UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

EASTERN DIVISION

LAWRENCE E. JAFFE PENSION PLAN, On Behalf of Itself and All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff.

- against -

Household International, Inc., et al.,

Defendants.

Lead Case No. 02-C-5893 (Consolidated)

CLASS ACTION

Judge Ronald A. Guzman Magistrate Judge Nan R. Nolan

DEFENDANTS' STATUS REPORT FOR THE APRIL 29, 2008 TELEPHONE STATUS CONFERENCE WITH MAGISTRATE JUDGE NOLAN

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The Household Defendants respectfully submit this Status Report in advance of

the April 29, 2008 telephonic status conference to inform the Court of the status of the Sunstar

stipulation. Pursuant to the Court's instructions during the April 22 status conference,

Defendants sent a proposed stipulation to Plaintiffs on Thursday, April 24. The parties engaged

in a telephonic meet and confer on Friday, April 25 and exchanged email correspondence on

Friday and Monday, resulting in all outstanding issues being resolved except one.

Contrary to Plaintiffs' position in their "Statement for April 29, 2008 Telephonic

Status Conference," the Defendants did not propose an expansion of the stipulation to address

post-Class Period opinions. It is Plaintiffs who have been seeking to inject inappropriate time

periods in the simple stipulation we originally circulated to counsel and the Court weeks ago. A

copy of the draft stipulation acceptable to the Household Defendants is attached hereto. In light

of Plaintiffs' decision to abandon the stipulation effort, we will not belabor the point further and

agree with Plaintiffs that no action is any longer required by the Court on this issue.

Dated: April 29, 2008

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Respectfully submitted.

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STIPULATION REGARDING THE PARTIES' NOTICES CONCERNING EXPERT TESTIMONY

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2007, the date set by the Court for Defendants' expert disclosures, Defendants served on Plaintiffs "Defendants' Notice Concerning Expert Testimony" ("Defendants' Notice") identifying, *inter alia*, 23 individuals whom "Defendants may call . . . to give testimony in this action as to matters as to which they have specialized knowledge and whose testimony may, at least in part, fall within the purview of the Court's ruling in *Sunstar*, *Inc.* v. *Alberto-Culver Company, Inc.*, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 85678 (N.D. Ill., Nov. 16, 2006)" ("Sunstar");

WHEREAS, Defendants represent that none of the individuals identified in Defendants' Notice is a retained expert, but rather, each has real-time knowledge of the events, transactions, actions, decisions, and formation of judgments at issue in the underlying action;

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2008, pursuant to Magistrate Judge Nolan's February 26, 2008 Order, Plaintiffs provided Defendants with "Lead Plaintiffs' Notice Concerning Expert Testimony Pursuant to the Court's February 26, 2008 Order" identifying witnesses whose testimony as to opinions developed before or during the Class Period lead plaintiffs may introduce at trial or otherwise;

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2008, Plaintiffs provided Defendants with "Lead Plaintiffs' Amended Notice Concerning Expert Testimony Pursuant to the Court's February 26, 2008 Order" ("Lead Plaintiffs' Amended Notice") amending their February 27, 2008 Notice;

WHEREAS, Lead Plaintiffs represent that none of the individuals identified in "Lead Plaintiffs' Amended Notice" is a retained expert, but rather, each has real-time knowledge of the events, transactions, actions, decisions, and formation of judgments at issue in the underlying action;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and among the undersigned counsel for the parties in the above-captioned action, that to the extent that any party seeks to introduce testimony at trial or otherwise as to what individuals listed on Defendants' Notice and Lead Plaintiffs' Amended Notice did in real time, why and how they did it, and opinions they had or formulated at the time of the events in question, even if based on specialized knowledge, the parties will not object to such testimony on the ground that it is improper expert testimony by a lay witness or on the ground that the other party failed adequately to disclose the identity of the witness as required by Rule 26(a)(2)(A). All other objections with respect to the testimony of any individual listed on the parties' Notices are hereby reserved.

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Dated: April 28, 2008

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