- 1 -COLLECTIVE AND CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

All allegations in the Complaint are based upon information and belief except for those allegations that pertain to the Plaintiff named herein and her counsel. Each allegation in the Complaint either has evidentiary support or is likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation and discovery.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This Court has original jurisdiction over the claims alleged herein because the amount in controversy exceeds \$15,000 and a party seeking to recover unpaid wages has a private right of action pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute ("NRS") sections 608.140, 608.018, and 608.020-.050. See Neville v. Eighth Judicial Dist., Terrible Herbst, Inc., 133 Nev. Adv. Op. 95 (Dec. 7, 2017), 406 P.3d 499 (2017). Plaintiff made a proper demand for wages due pursuant to NRS 608.140.
- 2. Plaintiff also claims a private cause of action to foreclose a lien against the property owner for wages due pursuant to NRS 608.050.
- 3. Venue is proper in the Court because the Defendant named herein maintains a principal place of business or otherwise is found in the judicial district and many of the acts complained of herein occurred in Lyon County, Nevada, which is located within this district.

PARTIES

- 4. Plaintiff LAURA SPINDOLA (hereinafter "Plaintiff") is a natural person who is and was a resident of the State of Nevada at all relevant times herein. Plaintiff was first employed by Defendant as a non-exempt hourly employee for a short period beginning in or around September 2017, and after a short break, was subsequently employed by Defendant from in or around December 2017 until in or around august 2020.
- 5. Defendant DAEHAN SOLUTION NEVADA LLC (hereinafter "Defendant" or "Daehan") is a domestic limited-liability company in the state of Nevada, with a principal place of business in Fernley, Nevada, and is an employer under NRS 608.011 and the Nevada Constitution.
- 6. The identity of DOES 1-50 is unknown at the time and the Complaint will be amended at such time when the identities are known to Plaintiff. Plaintiff is informed and believes

that each Defendant sued herein as DOE is responsible in some manner for the acts, omissions, or representations alleged herein and any reference to "Defendant," "Defendants," "Daehan" herein shall mean "Defendant and each of them."

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 7. Defendant Daehan Solution Nevada LLC operates a motor vehicle parts manufacturing facility in Fernley, Nevada. The company manufactures products such as noise cancelling vehicle interiors and represents that it is a "Tesla Tier 1 partner."
- 8. Plaintiff was employed by Defendant as a non-exempt hourly paid employee at Defendant's production facility located at 1600 E Newlands Rd, Fernley, NV 89408.
- 9. At the time she left her employment with Defendant, Plaintiff was employed in the position of a Quality Control Lead earning approximately \$15.75 per hour, with a base overtime rate of approximately \$23.63 per hour.
- 10. Plaintiff and similarly situated employees were regularly scheduled to work 50 to 60 hours per week and often worked more than that. Plaintiff and similarly situated employees routinely worked 10 to 12-hour shifts and frequently worked six or at times even seven days per week.
- 11. Plaintiff recorded her time on one of Defendant's biometric uAttend timeclocks, which Defendant used to record time for all non-exempt hourly paid employees. Defendant's uAttend timeclocks recorded time by scanning the employee's fingerprint to clock them in and out of their shifts.
- 12. Defendant's timeclocks frequently malfunctioned; in particular, the fingerprint reader would often fail in scanning an employee's fingerprint in order to clock them in or out. Plaintiff estimates that such failures happened, on average, at least once every other week throughout the course of her employment.
- 13. To help maintain time records in such instances, uAttend included an electronic timeclock correction form that English-speaking employees were able to fill out and submit to request that their time punch be recorded manually. But, because many of Defendant's non-exempt hourly employees did not speak English, and the timeclock correction form was only

available in English, many employees were unaware and/or unable to complete the timeclock correction form when Defendant's uAttend timeclock malfunctioned, which would result in the employee's timecard showing that they had clocked in but never clocked out.

- 14. While English is not Plaintiff's first language, Plaintiff speaks English proficiently and submitted timeclock correction forms on numerous occasions when the uAttend timeclock malfunctioned. However, even when Plaintiff submitted a timeclock correction form, Defendant frequently failed to actually input the missing timeclock data, and Plaintiff's timecard would thus continue to show that she clocked in but never clocked out on those days.
- 15. Where an employee's timecard shows that they clocked in but does not include corresponding clock-out data, Defendant's automated payroll process would register that the employee had not worked any hours that day, despite the existence of the orphan clock-in punch and known timeclock issues, and Defendant would not pay employees any wages for time worked on those days.
- 16. Defendant's payroll process treated this situation the same regardless of whether the affected employee submitted a timeclock correction form (which was often not appropriately processed, as in Plaintiff's case) or whether the employee (usually due to a language barrier) did not submit such a form. In both cases, where an employee's timecard record showed a clock-in punch but no corresponding clock-out punch, Defendant did not pay its employees any wages for the time worked by the employee during that period.
- 17. For example, in the pay period of October 21, 2019 through November 3, 2019, Plaintiff's Timecard Report indicates that Plaintiff worked a total of 108 hours and 45 minutes on-the-clock. In the first workweek that pay period, Plaintiff worked six consecutive days from Monday, October 21, 2019 through Saturday, October 26, 2019, but was only paid for five of those days. Specifically, the Timecard Report shows that Plaintiff worked an average of 12 hours and 15 minutes per day across five recorded workdays (Monday through Thursday, and Saturday) for a total of 61 hours and 15 minutes on-the-clock. In addition, the Timecard Report shows that,

¹ A true and correct copy of this Timecard Report for the pay period of October 21, 2019 to November 3, 2019 is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

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on Friday, October 25, 2019, Plaintiff clocked in at her usual shift start time of 5:45 a.m. As with the other days that week, Plaintiff worked a long day of approximately 12 hours that day. However, because Plaintiff's Timecard Report does not show a clock-out punch for that day, Defendant did not pay Plaintiff anything for her hours of work that day. Because Plaintiff worked more than 40 hours on-the-clock that workweek, compensation for Plaintiff's work off-the-clock that day is owed at Plaintiff's overtime rate of \$23.63, for a total of approximately \$283.56 (12) hours x \$23.63) in unpaid wages.

- 18. While the above exemplar demonstrates one specific workweek and day for which Plaintiff is owed unpaid wages, Plaintiff seeks all the owed and unpaid wages due and owing to her and to all other similarly situated employees over the full course of the relevant time period alleged in this Complaint.
- 19. Plaintiff complained to Defendant that she was not getting paid for all of her hours on days where the timeclock malfunctioned, even when she submitted a timeclock correction form, and further informed Defendant that this issue was widely affecting employees who did not speak English well enough to understand or complete the English-only timeclock correction forms, who were routinely deprived of pay when the timeclock malfunctioned.
- 20. Defendant knew that it was required to pay its employees for their work but nonetheless ignored Plaintiff's complaints and did not act to pay employees for all the time that they worked off-the-clock. Moreover, Defendant refused to change its policies to ensure that employees would be paid for such work moving forward.
- 21. Based on information and belief, Defendant still has not fixed its timekeeping and pay practices and continues to take advantage of operating errors in its timekeeping systems to routinely steal wages from its employees.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

22. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by this reference all the paragraphs above in this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

- 23. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of herself and the following classes of similarly situated individuals employed by Defendant: (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Classes"):
 - A. Off-the-Clock Class: All nonexempt hourly paid employees employed by Defendant within Nevada who worked off-the-clock as demonstrated by a timeclock clock-in punch without a corresponding timeclock clock-out punch.
 - **B.** Continuation Wage Class: All members of the Off-the-Clock Class who are or were former employees of Defendant at anytime during the relevant time period alleged herein.
- 24. NRCP Rule 23 Class treatment for all claims alleged in this Complaint is appropriate in this case for the following reasons:
- A. <u>The Class is Sufficiently Numerous</u>: Upon information and belief, Defendant employs, and has employed, in excess of 100 Class Members in each Class within the applicable statute of limitations period. Because Defendant is legally obligated to keep accurate payroll records, Plaintiff alleges that Defendant's records will establish the identity and ascertainability of members of the Classes as well as their numerosity.
- B. <u>Common Questions of Law and Fact Exist</u>: Common questions of law and fact exist and predominate as to Plaintiff and the Classes, including, without limitation, the following: (1) whether Defendant failed to compensate Plaintiff and members of the Off-the-Clock Class for all the hours they worked; (2) whether Defendant failed to compensate Plaintiff and members of the Off-the-Clock Class overtime premiums when they worked over 8 hours in a day if applicable or over 40 hours in a workweek; whether Defendant failed to pay members of the Continuation Wage Class all their wages due and owing at the time of termination.
- C. <u>Plaintiff's Claims are Typical to Those of Fellow Class Members</u>: Each member of the Classes is and was subject to the same practices, plans, and/or policies as Plaintiff, as follows: Defendant directed, suffered and/or permitted Plaintiff and all Off-the-Clock Class members to perform work without compensation when the Uattend timeclock failed to record a

time punch at the end of their shift; and, as a result, Plaintiff and all Continuation Wage Class members were not compensated their full wages due and owing at the time of their termination of employment. Because Plaintiff is a victim of all of the same wrongs committed by Defendant as all members of the Classes that she seeks to represent, her claims are typical.

- D. <u>Plaintiff is an Adequate Representatives of the Class</u>: Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Classes because Plaintiff is a member of both Classes, she has issues of law and fact in common with all members of the Classes, and she does not have any interests antagonistic to members of the Classes. Plaintiff and counsel are aware of their fiduciary responsibilities to Class Members and are determined to discharge those duties diligently and vigorously by seeking the maximum possible recovery for Class Members as a group.
- E. <u>Predominance/Superiority</u>: Common questions predominate over individualized issues. A class action is also superior to other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy because individual joinder of all members of the Classes is impractical. Class action treatment will permit a large number of similarly situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum simultaneously, efficiently, and without unnecessary duplication of effort and expense. Furthermore, the expenses and burden of individualized litigation would make it difficult or impossible for individual members of the Class to redress the wrongs done to them, while an important public interest will be served by addressing the matter as a class action. Individualized litigation would also present the potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Failure to Pay Wages for All Hours Worked in Violation of NRS 608.140 and 608.016

(On Behalf of Plaintiff and Members of the Off-the-Clock Class Against Defendant)

- 25. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by this reference all the paragraphs above in the Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 26. Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") 608.140 provides that an employee has a private right of action for unpaid wages.

- 27. NRS 608.016, entitled, "Payment for each hour of work; trial or break-in period not excepted" states that: "An employer shall pay to the employee wages for each hour the employee works. An employer shall not require an employee to work without wages during a trial or break-in period."
- 28. Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC") 608.115(1), entitled, "Payment for time worked. (NRS 607.160, 608.016, 608.250)" states: "An employer shall pay an employee for all time worked by the employee at the direction of the employer, including time worked by the employee that is outside the scheduled hours of work of the employee."
- 29. By failing to compensate Plaintiff and members of the Off-the-Clock Class for the time worked on days where Defendant's uAttend timeclocks failed to record a clock-out punch, Defendant failed to pay Plaintiff and members of the Off-the-Clock Class for all hours worked in violation of NRS 608.140 and 608.016.
- 30. Wherefore, Plaintiff demands for herself and for all Off-the-Clock Class Members payment by Defendant at their regular rate of pay, or any applicable overtime premium rate, whichever is higher, for all hours worked but not paid during the relevant time period alleged herein, together with attorneys' fees, costs, and interest as provided by law.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

Failure to Pay Overtime Wages in Violation of NRS 608.140 and 608.018

(On Behalf of Plaintiff and all members of the Off-the-Clock Class Against Defendant)

- 31. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by this reference all the paragraphs above in this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 32. NRS 608.140 provides that an employee has a private right of action for unpaid wages.
 - 33. NRS 608.018(1) provides as follows:

An employer shall pay 1 1/2 times an employee's regular wage rate whenever an employee who receives compensation for employment at a rate less than 1 1/2 times the minimum rate prescribed pursuant to NRS 608.250 works: (a) More than 40 hours in any scheduled week of work; or (b) More than 8 hours in any workday unless by mutual agreement the employee

works a scheduled 10 hours per day for 4 calendar days within any scheduled week of work.

34. NRS 608.018(2) provides as follows:

An employer shall pay 1 1/2 times an employee's regular wage rate whenever an employee who receives compensation for employment at a rate not less than 1 1/2 times the minimum rate prescribed pursuant to NRS 608.250 works more than 40 hours in any scheduled week of work.

- 35. By failing to compensate Plaintiff and all other members of the Off-the-Clock Class for the time worked on days where Defendant's uAttend timeclocks failed to record a clock-out punch, Defendant failed to pay Plaintiff and members of the Off-the-Clock Class daily overtime premium pay to those members of the Off-the-Clock Class who were paid a regular rate of less than one and one-half times the minimum wage premium pay, and failed to pay a weekly premium overtime rate of pay of time and one half their regular rate for all members of the Off-the-Clock Class who worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a week in violation of NRS 608.140 and 608.018.
- 36. Wherefore, Plaintiff demands for herself and for all members of the Off-the-Clock Class payment by Defendant at their applicable overtime premium rate for all hours worked but not paid during the relevant time period alleged herein, together with attorneys' fees, costs, and interest as provided by law.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

Failure to Timely Pay All Wages Due and Owing Upon Termination Pursuant to NRS 608.140 and 608.020-.050

(On Behalf of Plaintiff and Members of the Continuation Wage Class Against Defendant)

- 37. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by this reference all the paragraphs above in this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 38. NRS 608.140 provides that an employee has a private right of action for unpaid wages.
- 39. NRS 608.020 provides that "[w]henever an employer discharges an employee, the wages and compensation earned and unpaid at the time of such discharge shall become due and payable immediately."

- 40. NRS 608.040(1)(a-b), in relevant part, impose a penalty on an employer who fails to pay a discharged or quitting employee: "Within 3 days after the wages or compensation of a discharged employee becomes due; or on the day the wages or compensation is due to an employee who resigns or quits, the wages or compensation of the employee continues at the same rate from the day the employee resigned, quit, or was discharged until paid for 30-days, whichever is less."
- 41. NRS 608.050 grants an "employee lien" to each discharged or laid-off employee for the purpose of collecting the wages or compensation owed to them "in the sum agreed upon in the contract of employment for each day the employer is in default, until the employee is paid in full, without rendering any service therefor; but the employee shall cease to draw such wages or salary 30 days after such default."
- 42. By failing to pay members of the Continuation Wage Class their applicable wages as described above, Defendant has failed to pay members of the Continuation Wage Class all their wages due and owing at the time of their separation from employment.
- 43. Despite demand, Defendant willfully refuses and continues to refuse to pay all members of the Continuation Wage Class who are former employees their full wages due and owing to them upon the termination of their employment.
- 44. There is no good-faith defense to the imposition of continuation wages under NRS 608.040-.050. See D'Amore v. Caesars Enterprise Svcs, LLC, et al., Case No. 2:18-cv-01990-JCM (Dec. 16, 2019).
- 45. Wherefore, Plaintiff demands thirty (30) days wages under NRS 608.140 and 608.040, and an additional thirty (30) days wages under NRS 608.140 and 608.050, for all members of the Continuation Wage Class during the relevant time period alleged herein, together with attorneys' fees, costs, and interest as provided by law.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Plaintiff hereby demands a jury trial pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 38.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

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AFFIRMATION

The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding document does not contain "Personal Information" and agrees that upon the filing of additional documents in the above matter, an Affirmation will be provided only if the document contains a social security number (NRS 239B.030) or "personal information" (NRS 603A.04).

DATED: 1-3-2022

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