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8	SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA		
9	COUNTY OF VENTURA		
10	ADYA, INC., a Michigan corporation,)Case No.: 56-2012-00412608-CU-BC-VTA	
11	Plaintiff,))COMPLAINT FOR:	
12	vs.) (1) Breach of Contract;	
13 14	THE RAW FOOD WORLD, INC., a California) (2) Common Count for Goods) Rendered.	
15	corporation; and DOES 1-50, Inclusive,		
16	Defendants.)	
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19 20	PLAINTIFF, ADYA, INC., by and through its counsel, Jackson & Stephenson LLP.		
21	PLAINTIFF, ADYA, INC., by and through its counsel, Jackson & Stephenson LLP, angs this complaint against Defendant THE RAW FOOD WORLD, INC., and DOES 1-50, clusive, alleging as follows:		
22	Inclusive, alleging as follows.		
23	NATURE OF THE ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT		
24	1. Plaintiff ADYA, INC. ("Adya") is the creator and distributor of the concentrated		
25	form of a water purifying product bottled and sold und	l "	
7	ingredient in Adya Clarity is called Themarox, a formula compounded originally from the		
8	mineral commonly known as black mica. Adya sells Adya Clarity in 2 ounce, 16 ounce, and 32		
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ounce bottles, to distributors. Adya also sells water filtration units and ceramic filters for same.

Adya's principal officers are Matt Bakos and Dennis Babjack.

- 2. Defendant THE RAW FOOD WORLD, INC. ("Raw Food World") was, at all relevant times herein, a distributor of Adya Clarity, purchasing Adya Clarity from Adya at wholesale prices, and selling to its customers at retail prices. The principal officer of Raw Food World is Matt Monarch.
- 3. Matt Bakos was first introduced to Matt Monarch in September 2010 at a conference in Detroit, Michigan. Impressed by the Adya Clarity product, Matt Monarch stated his interest in having Raw Food World purchase Adya Clarity from Adya, and distribute it to Raw Food World customers.
- 4. In September 2010, Adya and Raw Food World orally agreed on terms governing their business relationship, including an ongoing pricing structure and payment terms. The pricing structure and minimum order terms were agreed to be: \$2.00 per 2-ounce bottle, \$8.00 per 16-ounce bottle, and \$15.00 per 32-ounce bottle, as long as Raw Food World ordered at least 1,000 quantity of each size, with payments due upon receipt of goods.
- 5. Adya continuously sold Adya Clarity to Raw Food World, from September 2010 through July 2011, under the terms agreed to as described in paragraph 4.
- 6. In July 2011, through October 2011, upon Raw Food World's request, Adya agreed to allow Raw Food World to accrue a debt to Adya, and to make payments toward the balance with Adya. During this time, Adya made several sales to Raw Food World, and Raw Food World made frequent payments to Adya against those sales. The cycle of Adya selling and shipping large quantities of Adya Clarity products and water filtration units and ceramic filters to

Raw Food World, upon demand, and Raw Food World making payments against the balance thereon, was the parties' practice from July 2011 through October 2011.

- 7. From September 2010 through October 2011, Adya also shipped Adya Clarity, water filtration units and ceramic filters, directly from its warehouse, to customers of Raw Food World, upon demand by Raw Food World. Such shipments were treated by Adya as sales to Raw Food World, and were added to Raw Food World's account. As described in paragraph 6, Raw Food World made regular payments to Adya for such sales.
- 8. From about July 2011 through October 2011, inclusive, Raw Food World purchased increasing quantities of Adya Clarity. In fact, demand for Adya Clarity by customers of Raw Food World was so high, that on September 26, 2011, in an email from Matt Monarch to Dennis Babjack, Mr. Monarch stated, "I want you to ship me as many bottles as you humanly possibly can on an ongoing basis. We are still holding back due to lack of stock."
- 9. From September 26, 2011, through the end of October 2011, Adya sold \$559,280 in Adya Clarity and water filtration units/ceramic filters to Raw Food World. The last shipment to Raw Food World was on October 27, 2011, for \$47,160. The retail value of the Adya Clarity sold to Raw Food World during this period exceeded \$5,100,000.
- 10. The balance on Raw Food World's account as of October 27, 2011 was \$225,500.50.
- 11. From October 28, 2011 through October 30, 2011, a series of Internet articles containing false and misleading statements about Adya and Adya Clarity caused unfounded fear and concern as to the safety of Adya Clarity, in users of Adya Clarity, and doubt and misgivings in the minds of potential users of Adya Clarity. The original source of such false and misleading statements is believed to be a disgruntled former distributor of Adya Clarity, but the statements

were published on a prominent website in the natural health community. All of these false and misleading statements are easily explainable, and Adya stands by the safety of Adya Clarity for use as labeled. In communications from Matt Bakos to Matt Monarch during this time, Mr. Bakos demonstrated why the statements were false, misleading, or inaccurate, and Matt Monarch's statements in response indicated understanding, support for Adya and a commitment to Adya Clarity.

- 12. However, in a shocking reversal, on October 31, 2011, in an announcement on its website, Raw Food World abruptly and without justification pulled out all support for the Adya Clarity marketplace, ceased offering Adya Clarity to its customers, and offered full refunds to "anyone who would like one." This announcement was accompanied by the contradictory statement that "I have personally continued to put the recommended dosage of Adya Clarity into my water on a daily basis as usual."
- 13. On November 2, 2011, Raw Food World obtained authorization from Adya to refuse the October 27, 2011 shipment. Raw Food World was only charged Adya's shipping costs for the sale, and the balance remaining after the credit was \$183,056.50.
- 14. Since the return of the October 27, 2011 shipment, Raw Food World has attempted to return the balance of its unsold inventory to Adya. Adya did not and does not authorize such returns, and has refused to accept them.
- 15. Raw Food World failed and refused, and continues to fail and refuse, to pay Adya the full balance due of \$183,056.50.
- 16. The unsold Adya Clarity products that Raw Food World purchased, and that Adya shipped to Raw Food World, were accepted into Raw Food World's warehouse. They were not damaged or defective. Accordingly, no cause existed for Raw Food World to fail and refuse to

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pay for the goods, and Adva was not required to accept any such returns, and in fact did not authorize any such returns. Moreover, because Adya cannot be certain how the products were stored while in possession of Raw Food World, Adya would be forced to destroy any such Adya Clarity it came to possess, and certainly could not resell any such inventory.

17. Adya seeks, by this Complaint, full payment by Raw Food World in the amount of \$183,056.50

PARTIES

- 18 Plaintiff Adya is a Michigan corporation, with its principal place of business in the city of Coldwater, state of Michigan.
- 19. Defendant Raw Food World is a California corporation, with its principal place of business in the city of Ojai, state of California. Raw Food World operates an Internet-based products and information website, at www.therawfoodworld.com. Raw Food World is a major market-maker in the markets of healthy products, especially those considered "raw," or unprocessed or minimally processed, and "vegan," containing no animal by-products. Raw Food World's principal, Matt Monarch, is an author and frequent speaker at healthy lifestyle, raw food, and/or vegan events. Raw Food World has an Internet-based webcast, in which Matt Monarch and his wife, Angela Stokes, discuss various topics or products of interest to viewers. There are over 12,000 subscribers to the webcast, which is hosted on youtube.com, and there have been almost 4.4 million video views of Raw Food World's videos posted thereon. Raw Food World also operates an Internet-based radio program, in which Matt Monarch interviews prominent individuals in the health industry. Raw Food World offers some free content, but also offers content on a subscription basis, as of the date of this complaint, for approximately \$20 per

month. From his enormous financial success with The Raw Food World, Monarch recently purchased 300 hectares of land in Ecuador.

- 20. Defendants Does 1 through 50, inclusive, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise, are sued by these fictitious names and whose true names and capacities, at this time, are unknown to Plaintiff. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that, at all times mentioned, each of the Defendants sued herein as Does 1 through 50 was the agent, servant and employee of his, her or its co-defendants and, in doing the things hereinafter mentioned, was acting in the scope of his, her or its authority as such agent, servant, employee, and with permission, consent, and/or ratification of his, her, or its co-defendants; and that each of said fictitiously named Defendants is in some way liable or responsible to Plaintiff on the facts hereinafter alleged and caused the injuries and damages proximately thereby as hereinafter alleged. At such time as the true names of said DOE Defendants become known to Plaintiff, Plaintiff will amend this Complaint to insert said true names and capacities.
- 21. Any allegation about acts of any corporate or other business defendant means that the corporation or other business did the acts alleged through or by the ratification of its officers, directors, employees, agents and/or representatives while they were acting within the actual or ostensible scope of their authority.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 22. Through this action, Adya asserts claims against Defendants arising under California common law.
 - 23. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction over Adya's state claims.
- 24. This Court has specific personal jurisdiction over all Defendants as they have, and each of them, purposefully committed, within the State of California, the acts from which these

claims arise, knowing and intending that such acts would cause injury within the state. The Court also has general personal jurisdiction over Defendants, as they have conducted continuous, systematic, and routine business with the State of California and the County of Ventura. Finally, Defendant Raw Food World is principally located in the city of Ojai, which is within this County.

25. Venue is proper in the Superior Court of California, County of Ventura.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

BREACH OF CONTRACT

(Under California Common Law)

- 26. Adya repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 to 25, inclusive, of this Complaint and incorporates them by reference as though fully and completely set forth herein.
- 27. In September 2010, Adya and Raw Food World entered into an oral contract for an ongoing business relationship, whereby Adya proposed, and Raw Food World accepted, that Adya would sell Adya Clarity to Raw Food World for \$2.00 per 2-ounce bottle, \$8.00 per 16-ounce bottle, and \$15.00 per 32-ounce bottle, as long as Raw Food World ordered at least 1,000 quantity of each size. Raw Food World accepted this proposal and ordered approximately \$22,000 of product in September 2010, which Adya promptly shipped, and Raw Food World paid the balance in full upon receipt.
- 28. Raw Food World agreed to pay, and did pay, for all purchases upon receipt, under the pricing terms as described in paragraph 27, starting in September 2010 through July 2011.
- 29. Starting in July 2011, Raw Food World proposed, and Adya accepted, that Adya would allow Raw Food World to begin to accrue a balance with Adya. Raw Food World's

balance with Adya twice exceeded \$100,000 during the months of July 2011 and August 2011, but as of August 23, 2011, Raw Food World paid its balance down to zero. During this time, Adya continued to fulfill Raw Food World's orders, as well as drop shipped orders for Raw Food World. Raw Food World's accepted proposal merely modified the existing contract's payment terms.

- 30. On October 31, 2011, Matt Monarch posted on Raw Food World's website that Raw Food World would no longer be carrying Adya Clarity, and would no longer be selling the product.
- 31. On November 2, 2011, Matt Monarch requested to Adya that the product that Raw Food World had purchased for \$47,160 on October 27, 2011, and which was still in transit, be returned without inspection. Adya allowed this exception to its return policy, accepted the returns, and issued a credit on November 9, 2011 to Raw Food World's account, only charging for the original shipping costs.
- 32. Additionally, Raw Food World attempted to return all Adya Clarity in its warehouse. Such additional returns were not warranted, authorized, or accepted, and violated Adya's return policy.
- 33. Adya's return policy governs Adya's sales of Adya Clarity. The policy states, "Wholesale purchases are final once an item leaves the facility[,] and then becomes the distributors [sic] responsibility...Any damages must be reported with in [sic] [the] 48 hour period after delivery. Damages, and[/]or returns[,] must have proper authorization and [be] returned with in [sic] 14 days of delivery and subject to re[-]stocking fee if warranted. Please include order number to obtain damage claim authorization."

- 34. Raw Food World's inventory of Adya Clarity had been in its possession for more than 48 hours, as of November 2, 2011. It was not damaged or defective. Thus, there existed no justification or excuse for Raw Food World to return the product. The authorization Raw Food World obtained for returns pertained to the October 27, 2011 order only.
- 35. As of November 9, 2011, the balance due from Raw Food World was \$183,056.50.
- 36. Raw Food World failed and refused to pay, and continues to fail and refuse to pay, any amounts it owes for Adya Clarity and/or water filtration units and/or ceramic filters it purchased, received into its warehouse, promoted heavily on the Internet, and then turned its back upon abruptly, ending over a year of successful operation under a lawful contract. Such failure and refusal to pay is a material breach of the contract between Adya and Raw Food World.
- 37. Adya has been damaged in the amount of \$183,056.50, plus other additional costs and damages to be proven at trial.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

COMMON COUNT FOR GOODS RENDERED

(Under California Common Law)

- 38. Adya repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 to 37, inclusive, of this Complaint and incorporates them by reference as though fully and completely set forth herein.
- 39. Raw Food World requested that Adya deliver Adya Clarity, water filtration units, and ceramic filters, for Raw Food World's benefit.
 - 40. Adya delivered the goods as requested.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff hereby demands a jury trial on all claims.

Dated February 2012:

JACKSON & STEPHENSON LLP

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