UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA GAINESVILLE DIVISION

Dennis Pickering,) Coss No. 1:00 ov 00087 MD CD I
Plaintiff,) Case No. 1:09-cv-00087-MP-GRJ
V.)
A.L.S. Enterprises, Inc., et al.)
Defendants.))
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STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Plaintiff Dennis Pickering brought this consumer class action, alleging that A.L.S. Enterprises, Inc.'s ("ALS's") Scent-Lok® carbon hunting clothing did not work as advertised.
- 2. Class certification was denied in this and other related actions, *see In re Activated Carbon-Based Hunting Clothing Mktg. & Sales Practices Litig.*, No. 09-md-2059 (RHK/JJK), 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 144548 (D. Minn. Sept. 29, 2010); *Buetow v. A.L.S. Enters.*, *Inc.*, 259 F.R.D. 187 (D. Minn. 2009).
 - 3. Carbon is a highly effective odor adsorbent.
- 4. Expert testing found that, using highly elevated test odor concentrations that were "likely a ten thousand fold greater than a human body could produce in the

course of 24 hours," Scent-Lok® carbon hunting clothing fabrics blocked 96-99% of the odor compounds, and essentially 100% of the surrogate body odor compounds tested.

5. As exemplified by the test results below, Scent-Lok® carbon hunting clothing fabrics dramatically outperformed non-carbon fabrics at blocking odor permeation in head-to-head testing:

Test Sample (sample time = 1 hour)	% Reduction Odor Permeation
Fleece Balaclava w/out carbon	5
Fleece Balaclava w/Scent-Lok®	99
Base Layer w/out carbon Base Layer w/Scent-Lok®	19 98
Hunting Jacket w/out carbon	11
Hunting Jacket w/Scent-Lok®	97
Hunting Pants w/out carbon	32
Hunting Pants w/Scent-Lok®	98

- 6. Expert testing also found that after drying, or washing and drying, Scent-Lok® carbon fabrics continue to be highly effective at blocking odor permeation.
- 7. The United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit held that ALS's use of the terms "odor eliminating" and "reactivation" were not literally false, *Buetow v. A.L.S. Enters.*, *Inc.*, 650 F.3d 1178 (8th Cir. 2011).
- 8. The United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit held that injunctive relief was not available in the absence of a showing of irreparable injury, and ordered the dismissal with prejudice of plaintiffs' claim for injunctive relief in the lead *Buetow* action, *Buetow v. A.L.S. Enters.*, *Inc.*, 650 F.3d 1178 (8th Cir. 2011).

9. On August 17, 2012, the district court in the lead *Buetow* action granted defendants' motion to dismiss plaintiffs' damages claims and entered judgment in defendants' favor, *Buetow v. ALS Enters., Inc.*, Civ. No. 07-3970 (RHK/JJK), 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 116041 (D. Minn. Aug. 17, 2012).

STIPULATION

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. Plaintiff Dennis Pickering hereby dismisses this action with prejudice, pursuant to FED. R. CIV. P. 41(a)(2), and, in doing so, takes nothing from defendants A.L.S. Enterprises, Inc., Bass Pro Shops, Inc., Browning, Inc., Cabela's Inc., Cabela's Wholesale, Inc., and Gander Mountain Company (collectively "defendants"), agrees to bear his own costs and attorneys' fees, and foregoes any and all appeal rights.
- 2. As a condition of this stipulation of dismissal with prejudice, defendants agree to bear their own costs and attorneys' fees.
- 3. Plaintiff Dennis Pickering agrees that he shall not, hereafter, sue or otherwise seek to establish liability against any of the defendants based, in whole or in part, upon any of the claims that were brought, or could have been brought, in this litigation.
- 4. Plaintiff and his counsel represent that they are not presently aware of any third party who is contemplating bringing a false advertising lawsuit against defendants, and agree that they will not offer their voluntary assistance to any third party who initiates a false advertising lawsuit against defendants in the future.

5. Defendants shall not seek to recover against Plaintiff Dennis Pickering or his counsel for any claim, demand, suit or cause of action, in law or in equity, that defendants, or any of them, ever had, has now, or hereafter may have on account of, or in any way arising out of, any conduct related to or associated with this action. This includes, but is not limited to, any claim, demand, suit or cause of action in connection with the bringing, filing, or prosecuting of this action.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully request that the Court issue an Order of dismissal with prejudice, a proposed form of which has been submitted concurrently with this Stipulation.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 19, 2012

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September 19, 2012, a copy of the foregoing document was filed electronically. Service of this filing will be made on all ECF-registered counsel by operation of the Court's electronic filing system. Parties may access this filing through the Court's system.

Dated: September 19, 2012 <u>s/ Renae D. Steiner</u> Renae D. Steiner