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12	others similarly situated,	CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT
13	Plaintiff,	FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE
14	v.	FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS
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16	EHANG HOLDINGS LIMITED,	
17	HUAZHI HU, CONOR CHIA-HUNG YANG, and RICHARD JIAN LIU,	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
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Plaintiff \_\_\_\_\_ ("Plaintiff"), individually and on behalf of all other persons 1 similarly situated, by Plaintiff's undersigned attorneys, for Plaintiff's complaint 2 against Defendants (defined below), alleges the following based upon personal 3 knowledge as to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's own acts, and information and belief as to 4 all other matters, based upon, among other things, the investigation conducted by 5 and through his attorneys, which included, among other things, a review of the 6 7 Defendants' public documents, public filings, wire and press releases published by and regarding EHang Holdings Limited ("EHang" or the "Company"), and 8 information readily obtainable on the Internet. Plaintiff believes that substantial 9 evidentiary support will exist for the allegations set forth herein after a reasonable 10 opportunity for discovery. 11

## **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

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1. This is a class action on behalf of persons or entities who purchased
or otherwise acquired publicly traded EHang securities between January 20, 2022
and November 6, 2023, inclusive (the "Class Period"). Plaintiff seeks to recover
compensable damages caused by Defendants' violations of the federal securities
laws under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act").

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

20 2. The claims asserted herein arise under and pursuant to Sections 10(b)
21 and 20(a) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b) and 78t(a)) and Rule 10b-5
22 promulgated thereunder by the SEC (17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5).

3. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action
pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, and Section 27 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C.
§78aa).

4. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §
1391(b) and Section 27 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. § 78aa(c)) as the alleged

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misstatements entered and the subsequent damages took place in this judicial
 district.

5. In connection with the acts, conduct and other wrongs alleged in this
complaint, Defendants (defined below), directly or indirectly, used the means and
instrumentalities of interstate commerce, including but not limited to, the United
States mails, interstate telephone communications and the facilities of the national
securities exchange.

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#### **PARTIES**

9 6. Plaintiff, as set forth in the accompanying certification, incorporated
10 by reference herein, purchased EHang securities during the Class Period and was
11 economically damaged thereby.

12 7. On its website, EHang describes itself as an "autonomous aerial
13 vehicle technology company."

14 8. The Company is incorporated in the Cayman Islands and operates
15 through subsidiaries in China. The Company's principal executive offices are
16 located at 11/F Building One, EHang Technology Park, No. 29 Bishan Blvd.,
17 Huangpu District, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, 510700, People's Republic
18 of China.

19 9. EHang's American Depositary Shares ("ADS" or "ADSs") trade on
20 the NASDAQ exchange under the ticker symbol "EH".

21 10. Defendant Huazhi Hu ("Hu") is the founder of the Company. He has
22 served as EHang's Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and as the Chairman of the
23 Board of Directors (the "Board") Director since the Company's founding in 2014.

24 11. Defendant Conor Chia-hung Yang ("Yang") has served as a Company
25 director since December 2019 and as the Company's Chief Financial Officer
26 ("CFO") since September 2023.

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1	12.	Richard Jian Liu ("Liu") served as the Company's CFO from May	
2	2017 through September 2023.		
3	13.	Defendants Hu, Yang, and Liu are collectively referred to herein as	
4	the "Individu	al Defendants."	
5	14.	Each of the Individual Defendants:	
6	(a)	directly participated in the management of the Company;	
7	(b) was directly involved in the day-to-day operations of the Company at		
8	the highest levels;		
9	(c)	was privy to confidential proprietary information concerning the	
10	Company and its business and operations;		
11	(d)	was directly or indirectly involved in drafting, producing, reviewing	
12	and/or	disseminating the false and misleading statements and information	
13	alleged herein;		
14	(e)	was directly or indirectly involved in the oversight or implementation	
15	of the Company's internal controls;		
16	(f)	was aware of or recklessly disregarded the fact that the false and	
17	mislea	ding statements were being issued concerning the Company; and/or	
18	(g) approved or ratified these statements in violation of the federal		
19	securities laws.		
20	15.	The Company is liable for the acts of the Individual Defendants and	
21	its employee	es under the doctrine of respondeat superior and common law	
22	principles of agency because all of the wrongful acts complained of herein were		
23	carried out within the scope of their employment.		
24	16.	The scienter of the Individual Defendants and other employees and	
25	agents of the	Company is similarly imputed to EHang under respondeat superior	
26	and agency principles.		
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1	17. Defendant EHang and the Individual Defendants are collectively			
2	referred to herein as "Defendants."			
3	SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS			
4	Materially False and Misleading Statements Issued During the Class Period			
5	18. On January 20, 2022, EHang published a press release on its website			
6	which said "EHang Receives Pre-order for 50 Units of EH216 in Japan" (the "AirX			
7	Announcement"). The AirX Announcement stated that "[AirX], a leading			
8	Japanese air mobility digital platform company, has placed a pre-order for 50			
9	units of the EH216 AAV, marking the biggest pre-order EHang has received in			
10	Japan." (Emphasis added). Further, the AirX announcement stated "[t]he pre-order			
11	of the EH216 AAVs are planned to facilitate various Urban Air Mobility ('UAM')			
12	projects in Japan and may provide 'air taxi' services for the 2025 World Expo in			
13	[Osaka, Japan]." (Emphasis added).			
14	19. Given the pricing of the EH216, the deal equated to a value of \$15			
15	million.			
16	20. The statement in $\P$ 18 was materially false and misleading because it			
17	omitted that AirX is an early stage startup that has raised less than \$1 million,			
18	calling into question whether AirX will be able to afford the EHang aircraft.			
19 20	Further, given Japan's air safety regulations, it is unlikely that AirX (or any other			
20	Japanese entity) will be able to operate the EH216 in 2024, due to Japan's			
21	certification requirements.			
22	21. On April 11, 2022, EHang posted a press release on its website			
23 24	entitled "EHang Receives Pre-Order for 100 United of EH216 AAVs from			
24 25	Indonesian Company Prestige Aviation." (the "Prestige Announcement"). The			
25 26	Prestige Announcement stated, in pertinent part:			
26 27	EHang [] has received a pre-order for 100 units of EH216 AAVs from			
27	<b>Prestige Aviation, an Indonesian aviation company</b> []. It is the largest			
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pre-order EHang has received so far for its passenger-grade AAVs in Asia. 1 Prestige Aviation previously purchased one unit of EH216 from EHang, and 2 the two parties jointly conducted a debut flight demonstration for aerial sightseeing in Bali, Indonesia in 2021. 3 4 \* \* \* Rudy Salim, Executive Chairman of Prestige Aviation, said "EHang has 5 long been a crucial partner to Prestige Aviation. As a forerunner of 6 Indonesia's sustainable transportation, we hope that we can address the Indonesian public's need for aerial transportation and therefore, we are 7 ready to support the Indonesian new capital Nusantara's Smart City 8 initiative with EH216 AAVs. Indonesia is an archipelagic country with 9 more than 17,000 islands within its borders. Therefore, a new transportation mode that can facilitate inter-island mobility will 10 undoubtedly help regional economies to grow exponentially, assisted by its 11 low cost when compared to other conventional land routes. We will join hands with EHang to bring safe, efficient, economical and eco-friendly 12 transport solutions to facilitate inter-island mobility and many other 13 scenarios in Indonesia." 14 (Emphasis added). 15 22. The Prestige Announcement described Prestige Aviation ("Prestige") 16 as a "company that specializes in the aviation industry and operates under the 17 supervision of its parent company, Prestige Corp. Prestige Aviation provides 18 aviation services that includes the sale and acquisition of aerial vehicles and 19 private jet lease." (Emphasis added). 20 The statements in ¶¶ 21-22 were materially false and misleading 23. 21 because Prestige did not conduct meaningful business in the aviation sector at the 22 time the statement was made, and does not presently conduct meaningful business 23 in the aviation sector. 24 24. Then, on April 27, 2023, the Company filed with the SEC its Annual 25 Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2022 (the "2022 Annual 26 Report"). Attached to the 2022 Annual Report were signed certifications pursuant 27 to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2022 ("SOX") signed by Defendants Hu and Liu 28 5 CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS

attesting to the accuracy of financial reporting, the disclosure of any material
 changes to the Company's internal controls over financial reporting, and the
 disclosure of all fraud.

25. Regarding AirX, the 2022 Annual Report stated "[i]n Japan, we
cooperated with AirX Inc., *a leading air mobility digital platform company* [...]
and also secured a pre-order for 50 units of the EH216 series from [AirX]."
(Emphasis added)

8 26. The statement in ¶ 25 was materially false and misleading because, as
9 an early stage company with less than \$1 million in funding. Accordingly, AirX is
10 unlikely to be able to pay for an order worth \$15 million.

27. Regarding Prestige Aviation, the 2022 Annual Report stated "[i]n
Indonesia, we partnered with Prestige Aviation, *an Indonesian aviation company*and received a pre-order for 100 units of the EH216-S." (Emphasis added).

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28. The statement in ¶ 27 was materially false and misleading because
Prestige does not appear to have discernible operations (not counting promotional activities) in the aviation sector, or the means to pay for 100 units of the EH216-S.
29. The 2022 Annual Report contained the following statement regarding

United Therapeutics:

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We entered into a 15-year development and conditional purchase agreement in 2016 with Lung Biotechnology PBC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of a U.S. biotechnology company United Therapeutics Corporation (Nasdaq: UTHR), with the aim to enable routine fully-autonomous organ delivery missions from its facilities to hospitals for transplant. The customer intended to purchase 1,000 units of customized AAVs upon achievement of specified performance milestones and that the customer obtains required approvals from the FAA and the FDA for their commercial operation of our AAVs. As of December 31, 2022, we had delivered five units of passenger-carrying AAVs to this customer for their trial operations conducted in Canada.

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The statement in ¶29 was materially false and misleading because the 30. Company's partnership with United Therapeutics is, in the words of a former 2 EHang employee, "dead". Upon information and belief, the planned partnership 3 with United Therapeutics was "dead" by the time the 2022 Annual Report was 4 filed. 5

31. In the 2022 Annual Report, Defendants stated "*[a]s of December 31*, 6 2022, we had unfilled pre-orders for more than 1,200 units of the EH216 series 7 and the VT-30 AAVs." (Emphasis added). Further, Defendants stated "[a]s of 8 March 31, 2023 [...] the pre-orders we received for the EH216 series and the VT-9 30 had more than 1,200 units in overseas markets on a cumulative basis." 10

Regarding customer obligations, Defendants stated that "[p]re-orders 32. 11 do not obligate the customers to purchase our AAVs unless certain conditions are 12 satisfied. Fulfilment is expected to take several years and is conditional upon, 13 among other things, achievement of performance milestones and receipt of 14 regulatory approvals." (Emphasis added). 15

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The statements in ¶ 31-32 were materially false and misleading 33. 16 because EHang was unlikely to be able to fill orders for 1,200 units of its aircraft, 17 given that United Therapeutics reportedly abandoned its partnership with EHang, 18 and because other entities that had placed pre-orders, such as Prestige, are not in a 19 financial position to pay in full for their orders. 20

34. Further, in ¶ 32 Defendants materially understated the precarious 21 nature of fulfilling the 1,200 preorders, considering that partners had abandoned 22 business plans with EHang, or otherwise do not appear able to pay for their orders. 23

In the 2022 Annual Report, the Company stated the following 35. 24 regarding its customer base: 25

> Strong customer base and wide partnership network across the value chain to enable UAM ecosystem and commercial operations

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With the first type of passenger-carrying AAVs available in the market 1 ahead of other eVTOL aircraft, we have accumulated a strong customer 2 base and wide partnership network with key stakeholders worldwide including regulators, public sectors, aviation companies, tourism 3 companies, real estate companies, vertiport designers and constructers, 4 telecommunication providers, Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul ("MRO") service providers, industry associations, etc. We have also 5 participated in a number of European Union's UAM demonstration projects. 6 Our joint efforts and collaborations across the value chain will empower the UAM ecosystem for commercial operations and sustainable development. 7 8 (Emphasis added). 9 36. The statement in ¶ 35 was materially false and misleading because the 10 Company falsely included in its customer base entities that had abandoned their 11 partnerships or were otherwise unlikely to be able to pay for their ordered EHang 12 aircraft. 13 On September 29, 2023, EHang posted an announcement on its 37. 14 website entitled "EHang Delivers 5 Units of EH216-S AAVs to Boling in 15 Shenzhen." (the "Boling Announcement"). 16 38. In the Boling Announcement, EHang announced that it had delivered 17 five units of EH216-S to a new customer, Shenzhen Boling Holding Group Co., 18 Ltd. ("Boling"), as part of Boling's reputed plan to purchase up to 100 units of 19 EH216-S from EHang, conditioned on Boling receiving certain certifications from 20 the Civil Aviation Administration of China ("CAAC"), and other agreements. 21 39. In the Boling Announcement, EHang stated that "Boling aims to be a 22 long-term AAV operator in Shenzhen through collaboration with EHang, and 23 deploy the EH216-S AAVs purchased for activities such as aerial sightseeing and 24 experience flights, further expanding the UAM strategic layout in Shenzhen." 25 (Emphasis added). 26 40. The Boling Announcement, posted on EHang's website, contained a 27 description of Boling as "a comprehensive integrated company that combines 28 8 CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS OF

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1	various businesses, including the cultural and tourism, international education,					
2	research and development of smart city technologies, cultural and technology,					
3	exhibition services, international trade, hotel management and operation, as well					
4	as cr	oss-border e-	commerce." (Er	nphasis added)	•	
5		41. The	statements in ¶	¶ 39-40 were	materially fal	se and misleading
6	because Boling does not appear to be a going business concern.					
7	42. On October 13, 2023, EHang posted online a presentation dated			presentation dated		
8	"Oct	ober 2023" e	ntitled "EHang	– Enabling Sa	fe, Autonomou	s, Eco-friendly air
9	mobi	lity." (the "C	ctober 2023 Pre	esentation").		
10		43. The	October 2023 1	Presentation co	ontained, as se	en below, a slide
11	saying that it had 1,200+ units of EH216 and VT-30 pre-orders overseas:		overseas:			
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13		EHang in Nu	mbers			
14		The world's leading	ng Urban Air Mobility (I	UAM) technology pla	tform company	
15		2014	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	(@ 1st	40,000+
16		Company founded	Autonomous eVTOL launched in 2016	Publicly traded UAM technology company	Unmanned eVTOL Type Certificate from	Safe, autonomous trial and demo flights
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18		\$1.1bn Market cap <sup>2</sup>	65.9% Gross margin	100+ Units of EH216-S in	1,200+ Units of EH216 series	
19		Mai Ket Cap	of fiscal year 2022	order pipeline in China <sup>3)</sup>	and VT-30 pre-orders overseas <sup>3</sup>	
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21				•	•	cause the pre-order
22	units included pre-orders that had been abandoned, or where the ordering entity					
23	was unlikely to be able to afford the order.					
24	45. The October 2023 Presentation also contained the following slide on					
25	the Company's purported partners, which included United Therapeutics, DHL, and					
26	Vodafone, among others:					
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46. This image was materially false and misleading because it included
United Therapeutics, Vodafone, and DHL. These are entities who, upon
information and belief, were not conducting business with EHang at the time
EHang published the October 2023 Presentation.

The statements contained in ¶ 18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 29, 31, 32, 35, 47. 17 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, and 45 were materially false and/or misleading because they 18 19 misrepresented and failed to disclose the following adverse facts pertaining to the Company's business, operations and prospects, which were known to Defendants 20 or recklessly disregarded by them. Specifically, Defendants made false and/or 21 22 misleading statements and/or failed to disclose that: (1) EHang has continued to state that it was partnering with United Therapeutics, DHL and Vodafone, among 23 24 others, even though a former EHang employee has noted that United Therapeutics, DHL, and Vodafone have abandoned their respective deals with EHang; (2) EHang 25 26 omitted that other entities that had placed pre-orders for its aircraft, such as Prestige 27 Aviation and Shenzhen Boling Holding Group, did not engage in regular business

in the aviation sector and are otherwise almost certainly not in a financial position
 to be able to afford their orders; and (3) as a result, Defendants' statements about
 its business, operations, and prospects, were materially false and misleading and/or
 lacked a reasonable basis at all relevant times.

#### **THE TRUTH EMERGES**

7 48. On November 7, 2023, before the market opened, *Hindenburg*8 *Research* ("Hindenburg") released a report entitled "Ehang: Hollow Order Book
9 And Fake Sales Make This China-Based eVTOL Company Last in Line For
10 Takeoff" (the "Hindenburg Report").

49. The Hindenburg Report made a number of allegations regarding the
Company's business, operations, and prospects. The Hindenburg Report raised
issues with EHang's purported deals with entities called United Therapeutics,
Prestige Aviation, AirX, Shenzhen Boling Holdings Group, and DHL Sinotrans
("DHL" or "DHL Sinotrans").

16 50. The Hindenburg Report preliminarily stated that "EHang's 1,300+
 17 unit preorder book suggests solid demand and serves as the most critical metric for
 18 quantifying future revenue potential." However, "[a]fter examining every preorder
 19 and partnership [.], *our research indicates that over 92% of EHang's preorder* 20 *book is based on deals that were later 'abandoned' or came from customers in* 21 *no financial position to purchase EHang's aircraft in volume, or at all.*"

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"*dead*". (Emphasis added).

The same employee told Hindenburg that EHang's partnerships with
 Vodafone and DHL had failed, and that EHang does not remove former partners

former EHang employee as stating that the deal with United Therapeutics was

Regarding United Therapeutics, the Hindenburg Report quoted a

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from its investor materials after the conclusion of a respective partnership, as to do 1 so would be an admission of failure. 2 The Hindenburg Report specifically quoted the former employee as 53. 3 saying "EHang partnered with Vodafone for communications, [Heli-East for 4 helicopter operations], [and DHL] for doing logistical drones, but [...] [this is 5 the same as the United deal]. It's dead—it's a dead end." (Emphasis added). 6 7 54. The Hindenburg Report further quoted the former employee as saying 8 the following: 9 EHang, they enter the Ambular project... for them, it's a catchy idea, you know, to transport organs and liver, [or] heart, whatever, and say we're going 10 to save lives. For them it was an ice breaker or promotion, marketing. Then 11 these things failed, they lose their part, and what they don't do in China is take out from the videos or the article[s] in their web[site] because they 12 think that taking it out is like admitting it failed. 13 (Emphasis added). 14 15 55. Hindenburg directly contacted United Therapeutics to see if it could 16 confirm whether it had an existing partnership with EHang or not. Hindenburg 17 stated that "[t]ypically, companies with active, thriving partnerships are happy to 18 confirm as such. We put in multiple calls and emails to United's investor relations 19 department and the head of its drone program to inquire about the status of its 20 partnership with EHang, but heard nothing." (Emphasis added). After a week of 21 attempting to communicate with United Therapeutics regarding its dealings with 22 EHang, Hindenburg stated that it received a response from Elliot Sloane, United 23 Therapeutics' PR spokesman. 24 56. United Therapeutics did not confirm an existing partnership, and the 25 Hindenburg Report quoted Elliot Sloane, as saying "[y]ou've called 20 people, and 26 it's like, obsessive, and it's too much... You know, we have no comment. We're 27 28 12 CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS

*just not going to comment on this. So, I hope you can take that for an answer.*" (Emphasis added).

57. The Hindenburg Report also discussed the purported 100-unit
preorder, worth an estimated \$30 million (based on the unit price of the applicable
EHang aircraft), from Prestige, which EHang had characterized as an "Indonesian
Aviation Company".

58. Hindenburg noted that Prestige is owned by Rudy Salim ("Salim"), a
social media influencer, and stated that "[o]ne would expect that a \$30 million
preorder might come from an established aviation company with aircraft, pilots,
or any observable aviation-related operations. On the contrary, we couldn't even
find a website for Prestige Aviation, much less an active aviation-related
business." (Emphasis added). Further, the Hindenburg Report stated "[t]he
company shows just 2 employees on LinkedIn."

The Hindenburg Report also noted that "Salim, who has no
discernible aviation experience, spends much of his time producing selfpromotional social media content." This includes short films where Salim can be
seen "racing supercars and engaging in gun fights with animated villains."
(Emphasis added).

60. To illustrate, the below image is from one of Salim's social media posts:



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61. The Hindenburg Report further stated that, outside of promotional events with EHang, the only evidence Hindenburg "could find that Prestige had an aviation business *were several early photos of Prestige Aviation's planes on social media, but they appear to be photoshopped*." (Emphasis added).

62. Hindenburg highlighted that one photo posted on Instagram (by an unknown person who may have been affiliated with Prestige) of a Prestige-branded jet appeared to be identical to a jet (except that it did not have the Prestige logo) featured in another Instagram post by the same user, in the same week as the post with the plane with the Prestige logo, leading Hindenburg to believe the Prestige logo was photoshopped onto the plane. Below is the photo of the aircraft with the logo that Hindenburg claimed was photoshopped onto the plane:



(Source: Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/p/CJtKGWlpQ4l/))

63. Below is a screenshot from the second post by the same user, which appears to have the same jet, but without the Prestige logo:

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(https://www.instagram.com/stories/highlights/17877085135751953/))

64. Hindenburg also highlighted that, three months after the photo with the photoshopped logo had been posted on Instagram, Salim incorporated Prestige with just *\$34,000 in registered capital* the day before Salim announced a partnership with EHang on his Instagram account. (Emphasis added). Further, Hindenburg noted that Prestige was incorporated with an address that matched a car dealership owned by Salim.

Regarding AirX, the Hindenburg Report stated that "[w]hile EHang 65. described AirX as a 'leading Japanese air mobility digital platform company,' we found no indication that AirX has any physical aviation assets of its own." (Emphasis added). The Hindenburg Report further stated that "AirX's website shows that it is a 20-employee company based out of a WeWork office. It has raised U.S. ~\$900,000 total since inception, according to Crunchbase. AirX's website advertises "Capital" of 149 million yen, or approximately \$993K USD." (Emphasis added and internal citations omitted).

 66. In addition, the Hindenburg Report stated that AirX's "'offering' consists of trying to resell EHang's products, according to its website. The website states that orders will be fulfilled by importing from EHang, indicating that AirX hopes to act as a middleman for 50 EHang units that don't yet seem to have actual buyers." (internal citation omitted). In sum, the Hindenburg Report stated that "[a]s opposed to an aviation company capable of purchasing \$15 million worth of eVTOL's, AirX appears to be a startup focused on scaling its digital marketplace

for booking helicopter sightseeing tours with third-party operators." (Emphasis added).

67. The Hindenburg Report also called into question whether AirX will 3 be able to fly the EHang EH216 aircraft by 2024. It stated "AirX claims the EH216 4 will be ready for commercial flight in Japan by 2024, which we see as impossible 5 given that EHang must apply for a Type Certification in Japan." (Emphasis 6 7 added). The certification process, Hindenburg noted, reportedly takes "years".

Regarding Boling, the Hindenburg Report called into question 8 68. 9 whether Boling conducts any business activities at all. The Hindenburg Report first 10 noted that in the Boling Announcement, "EHang announced it had delivered 5 units 11 to a new customer, [Boling], which plans to purchase up to 100 units for aerial 12 sightseeing applications." Further, "[a]ccording to the [Boling Announcement], 13 Boling is a diverse conglomerate with businesses across 8 different sectors."

14 However, Hindenburg stated that "[d]espite its claimed broad **69**. 15 operations, Boling has no staff or registered insured employees according to 16 QCC, a Chinese business data aggregator." (Emphasis added). Hindenburg further noted that "[o]n September 24, 2023, just five days before EHang issued its press 18 release announcing that the units would be delivered, the entity changed the scope 19 of its business, adding various aviation segments, as well as tourism, according 20 to QCC." (Emphasis added).

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70. Hindenburg further noted that, in the Boling Announcement, Xu Guanshen ("Xu") was listed as Boling's chairman, and "has minimal presence online." Internet searches for Xu resulted in very few results, "none of which suggested any business operations for the company."

71. Finally, Hindenburg visited Boling's registered business address in 26 China, and found no evidence of business activity. In sum, Hindenburg stated "[w]e 27 were unable to confirm any business operations for Boling, much less an active 28

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aviation business with the capital and experience to acquire and operate 100+ autonomous aircraft from EHang." (Emphasis added).

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72. Regarding DHL-Sinotrans ("DHL"), Hindenburg first noted that "in 2019, EHang announced a strategic partnership with shipping giant DHL to develop an urban drone delivery business [in] China." (the "DHL Announcement") After the DHL Announcement, Hindenburg said that the "only update [it could find] was in an August 2020 earnings call, where [DHL] said that EHang was 'in good cooperation with them [DHL]', but that it was still 'early stage'".

9 73. Hindenburg quoted a former EHang employee about the status of the
10 deal with DHL, who said "[s]o, you don't hear any more about the DHL-Sinotrans
11 company in China working with EHang. *Why? Because there were some problems*12 *in the integration and then they abandoned the project*, but they don't claim,
13 nobody says 'we closed the project'...*they never admit any failure or any dead*14 *ends*." (Emphasis added).

15 74. On this news, the price of EHang ADSs declined by \$1.90 per ADS,
16 or 12.70%, to close at \$13.06 on November 7, 2023.

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175. As a result of Defendants' wrongful acts and omissions, and the precipitous decline in the market value of the Company's common shares, Plaintiff and other Class members have suffered significant losses and damages.

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## **PLAINTIFF'S CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

76. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a) and (b)(3) on behalf of a class consisting of all persons other than defendants who acquired the Company's securities publicly traded on NASDAQ during the Class Period, and who were damaged thereby (the "Class"). Excluded from the Class are Defendants, the officers and directors of the Company, members of the Individual Defendants' immediate families and their legal

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representatives, heirs, successors or assigns and any entity in which Defendants have or had a controlling interest.

77. The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members
is impracticable. Throughout the Class Period, the Company's securities were
actively traded on NASDAQ. While the exact number of Class members is
unknown to Plaintiff at this time and can be ascertained only through appropriate
discovery, Plaintiff believes that there are hundreds, if not thousands of members
in the proposed Class.

9 78. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Class
10 as all members of the Class are similarly affected by Defendants' wrongful conduct
11 in violation of federal law that is complained of herein.

12 79. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the
13 members of the Class and has retained counsel competent and experienced in class
14 and securities litigation. Plaintiff has no interests antagonistic to or in conflict with
15 those of the Class.

16 80. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Class
17 and predominate over any questions solely affecting individual members of the
18 Class. Among the questions of law and fact common to the Class are:

whether the Exchange Act was violated by Defendants' acts as alleged
herein;

• whether statements made by Defendants to the investing public during the Class Period misrepresented material facts about the business and financial condition of the Company;

• whether Defendants' public statements to the investing public during the Class Period omitted material facts necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

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1	• whether the Defendants caused the Company to issue false and			
2	misleading filings during the Class Period;			
3	• whether Defendants acted knowingly or recklessly in issuing false			
4	filings;			
5	• whether the prices of the Company securities during the Class Period			
6	were artificially inflated because of the Defendants' conduct complained of			
7	herein; and			
8	• whether the members of the Class have sustained damages and, if so,			
9	what is the proper measure of damages.			
10	81. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair			
11	and efficient adjudication of this controversy since joinder of all members is			
12	impracticable. Furthermore, as the damages suffered by individual Class members			
13	may be relatively small, the expense and burden of individual litigation make it			
14	impossible for members of the Class to individually redress the wrongs done to			
15	them. There will be no difficulty in the management of this action as a class action.			
16	82. Plaintiff will rely, in part, upon the presumption of reliance			
17	established by the fraud-on-the-market doctrine in that:			
18	• the Company's shares met the requirements for listing, and were listed			
19	and actively traded on NASDAQ, an efficient market;			
20	• as a public issuer, the Company filed periodic public reports;			
21	• the Company regularly communicated with public investors via			
22	established market communication mechanisms, including through the			
23	regular dissemination of press releases via major newswire services and			
24	through other wide-ranging public disclosures, such as communications with			
25	the financial press and other similar reporting services;			
26	• the Company's securities were liquid and traded with moderate to			
27	heavy volume during the Class Period; and			
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1	• the Company was followed by a number of securities analysts	
2	employed by major brokerage firms who wrote reports that were widely	
3	distributed and publicly available.	
4	83. Based on the foregoing, the market for the Company's securities	
5	promptly digested current information regarding the Company from all publicly	
6	available sources and reflected such information in the prices of the shares, and	
7	Plaintiff and the members of the Class are entitled to a presumption of reliance	
8	upon the integrity of the market.	
9	84. Alternatively, Plaintiff and the members of the Class are entitled to	
10	the presumption of reliance established by the Supreme Court in Affiliated Ute	
11	Citizens of the State of Utah v. United States, 406 U.S. 128 (1972), as Defendants	
12	omitted material information in their Class Period statements in violation of a duty	
13	to disclose such information as detailed above.	
14	<u>COUNT I</u>	
15	For Violations of Section 10(b) And Rule 10b-5 Promulgated Thereunder	
16	Against All Defendants	
17	85. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained	
18	above as if fully set forth herein.	
19	86. This Count is asserted against Defendants is based upon Section 10(b)	
20	of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder	
21	by the SEC.	
22	87. During the Class Period, Defendants, individually and in concert,	
23	directly or indirectly, disseminated or approved the false statements specified	
24	above, which they knew or deliberately disregarded were misleading in that they	
25	contained misrepresentations and failed to disclose material facts necessary in	
26	order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they	
27	were made, not misleading.	
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- 1 88. Defendants violated §10(b) of the 1934 Act and Rule 10b-5 in that
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employed devices, schemes and artifices to defraud;

• made untrue statements of material facts or omitted to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or

• engaged in acts, practices and a course of business that operated as a fraud or deceit upon plaintiff and others similarly situated in connection with their purchases of the Company's securities during the Class Period.

Defendants acted with scienter in that they knew that the public 89. 10 documents and statements issued or disseminated in the name of the Company 11 were materially false and misleading; knew that such statements or documents 12 would be issued or disseminated to the investing public; and knowingly and 13 substantially participated, or acquiesced in the issuance or dissemination of such 14 statements or documents as primary violations of the securities laws. These 15 defendants by virtue of their receipt of information reflecting the true facts of the 16 Company, their control over, and/or receipt and/or modification of the Company's 17 allegedly materially misleading statements, and/or their associations with the 18 Company which made them privy to confidential proprietary information 19 concerning the Company, participated in the fraudulent scheme alleged herein. 20

90. Individual Defendants, who are the senior officers of the Company,
had actual knowledge of the material omissions and/or the falsity of the material
statements set forth above, and intended to deceive Plaintiff and the other members
of the Class, or, in the alternative, acted with reckless disregard for the truth when
they failed to ascertain and disclose the true facts in the statements made by them
or any other of the Company's personnel to members of the investing public,
including Plaintiff and the Class.

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91. As a result of the foregoing, the market price of the Company's securities was artificially inflated during the Class Period. In ignorance of the falsity of Defendants' statements, Plaintiff and the other members of the Class relied on the statements described above and/or the integrity of the market price of the Company's securities during the Class Period in purchasing the Company's securities at prices that were artificially inflated as a result of Defendants' false and misleading statements.

8 92. Had Plaintiff and the other members of the Class been aware that the
9 market price of the Company's securities had been artificially and falsely inflated
10 by Defendants' misleading statements and by the material adverse information
11 which Defendants did not disclose, they would not have purchased the Company's
12 securities at the artificially inflated prices that they did, or at all.

As a result of the wrongful conduct alleged herein, Plaintiff and other 93. 13 members of the Class have suffered damages in an amount to be established at trial. 14 15 94. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have violated Section 10(b) of the 1934 Act and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder and are liable to the 16 plaintiff and the other members of the Class for substantial damages which they 17 suffered in connection with their purchase of the Company's securities during the 18 Class Period. 19

## COUNT II

# Violations of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act Against the Individual Defendants

Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in
the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

96. During the Class Period, the Individual Defendants participated in the
operation and management of the Company, and conducted and participated,
directly and indirectly, in the conduct of the Company's business affairs. Because

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of their senior positions, they knew the adverse non-public information about the
 Company's false financial statements.

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97. As officers of a publicly owned company, the Individual Defendants had a duty to disseminate accurate and truthful information with respect to the Company's' financial condition and results of operations, and to correct promptly any public statements issued by the Company which had become materially false or misleading.

98. Because of their positions of control and authority as senior officers, 8 the Individual Defendants were able to, and did, control the contents of the various 9 reports, press releases and public filings which the Company disseminated in the 10 marketplace during the Class Period concerning the Company's results of 11 operations. Throughout the Class Period, the Individual Defendants exercised their 12 power and authority to cause the Company to engage in the wrongful acts 13 complained of herein. The Individual Defendants therefore, were "controlling 14 persons" of the Company within the meaning of Section 20(a) of the Exchange 15 Act. In this capacity, they participated in the unlawful conduct alleged which 16 artificially inflated the market price of the Company's securities. 17

18 99. By reason of the above conduct, the Individual Defendants are liable
19 pursuant to Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act for the violations committed by the
20 Company.

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## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and the Class, prays for
judgment and relief as follows:

(a) declaring this action to be a proper class action, designating Plaintiff
as Lead Plaintiff and certifying Plaintiff as a class representative under Rule 23 of
the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and designating Plaintiff's counsel as Lead
Counsel;

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1	(b) awarding damages in favor of Plaintiff and the other Class members		
2	against all Defendants, jointly and severally, together with interest thereon;		
3	(c) awarding Plaintiff and the Class reasonable costs and expenses		
4	incurred in this action, including counsel fees and expert fees; and		
5	(d) awarding Plaintiff and other members of the Class such other and		
6	further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.		
7	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED		
8	Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury.		
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