SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into among the United States of America, acting through the United States Department of Justice and on behalf of the U.S. Small Business Administration ("SBA") (collectively, the "United States"), QP Holdings, LLC, River Bend Industries LLC, Master Molded Products, LLC, and 3D Plastics, LLC (collectively, the "QP Holdings Entities"), and Verity Investigations, LLC ("Relator") (hereafter collectively referred to as "the Parties"), through their authorized representatives.

RECITALS

A. River Bend Industries, Master Molded Products, and 3D Plastics are limited liability companies, each of which specializes in custom plastic injection molding, and each of which is wholly owned by QP Holdings, LLC.

B. The SBA is an independent agency of the United States government that provides aid, counsel, and assistance to small businesses and entrepreneurs. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Section 1102, vested the SBA with the responsibility of managing the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP"), a federal program that provided emergency relief to small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. *See* 15 U.S.C. § 636(a)(36). The SBA administered the PPP and guaranteed loans that were made and used according to PPP rules. Applicants for PPP funding were required, and agreed, to comply with PPP rules.

C. For the initial round of PPP funding ("First Draw"), applicants (other than independent contractors, self-employed individuals, or sole proprietors) were required to certify that they "employ[ed] no more than the greater of 500 . . . employees or, if applicable, the size standard in number of employees established by the SBA in 13 C.F.R. 121.201 for the Applicant's industry." SBA Form 2483 (04/20).

D. On April 24, 2020, Master Molded Products, River Bend Industries, and 3D

Plastics applied for First Draw PPP loans for the respective amounts of $1,078,900, $2,327,589, and $458,956. Master Molded Products reported 120 total employees, River Bend reported 272 total employees, and 3D Plastics reported 64 total employees.

E. In January 2021, SBA authorized a second round of PPP loans ("Second Draw"). For Second Draw PPP loans, applicants were required to certify, among other requirements, that they had "[p]reviously received a First Draw PPP Loan" and had "no more than 300 employees". 15 U.S.C. § 636(a)(37)(A)(iv). The 300-employee limit replaced the 500-employee and industry-based size standards applicable to First Draw loans, with certain limited exceptions. For purposes of counting employees, applicants were required to include the employees of "all of [their] domestic and foreign affiliates". 13 C.F.R. 121.301(f)(3).

F. On August 13, 2024, relator Verity Investigations filed a qui tam action in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts captioned *United States ex rel. Verity Investigations, LLC v. QP Holdings, LLC, et. al.*, No. 24-cv-12001-NMG, pursuant to the qui tam provisions of the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b) (the "Civil Action"). Relator alleged that the QP Holdings Entities violated the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729, by failing to aggregate their employees across all affiliated entities, and therefore improperly reporting in their Second Draw loan applications that they had fewer than 300 collective employees. Relator alleged that the QP Holdings Entities collectively employed greater than 300 employees, making each entity ineligible for the Second Draw PPP loans that they received.

G. The QP Holdings Entities admit, acknowledge, and accept responsibility for the following facts:

a. River Bend Industries, Master Molded Products, and 3D Plastics are each wholly owned by QP Holdings, LLC, and are affiliates for purposes of the PPP.

b. On February 22, 2021, River Bend Industries applied for (and later received) a Second Draw PPP loan in the amount of $2,000,000. On its Form 2483-SD Second Draw Borrower Application Form, River Bend incorrectly reported that it and its affiliates had a total of 245 employees.

c. SBA forgave River Bend's Second Draw PPP loan, including interest, in the amount of $2,007,452.05.

d. On March 8, 2021, Master Molded Products applied for (and later received) a Second Draw PPP loan in the amount of $886,520.00. On its Form 2483-SD Second Draw Borrower Application Form, Master Molded incorrectly reported that it and its affiliates had a total of 107 employees.

e. SBA forgave Master Molded's Second Draw PPP loan, including interest, in the amount of $890,624.71.

f. On February 24, 2021, 3D Plastics applied for (and later received) a Second Draw PPP loan in the amount of $395,525.00. On its Form 2483-SD Second Draw Borrower Application Form, 3D Plastics incorrectly reported that it and its affiliates had a total of 60 employees.

g. SBA forgave 3D Plastic's Second Draw PPP loan, including interest, in the amount of $397,053.

h. At the time of their Second Draw PPP loan applications and forgiveness applications, the QP Holdings Entities and their affiliates collectively employed greater than 300 employees, which exceeded the limit for Second Draw PPP loan eligibility.

H. The United States contends it has civil claims against the QP Holdings Entities for the conduct described in paragraph G, including subparagraphs (hereafter referred to as the

"Covered Conduct"). In particular, the United States contends that the QP Holdings Entities submitted or caused the submission of false claims to the SBA arising from the QP Holdings Entities' applications for certain Second Draw PPP loans, their receipt of those funds, and SBA's forgiveness of those loans. The United States contends that the QP Holdings Entities were ineligible for their Second Draw PPP loans because they failed to aggregate employees across all of their affiliated entities, and accordingly reported incorrectly on their Second Draw PPP loan applications that they had fewer than 300 collective employees. 15 U.S.C. § 636(a)(37)(A)(iv)(aa).

I. Relator claims entitlement under 31 U.S.C. § 3730(d) to a share of the proceeds of this Settlement Agreement and to Relator's reasonable expenses, attorneys' fees and costs.

In consideration of the mutual promises and obligations of this Agreement, the Parties agree and covenant as follows:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The QP Holdings Entities collectively shall pay to the United States $3,295,129.76, plus interest on any unpaid balance at a rate of 5% per annum from November 13, 2025, and including the day on which final payment is made ("Settlement Amount"). Of the Settlement Amount, $2,196,753.17 is restitution to the United States. The QP Holdings Entities shall pay the Settlement Amount as follows:

a. Payments shall be made on a quarterly basis, with the first payment due within 30 days of the Effective Date of the Agreement, followed by four (4) quarterly payments, according to the below Payment Schedule. The payment amounts listed in the Payment Schedule assume that all payments are paid on time; interest will continue to accrue on any unpaid balance, notwithstanding the payment amounts listed in the Payment Schedule. If the QP Entities prepay any of the quarterly payments, they shall be liable only for the interest that accrues as of and including the date of payment.

Payment Date	Principal	Interest	Total	Remaining Principal Balance
3/4/2026	$659,025.95	$35,208.24	$694,234.19	$2,636,103.81
5/1/2026	$659,025.95	$21,666.61	$680,692.56	$1,977,077.86
7/1/2026	$659,025.95	$24,374.93	$683,400.88	$1,318,051.91
10/1/2026	$659,025.95	$16,430.51	$675,456.46	$659,025.96
12/31/2026	$659,025.96	$8,124.98	$667,150.94	$0.00
			$3,400,935.03	

b. Each payment shall be made by electronic funds transfer pursuant to written instructions to be provided by the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts. The Settlement Amount may be prepaid, in whole or in part, without penalty or premium. Each of the QP Holdings Entities is jointly and severally liable for the full Settlement Amount.

2. If any of the QP Holdings Entities is sold, merged, or transferred, or a significant portion of the assets of any of the QP Holdings Entities is sold, merged, or transferred into another non-affiliated entity, the QP Holdings Entities shall promptly notify the United States, and all remaining payments owed pursuant to the Settlement Agreement shall be accelerated and become immediately due and payable.

3. Conditioned upon the United States receiving the Settlement Amount payments in Paragraph 1, and as soon as feasible after receipt of each such payment, the United States shall pay to Relator by electronic funds transfer 10% of each such Settlement Amount payment received under the Settlement Agreement ("Relator's Share").

4. The QP Holdings shall pay to Relator's counsel a total of $11,723.50 for expenses, attorneys' fees, and costs no later than 60 days after the Effective Date of this

Agreement. Relator's counsel agrees that this amount constitutes all expenses and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3730(d)(2).

5. Subject to the exceptions in Paragraph 6 (concerning reserved claims) below, and subject to Paragraphs 15 and 16 (concerning default), and Paragraph 17 (concerning bankruptcy) below, and upon the United States' receipt of the Settlement Amount, plus interest due under Paragraph 1, the United States releases each of the QP Holdings Entities and their respective current and former parent corporations or entities, subsidiaries, related entities, affiliates, successors, and assigns, from any civil or administrative monetary claim the United States has for the Covered Conduct under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733; the Administrative False Claims Act (formerly known as the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act), 31 U.S.C. §§ 3801-3812; or the common law theories of breach of contract, payment by mistake, unjust enrichment, and fraud.

6. Subject to the exceptions in Paragraph 6 (concerned reserved claims) below, and subject to Paragraphs 15 and 16 (concerning default), and Paragraph 17 (concerning bankruptcy) below, and upon the United States' receipt of the Settlement Amount, plus interest due under Paragraph 1, Relator, for itself and for its heirs, successors, attorneys, agents, and assigns, fully and finally releases the QP Holdings Entities and their respective current and former parent corporations or entities, subsidiaries, related entities, affiliates, successors, and assigns, from any civil monetary claim the Relator has on behalf of itself or on behalf of the United States for the Covered Conduct under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733.

7. Notwithstanding the releases given in Paragraph 5 of this Agreement, or any other term of this Agreement, the following claims and rights of the United States are specifically reserved and are not released:

a. Any liability arising under Title 26, U.S. Code (Internal Revenue Code);

b. Any criminal liability;

c. Except as explicitly stated in this Agreement, any administrative liability or enforcement right, or any administrative remedy, including the suspension and debarment rights of any federal agency;

d. Any liability to the United States (or its agencies) for any conduct other than the Covered Conduct;

e. Any liability based upon obligations created by this Agreement; and

f. Any liability of individuals.

8. Relator and its principals, heirs, executors, administrators, affiliates, successors, attorneys, agents, and assigns shall not object to this Agreement but agree and confirm that this Agreement is fair, adequate, and reasonable under all the circumstances, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3730(c)(2)(B). Conditioned upon Relator's receipt of the Relator's Share, Relator and its heirs, executors, administrators, affiliates, successors, attorneys, agents, and assigns fully and finally release, waive, and forever discharge the United States, its agencies, officers, agents, employees, and servants, from any claims arising from the filing of the Civil Action or under 31 U.S.C. § 3730, and from any claims to a share of the proceeds of this Agreement and/or the Civil Action.

9. Relator, for itself, and for its heirs, successors, attorneys, agents, and assigns, releases the QP Holdings Entities, and their officers, directors, managers, members, agents, attorneys, and employees, from any liability to Relator arising from the filing of the Civil Action, or under 31 U.S.C. § 3730(d) for expenses or attorneys' fees and costs.

10. The QP Holdings Entities waive and shall not assert any defenses the QP Holdings Entities may have to any criminal prosecution or administrative action relating to the Covered Conduct that may be based in whole or in part on a contention that, under the Double

Jeopardy Clause in the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution, or under the Excessive Fines Clause in the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution, this Agreement bars a remedy sought in such criminal prosecution or administrative action.

11. The QP Holdings Entities fully and finally release the United States, its agencies, officers, agents, employees, and servants, from any claims (including attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses of every kind and however denominated) that the QP Holdings Entities have asserted, could have asserted, or may assert in the future against the United States, its agencies, officers, agents, employees, and servants, related to the Covered Conduct, the Civil Action, or the United States' investigation or prosecution thereof.

12. The QP Holdings Entities fully and finally release the Relator from any claims (including attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses of every kind and however denominated) that the QP Holdings Entities have asserted, could have asserted, or may assert in the future against the Relator, related to the Civil Action and the Relator's investigation and prosecution thereof.

13. The QP Holdings Entities agree to the following:

a. Unallowable Costs Defined: All costs (as defined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation, 48 C.F.R. § 31.205-47; and in Titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1395-1395lll and 1396-1396w-5; and the regulations and official program directives promulgated thereunder) incurred by or on behalf of the QP Holdings Entities, their present or former officers, directors, employees, shareholders, and agents in connection with:

i. the matters covered by this Agreement;

ii. the United States' audit(s) and civil investigation(s) of the matters covered by this Agreement;

iii. the QP Holdings Entities' investigation, defense, and corrective actions undertaken in response to the United States' audit(s) and civil investigation(s) in connection with the matters covered by this Agreement (including attorneys' fees);

iv. the negotiation and performance of this Agreement; and

v. the payment the QP Holdings Entities makes to the United States pursuant to this Agreement and any payments that the QP Holdings Entities may make to Relators, including costs and attorneys fees,

are unallowable costs for government contracting purposes (hereinafter referred to as "Unallowable Costs").

b. Future Treatment of Unallowable Costs: Unallowable Costs shall be separately determined and accounted for by the QP Holdings Entities, and the QP Holdings Entities shall not charge such Unallowable Costs directly or indirectly to any contracts with the United States.

c. Treatment of Unallowable Costs Previously Submitted for Payment: Within 90 days of the Effective Date of this Agreement, the QP Holdings Entities shall identify and repay by adjustment to future claims for payment or otherwise any Unallowable Costs included in payments previously sought by the QP Holdings Entities or any of their subsidiaries or affiliates from the United States. QP Holdings Entities agree that the United States, at a minimum, shall be entitled to recoup from the QP Holdings Entities any overpayment plus applicable interest and penalties as a result of the inclusion of such Unallowable Costs on previously submitted requests for payment. The United States, including the Department of Justice and/or the affected agencies, reserves its rights to audit, examine, or re-examine the QP Holdings Entities' books and records and to disagree with any calculations submitted by the QP Holdings Entities or any of their subsidiaries or affiliates regarding any Unallowable Costs included in payments previously sought by the QP Holdings Entities, or the effect of any such Unallowable Costs on the amount of such payments.

14. This Agreement is intended to be for the benefit of the Parties only.

15. In the event that the QP Holdings Entities fail to make any of the Settlement Payments, or any portion thereof, as provided in the payment schedule set forth in Paragraph 1(a) above, the QP Holdings Entities shall be in Default of their payment obligations ("Default"). The United States will provide a written Notice of Default, and the QP Holdings Entities shall have an opportunity to cure such Default within seven (7) calendar days from the date of receipt of the Notice of Default by making the payment due under the payment schedule and paying any additional interest accruing under the Settlement Agreement up to the date of payment. Notice of Default will be delivered to QP Holdings, LLC, or to such other representative as QP Holdings, LLC shall designate in advance in writing. If the QP Holdings Entities fail to cure the Default within seven (7) calendar days of receiving the Notice of Default and in the absence of an agreement with the United States to a modified payment schedule ("Uncured Default"), the remaining unpaid balance of the Settlement Amount shall become immediately due and payable, and interest on the remaining unpaid balance shall thereafter accrue at the rate of 12% per

annum, compounded daily from the date of Default, on the remaining unpaid total (principal and interest balance).

16. In the event of Uncured Default, the QP Holdings Entities agree that the United States, at its sole discretion, may (i) retain any payments previously made, rescind this Agreement, and pursue the Civil Action or bring any civil and/or administrative claim, action, or proceeding against the QP Holdings Entities for the claims that would otherwise be covered by the releases provided in Paragraph 4 above, with any recovery reduced by the amount of any payments previously made by the QP Holdings Entities to the United States under this Agreement; (ii) take any action to enforce this Agreement in a new action or by reinstating the Civil Action; (iii) offset the remaining unpaid balance from any amounts due and owing to the QP Holdings Entities and/or affiliated companies by any department, agency, or agent of the United States at the time of Default or subsequently; and/or (iv) exercise any other right granted by law, or under the terms of this Agreement, or recognizable at common law or in equity. The United States shall be entitled to any other rights granted by law or in equity by reason of Default, including referral of this matter for private collection. In the event the United States pursues a collection action, the QP Holdings Entities agree immediately to pay the United States the greater of (i) a ten-percent (10%) surcharge of the amount collected, as allowed by 28 U.S.C. § 3011(a), or (ii) the United States' reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in such an action. In the event that the United States opts to rescind this Agreement pursuant to this paragraph, the QP Holdings Entities waive and agree not to plead, argue, or otherwise raise any defenses of statute of limitations, laches, estoppel or similar theories, to any civil or administrative claims that are (i) filed by the United States against the QP Holdings Entities within 120 days of written notification that this Agreement has been rescinded, and (ii) relate to the Covered Conduct, except to the extent these defenses were available on November 13, 2025.

The QP Holdings Entities agree not to contest any offset, recoupment, and /or collection action undertaken by the United States pursuant to this paragraph, either administratively or in any state or federal court, except on the grounds of actual payment to the United States.

17. In exchange for valuable consideration provided in this Agreement, the QP Holdings Entities and Relator acknowledge the following:

a. The QP Holdings Entities warrant that they have reviewed their financial situation and that they are currently solvent within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. §§ 547(b)(3) and 548(a)(1)(B)(ii)(I) and shall remain solvent following payment to the United States of the Settlement Amount.

b. In evaluating whether to execute this Agreement, the Parties intend that the mutual promises, covenants, and obligations set forth herein constitute a contemporaneous exchange for new value given to the QP Holdings Entities, within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. § 547(c)(1), and the Parties conclude that these mutual promises, covenants, and obligations do, in fact, constitute such a contemporaneous exchange.

c. The mutual promises, covenants, and obligations set forth herein are intended by the Parties to, and do in fact, constitute a reasonably equivalent exchange of value.

d. The Parties do not intend to hinder, delay, or defraud any entity to which the QP Holdings Entities were or became indebted to on or after the date of any transfer contemplated in this Agreement, within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. § 548(a)(1).

e. If any of the QP Holdings Entities' payments or obligations under this Agreement are avoided for any reason (including but not limited to, through the exercise of a trustee's avoidance powers under the Bankruptcy Code) or if, before the Settlement Amount is paid in full, any of the QP Holdings Entities commence, or a third party commences, a case, proceeding, or other action under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, or relief of debtors seeking any order for relief of any of the QP Holdings Entities' debts, or to adjudicate any of the QP Holdings Entities as bankrupt or insolvent; or seeking appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, or other similar official for any of the QP Holdings Entities or for all or any substantial part of the QP Holdings Entities' assets:

i. the United States may rescind the releases in this Agreement and bring any civil and/or administrative claim, action, or proceeding against the QP Holdings Entity that is the subject of any event described in Paragraph 17(e) for the claims that would otherwise be covered by the releases provided in Paragraph 4 above;

ii. the United States has undisputed, noncontingent, and liquidated allowed claims against each of (a) River Bend in the amount of \$6,022,356.15, (b) Master Molded in the amount of \$2,671,874.13, (c) 3D Plastics in the amount of \$1,191,159.00, and (d) QP Holdings in the amount of \$9,885,389.28, less any payments received pursuant to Paragraph 1 of this Agreement, provided, however, that such payments are not otherwise avoided and recovered from the United States by a receiver, trustee, creditor, custodian, or similar official, which may be asserted against the QP Holdings Entity that is the subject of any event described in Paragraph 17(e);

iii. if any payments are avoided and recovered by a receiver, trustee, creditor, custodian, or similar official, the United States shall not be responsible for the return of any amounts already paid by the United States to the Relator; and

iv. if, notwithstanding subparagraph (iii), any amounts already paid by the United States to the Relator pursuant to Paragraph 2 are recovered from the United States in an action or proceeding filed by a receiver, trustee, creditor, custodian, or similar official in or in connection with a bankruptcy case that is filed within two years of the Effective Date of this Agreement or of any payment made under Paragraph 1 of this Agreement, Relator shall, within thirty days of written notice from the United States to the undersigned Relator's counsel, return to the United States all amounts recovered from the United States.

18. The QP Holdings Entities agree that any civil and/or administrative claim, action, or proceeding brought by the United States under Paragraph 17.e is not subject to an "automatic stay" pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) because it would be an exercise of the United States' police and regulatory power. The QP Holdings Entities shall not argue or otherwise contend that the United States' claim, action, or proceeding is subject to an automatic stay and, to the extent necessary, consents to relief from the automatic stay for cause under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(1). The QP Holdings Entities waive and shall not plead, argue, or otherwise raise any defenses under the theories of statute of limitations, laches, estoppel, or similar theories, to any such civil or administrative claim, action, or proceeding brought by the United States within 120 days of written notification to the QP Holdings Entities that the releases have been rescinded pursuant to

this paragraph, except to the extent such defenses were available on November 13, 2025. Upon receipt of the first settlement payment described in Paragraph 1, above, the Relator and the United States shall promptly sign and file in the Civil Action a Joint Stipulation of Dismissal of the Civil Action as to the QP Holdings Entities pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1). The Joint Stipulation of Dismissal shall state that: (1) claims for the allegations described in the Covered Conduct are dismissed with prejudice as to the United States; and (2) all claims in the Civil Action shall be dismissed with prejudice as to the Relator.

19. Except as expressly provided for in Paragraph 4, each Party shall bear its own legal and other costs incurred in connection with this matter, including the preparation and performance of this Agreement.

20. Each party and signatory to this Agreement represents that it freely and voluntarily enters into this Agreement without any degree of duress or compulsion.

21. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the United States. The exclusive jurisdiction and venue for any dispute relating to this Agreement is the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. For purposes of construing this Agreement, this Agreement shall be deemed to have been drafted by all Parties to this Agreement and shall not, therefore, be construed against any Party for that reason in any subsequent dispute.

22. This Agreement constitutes the complete agreement between the Parties. This Agreement may not be amended except by written consent of the Parties.

23. The undersigned counsel represent and warrant that they are fully authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the persons and entities indicated below.

24. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which constitutes an original and all of which constitute one and the same Agreement.

25. This Agreement is binding on the QP Holdings' Entities' successors, transferees, heirs, and assigns.

26. This Agreement is binding on Relator's successors, transferees, heirs, and assigns.

27. All Parties consent to the United States' disclosure of this Agreement, and information about this Agreement, to the public.

28. This Agreement is effective on the date of signature of the last signatory to the Agreement ("Effective Date" of this Agreement). Facsimiles and electronic transmissions of signatures shall constitute acceptable, binding signatures for purposes of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGES TO FOLLOW]

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DATED: __________

BY: BRIAN LAMACCHIA Digitally signed by BRIAN LAMACCHIA Date: 2026.02.03 13:08:28 -05'00'

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