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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

_____, individually and on behalf of all
others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

HIMS & HERS HEALTH, INC., ANDREW
DUDUM and OLUYEMI OKUPE,

Defendants.

Case No.

**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR
VIOLATION OF THE FEDERAL
SECURITIES LAWS**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 Plaintiff ____ (“Plaintiff”), individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,
2 alleges the following upon personal knowledge as to Plaintiff, and upon information and belief as
3 to all other matters based upon the investigation conducted by and through Plaintiff’s attorneys,
4 which included, among other things, a review of documents filed by Defendant Hims & Hers
5 Health, Inc. (“Hims” or the “Company”) with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
6 (“SEC”), research reports issued by securities and financial analysts, press releases issued by
7 Defendants, media and news reports, and other publicly available information about Defendants.
8 Plaintiff believes that substantial additional evidentiary support will exist for the allegations set forth
9 herein after a reasonable opportunity for discovery.

10 NATURE AND SUMMARY OF THE ACTION

11 1. This is a securities fraud class action on behalf of all those who purchased, or otherwise
12 acquired, Hims common stock during the period from April 29, 2025 through June 23, 2025, inclusive
13 (the “Class Period”), who were damaged thereby (the “Class”). This action is brought on behalf of
14 the Class for violations of Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the
15 “Exchange Act”), 15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b) and 78t(a) and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder by the SEC,
16 17 C.F.R. § 240.10 b-5.

17 2. Hims is a U.S.-based telehealth company that offers online access to health
18 consultations and treatments, focusing on conditions such as weight loss, acne, sexual wellness, and
19 mental health.

20 3. Throughout the Class Period, Defendants made false and/or misleading statements, as
21 well as failed to disclose material facts, including that: (1) the communication between Hims and the
22 pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk A/S (“Novo”) would facilitate a long-term collaboration that
23 would ensure continued access to the weight-loss drug Wegovy for Hims subscribers; (2) Novo
24 approved of Hims’ offerings of compounded semaglutide products under the “personalization”
25 exception; (3) branded Wegovy would be offered alongside compounded semaglutide options on the
26 Hims platform, thereby expanding user choice; and (4) Defendants made positive statements about
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1 the Novo partnership and Hims users’ ongoing access to Wegovy alongside compounded semaglutide
2 products.

3 4. On June 23, 2025, Novo—the manufacturer of the blockbuster weight-loss drug
4 Wegovy and previous partner of Hims—announced that it was terminating its collaboration with the
5 Company. Novo accused Hims of breaking the law by continuing to sell compounded versions of
6 semaglutide, the key ingredient in Wegovy, alongside Novo’s branded products. In a statement, Novo
7 stated it was terminating its partnership with Hims because “Hims & Hers . . . has failed to adhere to
8 the law which prohibits mass sales of compounded drugs under the false guise of ‘personalization.’”

9 5. On this news, the price of Hims common stock declined by \$22.24 per share, or over
10 34%, from \$64.22 per share on June 20, 2025 to close at \$41.98 per share on June 23, 2025.

11 6. As a result of Defendants’ wrongful acts and omissions, and the precipitous decline in
12 the market value of the Company’s common stock, Plaintiff and other Class Members have suffered
13 significant losses and damages.

14 JURISDICTION AND VENUE

15 7. The claims asserted herein arise under §§10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act, 15
16 U.S.C. §§78j(b) and 78t(a), and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder by the SEC, 17 C.F.R. §240.10b-
17 5. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331 and
18 1367, and pursuant to §27 of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. §78aa.

19 8. This Court has jurisdiction over each Defendant named herein because each Defendant
20 is an individual or corporation who has sufficient minimum contacts with this District so as to render
21 the exercise of jurisdiction by the District Court permissible under traditional notions of fair play and
22 substantial justice.

23 9. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to §27 of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. §78aa
24 and 28 U.S.C. §1931(b), as the Company has its principal executive offices located in this District
25 and conducts substantial business here.

26 10. In connection with the acts, omissions, conduct, and other wrongs alleged in this
27 complaint, Defendants, directly or indirectly, used the means and instrumentalities of interstate
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1 commerce including but not limited to the United States mail, interstate telephone communications
2 and the facilities of the national securities exchange.

3 **PARTIES**

4 11. Plaintiff, as set forth in the accompanying certification, which is incorporated by
5 reference herein, purchased Hims & Hers Health, Inc. common stock during the Class Period and has
6 been damaged thereby.

7 12. Defendant Hims & Hers Health, Inc. is a U.S.-based telehealth company
8 headquartered in San Francisco, California. The Company's stock trades on the New York Stock
9 Exchange under the ticker symbol "HIMS."

10 13. Defendant Andrew Dudum ("Dudum") has served as Chief Executive Officer
11 ("CEO") and as a member of the board of directors of Hims at all relevant times. He also co-founded
12 the Company.

13 14. Defendant Oluyemi Okupe ("Okupe") has served as the Chief Financial Officer
14 ("CFO") of Hims at all relevant times.

15 15. Collectively, Defendants Dudum and Okupe are referred to throughout this complaint
16 as the "Individual Defendants."

17 16. The Individual Defendants, because of their positions at the Company, possessed the
18 power and authority to control the content and form of the Company's annual reports, quarterly
19 reports, press releases, investor presentations, and other materials provided to the SEC, securities
20 analysts, money and portfolio managers and investors, *i.e.*, the market. The Individual Defendants
21 authorized the publication of the documents, presentations, and materials alleged herein to be
22 misleading prior to its issuance and had the ability and opportunity to prevent the issuance of these
23 false statements or to cause them to be corrected. Because of their positions with the Company and
24 access to material non-public information available to them but not to the public, the Individual
25 Defendants knew that the adverse facts specified herein had not been disclosed to and were being
26 concealed from the public and that the positive representations being made were false and misleading.
27 The Individual Defendants are liable for the false statements pleaded herein.

1 17. Hims and the Individual Defendants are referred to herein, collectively, as
2 “Defendants.”

3 SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS

4 18. Hims is a U.S.-based telehealth company that connects users with licensed healthcare
5 professionals who offer virtual consultations and prescribe medications tailored to a range of health
6 and wellness goals, including hair regrowth, sexual health, and weight loss.

7 19. A key component of Hims’ weight loss offerings was compounded semaglutide
8 custom-made medications that mimic the effects of brand-name drugs like Ozempic and Wegovy at
9 a lower cost.

10 20. Under federal law, compounding pharmacies are permitted to produce and sell
11 compounded versions of a drug in two situations: 1) when the Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”)
12 has declared a shortage of that drug; and 2) when a patient requires a customized version due to an
13 adverse reaction or intolerance to the brand-name drug (a practice known as “personalization”).
14 Compounded drugs are prepared by pharmacists and are not reviewed by the FDA for safety or
15 effectiveness. Once a shortage ends, compounded versions may only be produced in limited cases
16 involving individualized medical need.

17 21. The FDA first declared a shortage of the weight-loss drugs Ozempic and Wegovy in
18 August 2022. On February 21, 2025, the FDA announced that the shortages had been resolved and
19 ordered all compounding pharmacies to cease production of compounded semaglutide by April 2025.
20 Hims, however, continued to offer compounded semaglutide to its users under the personalization
21 exception.

22 22. In the lead up to the Class Period, Hims reported strong fourth-quarter results for 2024,
23 with revenue growing 95% year over year. Full-year revenue rose 69% to \$1.5 billion, and the
24 Company’s subscriber base grew 2.2 million, marking a 45% increase from the previous year.
25 However, Hims’ offerings of compounded weight-loss drugs represented a significant part of its
26 business. Following the FDA’s February announcement that the shortages of Wegovy and Ozempic
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1 had ended—and that compounding of semaglutide medications would no longer be permitted after
2 May 2025—analysts expressed concerns about the potential impact on Hims’ weight-loss revenue.

3 23. In response to these concerns, Hims announced a “long-term collaboration” with Novo
4 Nordisk that would allow consumers to directly purchase Wegovy through the Hims platform and
5 supplement its continued offerings of compounded semaglutides.

6 24. Throughout the Class Period, the Company misled investors to believe that its
7 partnership with Novo was based on extensive engagement and communication between the two
8 companies, forming the basis for a long-term collaboration that would ensure continued access to
9 Wegovy for Hims users, that its compounded semaglutide offerings under the “personalization”
10 exception were approved of by Novo, and that both the branded and compounded versions of the drug
11 could be offered on its platform concurrently.

12 25. Despite representing to investors that “Branded Wegovy will be an additional option
13 for subscribers and will complement our . . . personalized semaglutide options” and that Novo and
14 Hims were “aligned philosophically with . . . use of that compounding exemption,” Novo did not in
15 fact approve of Hims’ use of the personalization exception in offering compounded semaglutides to
16 its users and would prove unwilling to offer Wegovy concurrently with these compounded options.
17 On June 23, 2025, Novo Nordisk announced the termination of its partnership with Hims, accusing
18 Hims of improperly selling and promoting unapproved, compounded versions of Wegovy.

19 **DEFENDANTS’ MATERIALLY FALSE AND**
20 **MISLEADING STATEMENTS AND OMISSIONS**

21 26. The Class Period starts on April 29, 2025, when Hims announced its partnership with
22 Novo Nordisk. The Company reported:

23 Hims & Hers Health, Inc. (NYSE: HIMS) today announced *a long-term*
24 *collaboration with Novo Nordisk designed to make proven obesity care and*
25 *treatments more accessible, more affordable, and more connected for millions of*
26 *Americans.*

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1 *The companies are also developing a roadmap that combines Novo Nordisk's*
2 *innovative treatments with Hims & Hers' ability to scale access to quality care,*
3 *aiming to improve long-term outcomes for more people, more affordably . . .* This
4 new offering builds on Hims & Hers' existing suite of weight loss solutions and
5 provides access to all dose strengths of Wegovy® in a high-quality pen for self-pay
6 patients. *The platform will continue to offer access to other medications, oral kits,*
7 *protein, nutrition kits, and clinically-backed care plans,* giving patients more ways
8 to start and sustain their health journey based on their needs, goals, and eligibility.

9 27. During an earnings call on May 5, 2025, Defendant Dudum further touted the
10 partnership with Novo, stating:

11 Weight loss is another example that demonstrates how execution of our vision can translate
12 into rapid scale. In just 18 months, it has become one of our largest specialties. We've added
13 liraglutide earlier this year. *And now through our new collaboration with Novo Nordisk,*
14 *we're expanding access to branded Wegovy to bring subscribers on our platform an even*
15 *broader range of choice. Branded Wegovy will be an additional option for subscribers and*
16 *will complement our oral kit offering, liraglutide and personalized semaglutide options.*

17 Teaming up with Novo Nordisk is a pivotal milestone. We are pairing our customer-first
18 platform with Novo's medicines, reaching more people and helping them stay on track with
19 their goals. *This collaboration also signals something important, trust from a major*
20 *pharmaceutical leader, and it sets the blueprint for future partnerships that can expand*
21 *both our reach and our relevance.*

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23 28. During this same earnings call on May 5, 2025, an analyst noted a “natural tension
24 between the dispensing of the personalized product [and] the commercial Wegovy that you guys are
25 selling,” asking “was there any like interaction or any discussion around like a ratio of the
26 dispensing of the personalized products versus the commercial product? And Andrew, I'd just be --
27 I'd really be interested in the background. Is there any risk that like Novo would ever pull the
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1 commercial relationship with you guys if personalized kind of sold too well?" Defendant Dudum
2 responded:

3 *I think there's an alignment that both the regulation allows for it, and we believe there's a*
4 *need, whether or not there's total agreement with regard to how much of that should be*
5 *available to what types of consumers.* Will our organizations ever align on that perfectly?

6 Probably not. But I think the reality is, and I think everybody is stepping back and realizing
7 this reality, is that we have millions of patients on Hims & Hers platform. We have 10,000
8 to 15,000 patients who are treating every single day, and they are looking for options.

9 And so in a world where great medicine is trying to find the patient that needs their option, it
10 makes sense to work with Hims & Hers. And *I think we have a responsibility to do that in*
11 *the right way, to do it in a respectful way to play by the book and to respect all parties. But*
12 *I think that's where we, as a distribution platform, can really bring the ecosystem together*
13 *whether these players traditionally fight each other or compete with each other, might not*
14 *matter if ultimately at the end of the day, we have millions of patients coming to us every*
15 *day looking for choice, and we want to make sure they have the broadest choice possible.*

16 That type of alignment, it's something that everybody, I think, can agree to. It's something
17 that benefits everybody. And *I think as long as there's trust between all organizations at*
18 *the way in which those patients receive care is independent and driven by clinical best*
19 *practices, then I hope that we're able to have a really long and tenured relationship with*
20 *many partners like this.*

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24 29. Later on in the call, Defendant Dudum doubled down on the supposed alignment
25 between Hims and Novo in regard to the prescription of personalized semaglutide, stating:

26 On the commercial doses that transition to noncommercial, I don't think that's something we
27 disclose, unfortunately, Daniel. *On the personalized semaglutide standpoint, one of the*
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1 *things that we did talk about with Novo early is just what we believe is appropriate use of*
2 *personalization and aligned philosophically with what our providers believe is that clinical*
3 *necessities. So there is an alignment for what we believe to be blue chip use of that*
4 *compounding exemption.*

5 30. On May 15, 2025, Hims presented at the 53rd Annual JPMorgan Global Technology,
6 Media and Communications Conference. At the conference, an analyst asked Defendant Okupe to
7 “walk through the recent partnership announcement with Novo. What was the logic from your
8 perspective, and how it came together?” Defendant Okupe responded:

9 Yes. So I think that one of the core principles behind any specialty that we operate in is
10 bringing consumers choice. And so I think what we’ve observed, particularly for a specialty
11 like weight that impacts over 100 million people in the U.S. alone, the ability to bring choice
12 to consumers is something that's fundamentally important.

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14 *When we look at the collaboration that we did with Novo, the executive team spent quite a*
15 *bit of time engaging and talking.* What we observed on the HIMS side was, fundamentally,
16 we're going after the same thing, right? And that is, how do you resolve a very sensitive
17 condition for millions of people and overall improve that experience? How do you effectively
18 help them in their weight loss journey, which fundamentally impacts other things such as their
19 cardiovascular health, potentially their metabolic health as well, and really transform that
20 experience to ensure that they can manage through side effects while also fundamentally
21 achieving their goals?

22 *As the teams talked more and more, it became very clear that the principles behind both*
23 *organizations and what we were both after, fundamentally, we're going after the same*
24 *thing.* And so with that, we sought to collaborate again to fundamentally offer more choice to
25 consumers on the platform. We also have a keep moment where commercially available
26 dosages of semaglutide will roll off the platform in May. The ability to provide another option
27 for users that are on the platform today as well as users that may come to the platform in the
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1 future is something that we're very excited by. And we're seeing a lot of success with the
2 branded Wegovy in the platform as well.

3 31. The analyst followed up, asking: “do you expect to be able to offer compounded
4 semaglutide after next week? And then how many of your patients do you expect to move from
5 compounded weight loss drugs to more branded drugs?” Defendant Okupe stated:

6 Yes. So I think from a personalization capability, I think that those regulations have been in
7 place for a decade. *And I think many players in the pharmaceutical industry are also*
8 *acknowledging the fact that there is a need for personalization. And so I think we're going*
9 *to be very thoughtful around how we offer that on a go-forward basis.*

10 But I think, again, when we point back to some of the things that are unique to Hims & Hers,
11 the data that we have to fundamentally pair a user with the right treatment I think is something
12 that's very unique at the type of scale that we have. And so our ability to see a user and identify,
13 based upon their profile, is an oral treatment right for them, is it personalized semaglutide, is
14 it the branded pens, and triage that, I think, is something that, again, is a very powerful thing.
15 When you step back and look at what is the incentive of the platform as well as the incentive
16 of other players in the ecosystem like a Novo, it is really to give a consumer a delightful
17 experience and have that consumer benefit and ultimately keep coming back and utilizing the
18 product for years and years to come. And so our ability to identify what product is the
19 consumer likely to have success with, I think, is something that gives us the power to
20 confidently do that.

21 32. The statements referenced above in ¶¶25-30 were materially false and/or misleading
22 when made because they failed to disclose the following adverse facts pertaining to the Company's
23 business, which were known to Defendants or recklessly disregarded by them as follows:

24 a) The communication between Hims and Nova was insufficient to ensure that
25 their partnership would provide long-term access to Wegovy for Hims users;

26 b) Novo had not agreed to Hims' offerings of compounded semaglutide options;
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1 c) Novo would be unwilling to offer Wegovy concurrently with compounded
2 semaglutide drugs;

3 d) that, based on the foregoing, Defendants lacked a reasonable basis for their
4 positive statements about their partnership with Novo and Hims users ability to access the
5 weight loss drug Wegovy through the Hims platform.

6 33. On June 23, 2025, Novo Nordisk announced the termination of its partnership with
7 Hims, alleging that Hims was improperly selling and promoting unapproved, compounded versions
8 of Wegovy and had “failed to adhere to the law which prohibits mass sales of compounded drugs”
9 under the “false guise” of personalization. Novo accused the Company of “deceptive” marketing that
10 put patient safety at risk.

11 34. On this news, the price of Hims common stock declined by \$22.24 per share, or over
12 34%, from \$64.22 per share on June 20, 2025 to close at \$41.98 per share on June 23, 2025.

13 **ADDITIONAL SCIENTER ALLEGATIONS**

14 35. As alleged herein, Defendants acted with scienter in that they knew the public
15 documents and statements issued or disseminated in the name of the Company were materially false
16 and misleading; knew that such statements or documents would be issued or disseminated to the
17 investing public; and knowingly and substantially participated or acquiesced in the issuance or
18 dissemination of such statements or documents and in actions intended to manipulate the market price
19 of Hims’ common stock as primary violations of the federal securities laws. As set forth elsewhere
20 herein in detail, Defendants, by virtue of their receipt of information reflecting the true facts regarding
21 Hims, their control over, and/or receipt or modification of, the Company’s allegedly materially
22 misleading misstatements, and/or their associations with the Company that made them privy to
23 confidential proprietary information concerning Hims, participated in the fraudulent scheme alleged
24 herein.

25 36. As such, the Individual Defendants knew or were reckless in not knowing of the
26 undisclosed facts detailed herein.

1 **LOSS CAUSATION/ECONOMIC LOSS**

2 37. Defendants' wrongful conduct, as alleged herein, directly and proximately caused the
3 economic loss, *i.e.*, damages, suffered by Plaintiff and the Class.

4 38. On June 23, 2025, Novo Nordisk announced the termination of its partnership with
5 Hims, alleging that Hims was improperly selling and promoting unapproved, compounded versions
6 of Wegovy. On this news, the price of Hims common stock declined by \$22.24 per share, or over
7 34%, from \$64.22 per share on June 20, 2025 to close at \$41.98 per share on June 23, 2025.

8 39. The decline in Hims' stock price is directly attributable to the Novo's announcement
9 regarding the termination of its partnership with Hims.

10 **APPLICABILITY OF PRESUMPTION OF RELIANCE:**

11 **FRAUD-ON-THE-MARKET DOCTRINE**

12 40. Plaintiff will rely upon the presumption of reliance established by the fraud-on-the-
13 market doctrine that, among other things:

- 14 a) Defendants made public misrepresentations or failed to disclose material facts during
15 the Class Period;
- 16 b) The omissions and misrepresentations were material;
- 17 c) The Company's common stock traded in efficient markets;
- 18 d) The misrepresentations alleged herein would tend to induce a reasonable investor to
19 misjudge the value of the Company's common stock; and
- 20 e) Plaintiff and other members of the class purchased the Company's common stock
21 between the time Defendants misrepresented or failed to disclose material facts and
22 the time that the true facts were disclosed, without knowledge of the misrepresented
23 or omitted facts.

24 41. At all relevant times, the markets for the Company's stock were efficient for the
25 following reasons, among others: (i) the Company filed periodic public reports with the SEC; and (ii)
26 the Company regularly communicated with public investors via established market communication
27 mechanisms, including through regular disseminations of press releases on the major news wire
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1 services and through other wide-ranging public disclosures such as communications with the financial
2 press, securities analysts, and other similar reporting services. Plaintiff and the Class relied on the
3 price of the Company's common stock, which reflected all information in the market, including the
4 misstatements by Defendants.

5 **NO SAFE HARBOR**

6 42. The statutory safe harbor provided for forward-looking statements under certain
7 conditions does not apply to any of the allegedly false statements pleaded in this Complaint. The
8 specific statements pleaded herein were not identified as forward-looking statements when made.

9 43. To the extent there were any forward-looking statements, there were no meaningful
10 cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially
11 from those in the purportedly forward-looking statements.

12 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

13 44. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules
14 of Civil Procedure on behalf of a class of all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired
15 Hims & Hers, Inc. common stock between April 29, 2025 through June 23, 2025, inclusive. Excluded
16 from the Class are Defendants and their families, the officers and directors of the Company, at all
17 relevant times, members of their immediate families, and their legal representatives, heirs, successors
18 or assigns and any entity in which defendants have or had a controlling interest.

19 45. The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members is
20 impracticable. The disposition of their claims in a class action will provide substantial benefits to the
21 parties and the Court.

22 46. There is a well-defined community of interest in the questions of law and fact involved
23 in this case. Questions of law and fact common to the members of the Class which predominate over
24 questions which may affect individual Class members include:

- 25 a) Whether Defendants violated the Exchange Act;
 - 26 b) Whether Defendants omitted and/or misrepresented material facts;
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- 1 c) Whether Defendants' statements omitted material facts necessary in order to make the
2 statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not
3 misleading;
- 4 d) Whether Defendants knew or recklessly disregarded that their statements were false
5 and misleading;
- 6 e) Whether the price of the Company's stock was artificially inflated; and
- 7 f) The extent of damage sustained by Class members and the appropriate measure of
8 damages.

9 47. Plaintiff's claims are typical of those of the Class because Plaintiff and the Class
10 sustained damages from Defendants' wrongful conduct alleged herein.

11 48. Plaintiff will adequately protect the interests of the Class and has retained counsel who
12 are experienced in class action securities litigation. Plaintiff has no interests that conflict with those
13 of the Class.

14 49. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient
15 adjudication of this controversy.

16 **COUNT I**
17 **For Violations of §10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 Promulgated Thereunder**
18 **(Against All Defendants)**

19 50. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation contained above as if fully
20 set forth herein.

21 51. During the Class Period, Defendants disseminated or approved the false statements
22 specified above, which they knew or deliberately disregarded were misleading in that they contained
23 misrepresentations and failed to disclose material facts necessary in order to make the statements
24 made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

25 52. Defendants violated §10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 in that they (i)
26 employed devices, schemes, and artifices to defraud; (ii) made untrue statements of material fact
27 and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading; and (iii)
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1 engaged in acts, practices, and a course of business which operated as a fraud and deceit upon those
2 who purchased or otherwise acquired the Company's securities during the class period.

3 53. Plaintiff and the Class have suffered damages in that, in reliance on the integrity of the
4 market, they paid artificially inflated prices for the Company's common stock. Plaintiff and the Class
5 would not have purchased the Company's common stock at the price paid, or at all, if they had been
6 aware that the market prices had been artificially and falsely inflated by Defendants' misleading
7 statements.

8 **COUNT II**
9 **For Violation of §20(a) of the Exchange Act**
10 **(Against All Defendants)**

11 54. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation contained above as if fully
12 set forth herein.

13 55. Defendants acted as controlling persons of the Company within the meaning of §20(a)
14 of the Exchange Act as alleged herein. By virtue of their high-level positions at the Company, the
15 Individual Defendants had the power and authority to cause or prevent the Company from engaging
16 in the wrongful conduct complained of herein. The Individual Defendants were provided with or had
17 unlimited access to the documents where false or misleading statements were made and other
18 statements alleged by Plaintiff to be false or misleading both prior to and immediately after their
19 publication, and had the ability to prevent the issuance of those materials or to cause them to be
20 corrected so as not to be misleading. The Company controlled the Individual Defendants and all of
21 its employees. By reason of such conduct, Defendants are liable pursuant to §20(a) of the Exchange
22 Act.

23 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

24 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief and judgment, as follows:

25 A. Determining that this action is a proper class action pursuant to Rule 23(a) and
26 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of the Class as defined herein, and a
27 certification of Plaintiff as class representative pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil
28 Procedure and appointment of Plaintiff's counsel as Lead Counsel;

B. Awarding compensatory and punitive damages in favor of Plaintiff and the other class members against all Defendants, jointly and severally, for all damages sustained as a result of Defendants' wrongdoing, in an amount to be proven at trial, including pre-judgment and post-judgment interest thereon.

C. Awarding Plaintiff and other members of the Class their reasonable costs and expenses in this litigation, including attorneys' fees, experts' fees and other reasonable costs and disbursements; and

D. Awarding Plaintiff and the other Class members such other relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury.