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Plaintiff RAMON AGUILA ("Plaintiff") and Defendants APIDEL TECHNOLOGIES, LLC ("Apidel") and BECTON DICKINSON AND COMPANY ("BD" and with Apidel, "Defendants") (together with Plaintiff, the "Parties") hereby agree and stipulate to the following:

WHEREAS, Plaintiff filed his unopposed Motion for Preliminary Approval of the Settlement of this Action on December 27, 2024;

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2025, the Court issued a tentative ruling regarding the Motion for Preliminary Approval ordering that the Parties must amend section 7.4 of the Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement regarding funds from uncashed settlement checks and designate a *cy pres* recipient in compliance with the California Code of Civil Procedure section 384;

WHEREAS, in the January 22, 2025 tentative ruling, the Court ordered that the hearing on the Motion for Preliminary Approval be continued to February 19, 2025 unless the Parties provide a joint stipulation prior to the hearing that designates a *cy pres* recipient;

WHEREAS, per section 13.5 of the Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement"), Class Counsel and Defense Counsel are authorized by Plaintiff and Defendants to amend the Agreement to effectuate its terms;

WHEREAS, the Parties have met and conferred regarding the above and have designated **The Delancy Street Foundation** as *cy pres* recipient pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 384;

WHEREAS, the Parties have also amended Section 7.4 of the Agreement to properly reflect The Delancy Street Foundation as *cy pres* recipient, as ordered by the Court (Amendment to the Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement ("Amendment") attached hereto as **Exhibit A**);

### NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Settlement Agreement is amended to incorporate the changes set forth in the Amendment attached hereto as Exhibit A, subject to the Court's approval.

### IT IS SO STIPULATED.

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## [PROPOSED] ORDER

Having considered the Parties' Joint Stipulation re Amendment to Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement ("Joint Stipulation"), and good cause shown therein, the Joint Stipulation is hereby GRANTED. The Parties' Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement is hereby amended to incorporate the changes set forth in the Amendment to the Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement attached as **Exhibit A** to the Joint Stipulation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

March 17, 2025

Dated:

Hon. Theodore C. Zayner Superior Court Judge

1	PROOF OF SERVICE, COUNTY OF ORANGE			
2	I am a resident of the State of California, County of Orange. I am over the age of eighteen years a party to the within action. My business address is 9880 Research Drive., Suite 200, Irvine, California, 2618.			
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4	On February 5, 2025, I served on the interested parties in this action the following document(s) entitled:			
5	JOINT STIPULATION RE: AMENDMENT TO CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT; [PROPOSED] ORDER			
6	[XX] BY ELECTRONIC SERVICE: Based on a court Order or an agreement by the parties to accept			
7	service by e-mail or electronic transmission, I caused the document(s) to be sent from the email address Alma@jameshawkinsaplc.com to the persons at the e-mail addresses listed in the Service List below. I did			
8	not receive, within a reasonable time after the transmission, any electronic message or other indication that the transmission was unsuccessful.			
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10	<u>SERVICE LIST</u>			
11	(See Attached Service List)			
12 13	[ XX] <b>STATE:</b> I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the above is true and correct.			
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15	Executed on February 5, 2025, at Irvine, California			
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# **EXHIBIT A**

#### AMENDMENT TO CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement" or "Agreement") entered into by and between Defendants BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY (erroneously named by Plaintiff as BECTON AND DICKINSON) and APIDEL TECHNOLOGIES, LLC ("Defendants") and Plaintiff RAMON AGUILA ("Plaintiff") on behalf of himself individually, and on behalf of all members of the Class is amended herein as follows:

Pursuant to Settlement Agreement Paragraph 13.5, entitled ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS - ATTORNEY AUTHORIZATION, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiff and Defendants, respectively, to take all appropriate action required to effectuate the terms of the Agreement, including executing any other documents reasonably required to effectuate the terms of the Agreement including any amendments to the Agreement.

Pursuant to Paragraph 13.5, and as required by the Honorable Theodore Zayner of the Santa Clara Superior Court in order to obtain preliminary approval of the Settlement Agreement, the Parties met and conferred to select a *cy pres* recipient that will receive uncashed funds pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 384. As a result of those efforts, the Parties have hereby agreed to amend Paragraph 7.4 in the Settlement Agreement to now read as follows:

7.4 For any Class Member whose Individual Class Payment check or Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the Cy Pres Recipient thereby leaving no "unpaid residue" subject to the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 384, subd. (b). The term "Cy Pres Recipient" means The Delancy Street Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was selected because the Actions involvs employment-related claims and this organization offers basic-needs assistance and resource connections, including employment assistance and counseling, to vulnerable individuals throughout California. Each Party and its respective counsel represent it does not have a financial interest in The Delancy Street Foundation or otherwise have a relationship with The Delancy Street Foundation that creates or could create a conflict of interest. The Administrator shall prepare a report regarding the distribution of all settlement funds pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 384, as ordered by the Court, so that the Court may amend the judgment if it deems necessary in accordance with California Code of Civil Procedure section 384.

IT IS SO AGREED.

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