Honorable Catherine Shaffer 1 Trial Date: March 22, 2021 2 Hearing Date: December 14, 2020 3 4 5 6 7 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING 8 9 ZACHARY HUDSON, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, No. 18-2-23611-8 SEA 10 Plaintiff, ORDER GRANTING PRELIMINARY 11 APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT, AUTHORIZING v. 12 NOTICE, AND SETTING FINAL 13 OATRIDGE SECURITY GROUP, INC., a **FAIRNESS HEARING** Washington corporation; and CY A. 14 OATRIDGE, individually and on behalf of [CLERK'S ACTION REQUIRED] the marital community composed of Cy and 15 J. Doe OATRIDGE, 16 Defendants. 17 18 This matter came before the Court on Plaintiff's Unopposed Motion for Preliminary 19 Approval of Class Action Settlement ("Plaintiff's Motion"). In conjunction with Plaintiff's 20 Motion, Plaintiff has filed a copy of the Parties' signed Class Action Settlement Agreement 21 and Release of Claims (the "Settlement Agreement"), attached as Exhibit 1 to the Declaration 22 of Elizabeth A. Hanley in support of Plaintiff's Motion. 23 WHEREAS, the Court has considered Plaintiff's Motion, the Parties' signed 24 25 Settlement Agreement, and all of the other pleadings, papers, and filings herein; 26

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WHEREAS, as used herein, all terms defined in the Parties' Settlement Agreement shall have the same meaning here; and

WHEREAS, good cause appearing that the Parties' Settlement Agreement is within the range of reasonableness and is presumptively valid,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

- 1. The Court grants preliminary approval of the Parties' Settlement Agreement pending Notice to the Class and final consideration of the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement at the Final Settlement Approval Hearing.
- 2. The Court approves the proposed form and content of the Notices of Proposed Class Action Settlement ("Class Notices") that are attached as Exhibits A and B to the Settlement Agreement and the Text Message that is attached as Exhibit C to the Settlement Agreement.
- 3. The Court approves appointment of ILYM Group, Inc. to mail, by first-class mail and by email where available, a copy of the Class Notice to each Class Member no later than thirty (30) calendar days following the date of this Order, to send a Text Message notification, where available, to each Class Member seven days after that date, and to administer payments and issuance of tax documents under the Settlement. The Court preliminarily approves payment of ILYM's estimated fees and costs of \$10,695.25. This approval is preliminary and is subject to modification at the time of final settlement approval.
- 4. Pursuant to CR 23, the Court hereby finds and concludes that the form and manner of giving notice by mailing and emailing a Class Notice to each individual Class Member, with a follow-up Text Message, as required by the Settlement Agreement and by

this Order, is the best notice practicable under the circumstances. Said notice procedures fully satisfy the requirements of CR 23(e) and the requirements of due process.

- 5. The Court conditionally approves Class Counsel's request for an attorneys' fee award of 30% of the gross Settlement Fund, or \$525,000, plus reasonable litigation costs of approximately \$25,000. This approval is preliminary and is subject to modification at the time of final settlement approval upon a showing of appropriate cause.
- 6. The Court preliminarily approves award of an incentive payment of \$5,000 to the Named Plaintiff in recognition of his role in this case and service to the Class. This approval is preliminary and is subject to modification at the time of final settlement approval.
- 7. On April 9, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be scheduled by the Court, a Final Settlement Approval Hearing shall be held before the Honorable Catherine Shaffer of the King County Superior Court in Seattle, Washington, to determine whether the Court should approve the fairness, adequacy, and reasonableness of the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement and whether the Court should enter the Parties' proposed Final Order and Judgment.
- 8. Plaintiff shall file any final memoranda or other papers they may wish to submit in support of the proposed Settlement Agreement and Class Counsel's fee and cost petition no later than sixteen (16) days following the Initial Mailing Date of the Class Notices and responses to any objections to the Settlement Agreement no later than forty (40) days after the Initial Mailing Date. These papers shall confirm that the delivery of the Class Notice was completed in accordance with the requirements of this Order, and provide information concerning any objections received as a result of such mailing.

- 9. Any Class Member may submit written objections to the Settlement Agreement by mailing to the Settlement Administrator at the address provided in the Settlement Notice, a written statement containing the Class Member's name, current address, and the substance of his or her objection (including any briefs and supporting papers) no later than 30 days after the Initial Mailing Date of the Class Notice. Any Class Member who presents written objections in the manner prescribed above may also appear personally or through counsel at the Final Settlement Approval Hearing to express the Class Member's views regarding the Settlement Agreement. Only Class Members who object to the Settlement Agreement in writing, in person, or by appearance through counsel, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Order, shall be permitted to appeal or otherwise seek review of this Court's decision approving or rejecting the Settlement Agreement. Failure to follow the procedures for objecting set forth herein shall constitute a waiver of a Class Member's right to object to the Settlement Agreement.
- 10. Class Members who were not previously provided notice and an opportunity to exclude themselves from the Class shall have the opportunity to request exclusion from the Settlement no later than 30 days after the Initial Mailing Date in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Settlement Agreement.
- 11. Pending this Court's ruling on final approval of the Settlement Agreement, the Named Plaintiff and all Class Members who do not exclude themselves are enjoined from filing or prosecuting any claims, suits or administrative proceedings regarding claims released in the Settlement Agreement.
 - 12. The Final Settlement Approval Hearing, and all dates provided for herein,

may, without further notice to the Class, be continued or adjourned by order of this Court.

13. Consistent with the Settlement Agreement, neither this Order, nor the fact or substance of the Settlement Agreement, shall be considered a concession or admission, nor shall they be used as evidence in any proceeding for the purpose of certifying a class or establishing Defendants' liability or wrongdoing.

14. In the event the Settlement Agreement does not become effective in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement, or the Settlement Agreement is not finally approved, or the Settlement Agreement is terminated, canceled, or fails to become effective for any reason, this Order shall be vacated and rendered null and void, and all claims and defenses previously asserted by the Parties shall be reinstated and the Court shall enter further appropriate orders governing the proceedings and establishing a revised case schedule in this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 12 day of January, 2021.

Honorable Catherine Shaffer
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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