distribution of the settlement proceeds to the members of the Settlement Classes.
- 12. The persons and entities identified on Exhibit "A" hereto have timely and validly requested exclusion from the Settlement Classes and, therefore, are excluded. Such persons and entities are not included in or bound by this Judgment. Such persons and entities are not entitled to any recovery from the settlement proceeds obtained through this settlement. Nothing in this Judgment shall be construed as a determination by this Court that such persons and entities are members of any of the classes or proposed classes in the *In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation*, Master File No. 12-md-02311.
- 13. A request for exclusion from the Settlement Class has been received from GEICO and its expressly identified affiliates. KOITO has raised objections to the validity and effect of this request. The Court will resolve those objections in a subsequent order in the above-captioned actions pursuant to Paragraph 11 above. Accordingly, without affecting the finality of

this Judgment in any way, the Court hereby retains exclusive and continuing jurisdiction to determine the validity and effect of the request for exclusion submitted by GEICO and its expressly identified affiliates notwithstanding the entry of this Judgment.

- 14. In the event that the settlement does not become effective in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, then this Final Judgment shall be rendered null and void and shall be vacated, and in such event, all orders entered and releases delivered in connection herewith shall be null and void and the parties shall be returned to their respective positions ex ante.
- 15. The Escrow Account, into which KOITO has deposited assets with a total value of \$22,990,000 as the Settlement Amount (as defined in paragraphs 18 and 28 of the Agreement), plus accrued interest thereon and net any expenses incurred as contemplated in paragraph 32 of the Agreement, is approved as a Qualified Settlement Fund pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 468B and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 16. The Court's certification of the Settlement Classes as provided herein is without prejudice to, or waiver of, the rights of any Defendant, including KOITO, to contest certification of any other class proposed in any case within the *In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation*, Master File No. 12-md-02311. The Court's findings in this Judgment shall have no effect on the Court's ruling on any motion to certify any class in any case within the *In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation*, Master File No. 12-md-02311. No party may cite or refer to the Court's approval of the Settlement Classes as persuasive or binding authority with respect to any motion to certify any class.

17. The Court hereby determines that there is no just reason for delay and hereby directs entry of this Judgment as a final judgment pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and directs the Clerk to enter the Judgment forthwith.

Date: November 7, 2018 <u>s/Marianne O. Battani</u>
MARIANNE O. BATTANI

United States District Judge

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing Order was served upon counsel of record via the Court's ECF System to their respective email addresses or First Class U.S. mail to the non-ECF participants on November 7, 2018.

s/ Kay Doaks Case Manager

## Exhibit A

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