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12	ANDRES SAENZ II, an Individual; CASEY DUNN, an Individual;	Case No.: 24LBCV01277		
13	DANIEL GOEN, an Individual;			
14	HOWARD WEISERWEAVER, an Individual; IAN GALLARDO, an Individual;	COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES		
	ROBERT WARD, an Individual; and	1. NEGLIGENCE		
15	TOM RODRIGUEZ, an Individual,	<ol> <li>NEGLIGENCE</li> <li>STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY –</li> </ol>		
16	Plaintiffs,	DESIGN DEFECT		
17	V.	4. STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY – WARNING DEFECT		
18	HEXAGON AGILITY INC., a Delaware	5. STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY –		
19	Corporation; AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, LLC, a Delaware	MANUFACTURING DEFECT 6. NEGLIGENCE (PRODUCTS		
20	Limited Liability Company;	LIABILITY)		
21	AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, LLC, a Delaware	7. BREACH OF WARRANTY		
	Limited Liability Company; DAIMLER TRUCK NORTH AMERICA LLC;	(IMPLIED/FITNESS)		
22	HEAVY LOAD TRANSFER, LLC;	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL		
23	TOTAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC., a California Corporation;			
24	PREMIUM TRANSPORTATION SERVICES,			
25	INC., a Delaware Corporation; SHANIA JANEA SUTTON, an Individual			
26	California Resident; and DOES 1 through 100,			
27	Inclusive,			
28	Defendants.			
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	COMPLAINT	FOR DAMAGES		

Plaintiffs ANDRES SAENZ II, CASEY DUNN, DANIEL GOEN, HOWARD
WEISERWEAVER, IAN GALLARDO, ROBERT WARD, and TOM RODRIGUEZ (collectively,
"Plaintiffs") hereby demand a jury trial and complain and allege, based on information and belief,
against Defendants HEXAGON AGILITY INC., AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, LLC, AGILITY
FUEL SYSTEMS, LLC, DAIMLER TRUCK NORTH AMERICA, LLC, HEAVY LOAD TRANSFER,
LLC, TOTAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC., PREMIUM TRANSPORTATION SERVICES,
INC., SHANIA JANEA SUTTON, and DOES 1 through 100 (collectively "Defendants"), inclusive, as
follows:

## **PARTIES**

1. At all times relevant herein, Plaintiff ANDRES SAENZ II (hereinafter "Plaintiff Saenz") was an individual residing in Riverside County, State of California, and is a competent adult.

2. At all times relevant herein, Plaintiff CASEY DUNN (hereinafter "Plaintiff Dunn") was an individual residing in Orange County, State of California, and is a competent adult.

3. At all times relevant herein, Plaintiff DANIEL GOEN (hereinafter "Plaintiff Goen") was an individual residing in Riverside County, State of California, and is a competent adult.

4. At all times relevant herein, Plaintiff HOWARD WEISERWEAVER (hereinafter "Plaintiff Weiserweaver") was an individual residing in Orange County, State of California, and is a competent adult.

5. At all times relevant herein, Plaintiff IAN GALLARDO (hereinafter "Plaintiff Gallardo") was an individual residing in Los Angeles County, State of California, and is a competent adult.

6. At all times relevant herein, Plaintiff ROBERT WARD (hereinafter "Plaintiff Ward") was an individual residing in Orange County, State of California, and is a competent adult.

7. At all times relevant herein, Plaintiff TOM RODRIGUEZ (hereinafter "Plaintiff Rodriguez") was an individual residing in Orange County, State of California, and is a competent adult.

8. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that at all times relevant herein, Defendant SHANIA JANEA SUTTON (hereinafter "SUTTON") was a resident of the County of San Bernardino, State of California.

9. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that at all times relevant herein, Defendant HEXAGON AGILITY, INC. (hereinafter "HEXAGON") was a Delaware corporation duly organized and existing in the State of Delaware with its principal place of business in Costa Mesa, California. Plaintiffs are further informed and believe that at all times herein mentioned, Defendant HEXAGON has systemically done business in the State of California, including, but not limited to, in Los Angeles County, through manufacturing, distributing, and selling products, including compressed natural gas tanks, and/or their component parts, and other items and through other actions, including placing its products into the stream of commerce such that they are expected to and do reach consumers in the State of California. HEXAGON has multiple offices within the State of California, and conducts significant business activities within the forum state and in so doing enjoys the benefits and protection of the laws of the state of California including but not limited to the enforcement of contracts, the defense of property, the resulting formation of an effective market for their products, and having employees domiciled within the forum state.

10. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that at all times relevant herein, Defendant AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, LLC (hereinafter "AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS") was a Delaware limited liability company duly organized and existing in the State of California with its principal place of business in Costa Mesa, California. Plaintiffs are further informed and believe that at all times herein mentioned, Defendant AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS has systemically done business in the State of California, including, but not limited to, in Los Angeles County, through manufacturing, distributing, and selling products, including compressed natural gas tanks, and/or their component parts, and other items and through other actions, including placing its products into the stream of commerce such that they are expected to and do reach consumers in the State of California. AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS has offices within the State of California, and conducts significant business activities within the forum state and in so doing enjoys the benefits and protection of the laws of the state of California including but not limited to the enforcement of contracts, the defense of property, the resulting formation of an effective market for their products, and having employees domiciled within the forum state.

11.Plaintiffs are informed and believe that at all times relevant herein, Defendant AGILITYFUEL SYSTEMS, LLC (hereinafter "AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS") was a Delaware limited liability

company duly organized and existing in the State of California with its principal place of business in
Costa Mesa, California. Plaintiffs are further informed and believe that at all times herein mentioned,
Defendants AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS has systemically done business in the State of California,
including, but not limited to, in Los Angeles County, through manufacturing, distributing, and selling
products, including compressed natural gas tanks, and/or their component parts, and other items and
through other actions, including placing its products into the stream of commerce such that they are
expected to and do reach consumers in the State of California.

12. Plaintiffs are further informed and believe that at all times herein mentioned, Defendants DOES 1–30, inclusive, are corporations or entities that have systemically done business in the State of California, including, but not limited to, in Los Angeles County, through manufacturing, distributing, and/or selling products, including compressed natural gas tanks and/or their component parts, and other items and through other actions, including placing its products into the stream of commerce such that they are expected to and do reach consumers in the State of California.

13. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that at all times relevant herein, Defendant DAIMLER TRUCK NORTH AMERICA LLC (hereinafter "DAIMLER") was a Delaware limited liability company duly organized and existing in the State of California with its principal place of business in Portland, Oregon. Plaintiffs are further informed and believe that at all times herein mentioned, Defendant DAIMLER has systemically done business in the State of California, including, but not limited to, in Los Angeles County, through manufacturing, distributing, and selling products, including tractor-trailer trucks, semi-trucks, and/or other trailer towing trucks equipped with compressed natural gas tanks, including their component parts, and other items and through other actions, including placing its products into the stream of commerce such that they are expected to and do reach consumers in the State of California. Under information and belief, DAIMLER TRUCK NORTH AMERICA LLC regularly sells Freightliner model trucks, including the one involved in the subject incident, both nationally, and regionally at dealerships throughout California urging the purchase of their trucks within the forum state, and in so doing DAIMLER TRUCK NORTH AMERICA LLC takes various measures to ensure that customers of their vehicles will continue to have relationships within the forum state by providing dealerships that provide specialized maintenance and repair services, providing trained specialist for

their trucks, and by furnishing technological support all within the forum state and in so doing DAIMLER TRUCK NORTH AMERICA LLC actively seeks to serve the market for their trucks and related products within the forum state.

14. Plaintiffs are further informed and believe that at all times herein mentioned, Defendants DOES 31–60, inclusive, are corporations or entities that have systemically done business in the State of California, including, but not limited to, in Los Angeles County, through manufacturing, distributing, and/or selling products, including tractor-trailer trucks, semi-trucks, and/or other trailer towing trucks, including their component parts, and other items and through other actions, including placing its products into the stream of commerce such that they are expected to and do reach consumers in the State of California.

15. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that at all times relevant herein, Defendant HEAVY LOAD TRANSFER, LLC (hereinafter "HLT") was a Delaware limited liability company duly organized and existing in the State of California with its principal place of business in Rancho Dominguez, California. Plaintiffs are further informed and believe that at all times herein mentioned, Defendant HLT has systemically done business in the State of California, including, but not limited to, in Los Angeles County, through owning, maintaining, and operating products, including tractor-trailer trucks, semi-trucks, and/or other trailer towing trucks equipped with compressed natural gas tanks, including their component parts, and other items and through other actions, including placing its products into the stream of commerce such that they are expected to and do reach consumers in the State of California.

16. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that at all times relevant herein, Defendant TOTAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC. (hereinafter "TTSI") was a Delaware corporation duly organized and existing in the State of California with its principal place of business in Rancho Dominguez, California. Plaintiffs are further informed and believe that at all times herein mentioned, Defendant TTSI has systemically done business in the State of California, including, but not limited to, in Los Angeles County, through owning, maintaining, and operating products, including tractor-trailer trucks, semi-trucks, and/or other trailer towing trucks equipped with compressed natural gas tanks, including their component parts, and other items and through other actions, including placing its

products into the stream of commerce such that they are expected to and do reach consumers in the State of California.

17. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that at all times relevant herein, Defendant PREMIUM TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC. (hereinafter "PTSI") was a Delaware corporation duly organized and existing in the State of California with its principal place of business in Long Beach, California. Plaintiffs are further informed and believe that at all times herein mentioned, Defendant PTSI has systemically done business in the State of California, including, but not limited to, in Los Angeles County, through owning, maintaining, and operating products, including tractor-trailer trucks, semi-trucks, and/or other trailer towing trucks, including their component parts, and other items and through other actions, including placing its products into the stream of commerce such that they are expected to and do reach consumers in the State of California.

18. Plaintiffs are further informed and believe that at all times herein mentioned, Defendants DOES 61–70, inclusive, are corporations or entities that have systemically done business in the State of California, including, but not limited to, in Los Angeles County, through owning, maintaining, and operating products, including tractor-trailer trucks, semi-trucks, and/or other trailer towing trucks, including their component parts, and other items and through other actions, including placing its products into the stream of commerce such that they are expected to and do reach consumers in the State of California.

19. Plaintiffs are further informed and believe that at all times herein mentioned, Defendants DOES 71–80 are persons residing in Los Angeles County, State of California, and are responsible for driving and/or operating and/or maintaining and/or are responsible for the subject vehicle involved in this incident. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereupon allege that at all times relevant herein, Defendants DOES 71-80 were acting in the course and scope of their employment for, and/or was acting as an agent and/or was otherwise authorized to act on behalf of, Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and/or DOES 61-70 at the time of the incident described herein.

20. Plaintiffs are further informed and believe that at all times herein mentioned, Defendants 81-90 are persons residing and/or conducting significant business within in Los Angeles County, State

of California, and are responsible for filling, operating, maintaining, and/or repairing the subject tank involved in this incident.

21. Plaintiffs are further informed and believe that at all times relevant herein, Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, DAIMLER, HLT, TTSI, PTSI and DOES 1-100, inclusive, were in the business of designing, manufacturing, assembling, testing, inspecting, selling, distributing, maintaining, and repairing compressed natural gas tanks and/or tractortrailer trucks, semi-trucks, and/or other trailer towing trucks, including their component parts, and provided warnings and distributed warnings and advisements for their products and component parts.

22. Plaintiffs are ignorant to the true names and capacities of any defendants designated herein as DOES 1-100, inclusive, and Plaintiffs therefore sue said defendants by such fictitious names, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 474. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and, on such information and belief, allege that each Doe defendant is responsible in some manner for the events alleged herein, and Plaintiffs will amend the Complaint to state the true names and capacities of said defendants when the same have been ascertained.

23. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that at all times relevant herein, Defendants DOES 1-100, inclusive, and each of them, are individuals, businesses, public entities, or otherwise, and the precise nature of which is not presently known to Plaintiffs, and said Defendants were and are authorized to do business in the State of California, including, but not limited to, in the County of Los Angeles, California. Once the exact nature of said Defendants is ascertained by Plaintiff, Plaintiff will amend this Complaint to allege Defendants' correct status and capacity.

24. Defendants and DOES 1-100 are and, at all times mentioned herein, were the agents, servants, and employees and/or joint venturers of their Co-Defendants and, in doing the things herein alleged, were acting within the course, scope, purpose and authority of said agency, employment, and/or joint venture and as agents, servants, and employees acted with the permission and consent of their Co-Defendants and/or said acts and/or omissions were ratified by their Co-Defendants. That and each and every Defendant as aforesaid, when acting as a principal, was negligent in the selection and hiring of each and every Defendant as an agent, servant, employee, or joint venture.

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## **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

25. At all times relevant herein, Plaintiffs ANDRES SAENZ II, CASEY DUNN, DANIEL GOEN, HOWARD WEISERWEAVER, IAN GALLARDO, ROBERT WARD, and TOM RODRIGUEZ were firefighters for the Los Angeles City Fire Department.

26. On February 15, 2024, at or around 6:58 a.m., the Los Angeles City Fire Department ("LAFD"), including Plaintiffs, responded to the 1100 block of North Alameda Street in the Wilmington area of the City of Los Angeles, State of California for a reported motor vehicle fire.

27. Within minutes, Plaintiffs arrived at the scene of the reported motor vehicle fire and were presented with a fully involved fire of a Freightliner Semi-Truck ("SUBJECT VEHICLE") which was operated by Defendant SUTTON while in the course and scope of her employment with Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI. The SUBJECT VEHICLE was a compressed natural gas ("CNG") powered truck, containing two CNG tanks, although the presence of the CNG tanks was not reported to 9-1-1 emergency call takers, nor did Defendant SUTTON notify first responders, such as Plaintiffs, upon their arrival. The SUBJECT VEHICLE fire presented no differently from that of a gasoline powered vehicle fire and there was nothing visible to Plaintiffs on the SUBJECT VEHICLE to warn emergency response personnel, including Plaintiffs, that the SUBJECT VEHICLE was equipped with CNG tanks.

28. Los Angeles Fire Department, Fire Station 49 (hereinafter "49s") personnel arrived first and positioned their fire apparatus at a nearby fire hydrant approximately fifty (50) to one hundred (100) feet from the SUBJECT VEHICLE. 49s fire personnel then laid a water supply line using the closest accessible hydrant.

29. Approximately one minute later, Los Angeles Fire Department, Fire Station 38 (hereinafter "38s") personnel arrived and parked their fire apparatus approximately two hundred (200) to two hundred and fifty (250) feet from the SUBJECT VEHICLE. 38s personnel exited their fire apparatus.

30. Immediately upon arrival, LAFD 49s personnel, including Plaintiffs, began their standard practices and procedures to extinguish a fully involved vehicle fire. The nozzleman initially positioned himself on the West side of the SUBJECT VEHICLE and applied water to the West side. Within approximately six (6) minutes after Plaintiffs arrived on scene, a knockdown of the fire was nearly

completed. Once the fire was approaching knocked down, Plaintiffs began to apply water to the East side of the SUBJECT VEHICLE.

31. At the time Plaintiffs were attempting to extinguish the fire, Plaintiffs were unaware of the hidden danger posed by the defective CNG tank(s) because there was no feasible way for Plaintiffs to have known of the risk of harm of such latent defects. Meaning, if the Plaintiffs had known it was a CNG tank, there was no way to know it was defective and thus no way to understand that there was a bomb about to explode.

32. Plaintiffs were unaware that the CNG tank and/or its component parts were improperly designed and/or manufactured, and/or maintained, and/or filled at the time of the incident, there was no feasible way for Plaintiffs to have discerned the hidden dangers associated with the CNG tank and/or its component parts.

33. While Plaintiffs were on scene, and without warning, one of the SUBJECT VEHICLE'S CNG tanks ("SUBJECT TANK") on the East side of the SUBJECT VEHICLE exploded like a bomb, propelling Plaintiffs with a massive shock wave. The explosion caused Plaintiffs to suffer severe, agonizing, and life-altering injuries. Had the CNG tank and/or its component parts been designed and/or manufactured and/or maintained properly and/or used properly, and or been filled and operated properly, the explosion which injured Plaintiffs would not have occurred.

34. Upon information and belief, Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, and AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, inclusive, and each of them, manufactured, distributed, sold, and introduced the SUBJECT TANK to the stream of commerce.

35. Upon information and belief, Defendants DOES 1-30, inclusive, and each of them, manufactured, distributed, and/or sold, and introduced the SUBJECT TANK to the stream of commerce.

36. Upon information and belief, Defendant DAIMLER manufactured, distributed, sold, and introduced the SUBJECT VEHICLE to the stream of commerce.

37. Upon information and belief, Defendant DOES 31-60, inclusive, and each of them, manufactured, distributed, and/or sold, and introduced the SUBJECT VEHICLE to the stream of commerce.

38. Upon information and belief, Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, SUTTON, and DOES 61-70, inclusive, and each of them, either owned, maintained, and/or operated the SUBJECT VEHICLE and SUBJECT TANK.

39. Upon information and belief, Defendants DOES 71-80, inclusive, and each of them, were responsible for driving and/or operating and/or maintaining and/or were responsible for the SUBJECT VEHICLE and SUBJECT TANK.

40. Upon information and belief, Defendants 81-90, inclusive, and each of them, were responsible for filling and/or operating and/or maintaining and/or repairing the SUBJECT TANK.

41. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that as a result of the actions and/or omissions of all Defendants, inclusive, and each of them, Plaintiffs sustained severe injuries.

# **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

## NEGLIGENCE

(Brought by All Plaintiffs Against Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, SUTTON, and DOES 61-100)

42. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 41 as if fully stated herein.

43. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that at all times relevant herein, Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-70 are business entities, corporations, public entities, and/or individuals, who in some ways were legally responsible for the acts complained of herein.

44. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that at all times relevant herein, Defendants SUTTON and DOES 71-80 are persons responsible for driving and/or operating and/or maintaining and/or are otherwise responsible for the SUBJECT VEHICLE and SUBJECT TANK. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereupon allege that at all times relevant herein, Defendants DOES 71-80 were acting in the course and scope of their employment for, and/or was acting as an agent and/or was otherwise authorized to act on behalf of, Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, SUTTON and/or DOES 61-70 at the time of the incident described herein.

45. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that at all times relevant herein, Defendants 81-90 were responsible for filling and/or operating and/or maintaining and/or repairing the SUBJECT TANK.

46. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that at all times relevant herein, Defendants 91-100 are persons or entities who acted negligently and/or who in some way were legally responsible for the acts complained of herein.

47. Defendants, inclusive, and each of them, owed multiple duties to Plaintiffs to use reasonable care and diligence, but failed to do so, resulting and causing and/or contributing to Plaintiffs' injuries or damages.

48. Defendants HLT, TTSI, and PTSI, and DOES 61-70, inclusive, and each of them, either
owned, maintained, and/or operated the SUBJECT VEHICLE and SUBJECT TANK, and employed
Defendants SUTTON and DOES 71-80. Defendants SUTTON and DOES 71-80 were acting within the
scope of said employment.

49. Defendants HLT, TTSI, and PTSI, and DOES 61-70, inclusive, and each of them, had a duty to supervise, hire, employ, train, control, screen, sponsor, direct, oversee, and manage Defendants SUTTON and DOES 71-80.

50. Defendants HLT, TTSI, and PTSI, and DOES 61-70, inclusive, and each of them, negligently and carelessly employed, supervised, hired, trained, controlled, screened, sponsored, directed, oversaw, and managed its employees, agents, servants or independent contractors, including Defendants SUTTON and DOES 71-80, and failed to investigate the skill, competence, ability, and prior conduct or Defendants SUTTON and DOES 71-80, to determine whether they could perform their job duties in a reasonable manner.

51. Defendants HLT, TTSI, and PTSI, and DOES 61-70, inclusive, and each of them, failed to train Defendants SUTTON and DOES 71-80 to properly report that the SUBJECT VEHICLE was equipped with CNG tanks to 9-1-1 emergency call takers and to first responders, such as Plaintiffs, upon their on-scene arrival.

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11 COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES 52. Defendants SUTTON and DOES 71-80, and each of them, negligently failed to report that the SUBJECT VEHICLE was equipped with CNG tanks to 9-1-1 emergency call takers and to first responders, such as Plaintiffs, upon their arrival on-scene.

53. Defendants SUTTON and DOES 71-80 were unfit to perform the job duties required by Defendants SUTTON and DOES 71-80 and by the law and performed their duties, or failed to perform their dutes, in a negligent and careless manner so as to cause Plaintiffs' injuries.

54. Defendants HLT, TTSI, and PTSI, and DOES 61-70, inclusive, and each of them, knew or should have known that Defendants SUTTON and DOES 71-80 were unfit to perform said job requirements, and these Defendants were negligent in hiring, supervising, and training Defendants SUTTON and DOES 71-80, so as to legally cause the injuries suffered by Plaintiffs. Defendants HLT, TTSI, and PTSI, and DOES 61-70, inclusive, and each of them, negligent hiring, training, and supervising was a substantial factor in causing Plaintiffs' harm.

55. Defendants SUTTON and DOES 71-80, and each of them, owed multiple duties to Plaintiffs to use reasonable care and diligence while driving the SUBJECT VEHICLE and operating the SUBJECT TANK and/or otherwise acting in some actionable manner towards Plaintiffs on February 15, 2024.

56. Defendants SUTTON and DOES 71-80, and each of them, breached their duty of care to Plaintiffs by driving the SUBJECT VEHICLE and operating the SUBJECT TANK in a negligent, gross negligent, reckless, careless, and/or in some other actionable manner on February 15, 2024.

57. Defendants SUTTON and DOES 71-80, and each of them, failed to take reasonable and necessary precautions while driving the SUBJECT VEHICLE and operating the SUBJECT TANK.

58. Defendants SUTTON and DOES 81-90, and each of them, owed multiple duties to Plaintiffs to use reasonable care and diligence while filling and/or maintaining the SUBJECT TANK and the SUBJECT VEHICLE and/or otherwise acting in some actionable manner towards Plaintiffs on February 15, 2024.

59. Defendants SUTTON and DOES 81-90, and each of them, breached their duty of care to Plaintiffs by filling and/or maintaining the SUBJECT TANK and SUBJECT VEHICLE in a negligent, gross negligent, reckless, careless, and/or in some other actionable manner on February 15, 2024.

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60. Defendants SUTTON and DOES 81-90, and each of them, failed to take reasonable and necessary precautions while filling and/or maintaining the SUBJECT TANK and SUBJECT VEHICLE.

61. In contrast, at the time of the incident, Plaintiffs were acting with due caution, attention, and care, and did not in any way contribute to or cause the injuries they sustained as described herein.

62. As a direct and proximate result of the negligent, gross negligent, reckless, careless, and/or actionable conduct of Defendants SUTTON and DOES 71-90 as described above, Plaintiffs sustained severe life-altering injuries.

63. As a direct and proximate result of the conduct of Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, SUTTON, and DOES 61-100, Plaintiffs were injured and hurt in their health, strength, and activity, sustaining injuries to their bodies and shock and injury to their nervous systems and persons, all of which said injuries have caused, and continue to cause, Plaintiffs great physical, mental, and nervous pain and suffering. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereupon allege, that said injuries will result in some permanent disability to them, and general damages in an amount which will be stated according to proof, pursuant to C.C.P. § 425.10, which amount is in excess of the jurisdictional limits of this court.

64. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned conduct of Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, SUTTON, and DOES 61-100, Plaintiffs were prevented from attending to their usual occupation, and Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereupon allege, that they will be prevented from attending to their usual occupation for a period of time in the future, and thereby will also sustain a loss of earning capacity, in addition to lost earnings, past, present, and future; the exact amount of such losses are unknown to Plaintiffs at this time, and will be stated according to proof at a later time, pursuant to C.C.P. § 425.10.

65. As a direct and proximate result of the conduct of Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, SUTTON, and DOES 61-100, Plaintiffs were compelled to and did employ the services of hospitals, physicians, surgeons, nurses, and the like to care for and treat them, and incurred hospital, medical and professional and incidental expenses, and Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereupon allege, that by reason of their respective injuries they will necessarily incur additional like expenses for an indefinite period of time in the future, the exact amount of which will be stated according to proof, pursuant to C.C.P. § 425.10.

66. Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, SUTTON, and DOES 1-100, inclusive, and each of their negligence and/or other actionable conduct was a substantial factor in causing Plaintiffs' harm. SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION **NEGLIGENCE** (Brought by All Plaintiffs Against Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, **AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, DAIMLER and DOES 1-100)** 67. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 66 as if fully stated herein. 68. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that at all times relevant herein, Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, DAIMLER, and DOES 1-70 are business entities, corporations, public entities, and/or individuals, who in some ways were legally responsible for the acts complained of herein. 69. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that at all times relevant herein, Defendants SUTTON and DOES 71-80 are persons responsible for driving and/or operating and/or maintaining and/or are otherwise responsible for the SUBJECT VEHICLE and SUBJECT TANK. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereupon allege that at all times relevant herein, Defendants DOES 71-80 were acting in the course and scope of their employment for, and/or was acting as an agent and/or was otherwise authorized to act on behalf of, Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, SUTTON and/or DOES 61-70 at the time of the incident described herein. 70. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that at all times relevant herein, Defendants 81-90 were responsible for filling and/or operating and/or maintaining and/or repairing the SUBJECT TANK. 71. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that at all times relevant herein, Defendants 91-100 are persons or entities who acted negligently and/or who in some way were legally responsible for the acts complained of herein.

72. Defendants, inclusive, and each of them, owed multiple duties to Plaintiffs to use reasonable care and diligence, but failed to do so, resulting and causing and/or contributing to Plaintiffs' injuries or damages.

73. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, inclusive, and each of them, by and through their officers, directors, employees, and/or managing agents, were the manufacturers, fabricators, designers, assemblers, testers, distributors, sellers, inspectors, installers, servicers, marketers, warrantors, suppliers, and/or advertisers of the SUBJECT TANK and/or its component parts, which contained design and/or manufacturing defects, and were capable of causing, and in fact did cause, personal injuries while being used in a manner reasonably foreseeable, thereby rendering the same unsafe and dangerous for users.

74. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, inclusive, and each of them, failed to provide sufficient information to purchasers and users of the SUBJECT TANK and/or its component parts on proper maintenance and care of the SUBJECT TANK.

75. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, inclusive, and each of them, also failed to notify fire agencies, such as the Los Angeles County Fire Department, of how to adequately identify, handle, address, and/or respond to fires or other emergent calls to service related to the SUBJECT TANK and/or its component parts.

76. Defendants DAIMLER and DOES 31-60, by and through their respective officers, directors, employees, and/or managing agents, were the manufacturers, fabricators, designers, assemblers, testers, distributors, sellers, inspectors, installers, servicers, marketers, warrantors, suppliers, and/or advertisers of the SUBJECT VEHICLE and/or its component parts, which contained design and/or manufacturing defects, and were capable of causing, and in fact did cause, personal injuries while being used in a manner reasonably foreseeable, thereby rendering the same unsafe and dangerous for users.

77. Defendants DAIMLER and DOES 31-60, inclusive, and each of them, failed to provide sufficient information to purchasers and users of the SUBJECT VEHICLE and/or its component parts on proper maintenance and care of the SUBJECT TANK.

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78. Defendants DAIMLER and DOES 31-60, inclusive, and each of them, also failed to notify fire agencies, such as the Los Angeles County Fire Department, of how to adequately identify, handle, address, and/or respond to fires or other emergent calls to service related to the SUBJECT TANK and/or its component parts.

79. As a direct and proximate result of the conduct of Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, DAIMLER, and DOES 1-100, Plaintiffs were injured and hurt in their health, strength, and activity, sustaining injuries to their bodies and shock and injury to their nervous systems and persons, all of which said injuries have caused, and continue to cause, Plaintiffs great physical, mental, and nervous pain and suffering. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereupon allege, that said injuries will result in some permanent disability to them, and general damages in an amount which will be stated according to proof, pursuant to C.C.P. § 425.10, which amount is in excess of the jurisdictional limits of this court.

80. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned conduct of Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, DAIMLER, and DOES 1-100, Plaintiffs were prevented from attending to their usual occupation, and Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereupon allege, that they will be prevented from attending to their usual occupation for a period of time in the future, and thereby will also sustain a loss of earning capacity, in addition to lost earnings, past, present, and future; the exact amount of such losses are unknown to Plaintiffs at this time, and will be stated according to proof at a later time, pursuant to C.C.P. § 425.10.

81. As a direct and proximate result of the conduct of Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, DAIMLER, and DOES 1-100, Plaintiffs were compelled to and did employ the services of hospitals, physicians, surgeons, nurses, and the like to care for and treat them, and incurred hospital, medical and professional and incidental expenses, and Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereupon allege, that by reason of their respective injuries they will necessarily incur additional like expenses for an indefinite period of time in the future, the exact amount of which will be stated according to proof, pursuant to C.C.P. § 425.10.

82. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, DAIMLER, and DOES 1-100, inclusive, and each of their negligence and/or other actionable conduct was a substantial factor in causing Plaintiffs' harm.

## THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

# STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY – DESIGN DEFECT

(Brought by All Plaintiffs Against Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, DAIMLER, HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 1 through 60)

83. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 82 as if fully stated herein.

84. At all times relevant herein, Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, and AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, inclusive, and each of them, by and through their officers, directors, employees, and/or managing agents, were the manufacturers, fabricators, designers, assemblers, testers, distributors, sellers, inspectors, installers, servicers, marketers, warrantors, suppliers, and/or advertisers of the SUBJECT TANK and/or its component parts, which contained design and/or manufacturing defects, and were capable of causing, and in fact did cause, personal injuries while being used in a manner reasonably foreseeable, thereby rendering the same unsafe and dangerous for users.

85. At all times relevant herein, the SUBJECT TANK and its component parts, manuals, and documentation, including its instructions and warnings, were being operated and used for the purposes and in the manner for which they were designed, manufactured, assembled, inspected, tested, sold, and intended to be used and were used in a manner that was reasonably foreseeable to Defendants, and were in a condition without substantial change from their original condition when they were sold by Defendants DOES 21-30, inclusive, and each of them.

86. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, and AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, inclusive, and each of them, are negligent for designing, manufacturing, and selling a CNG tank that was not equipped to be used in the manner it was intended to be used. They failed to manufacture, design, distribute, and/or sell a CNG tank that was designed to function with proper use and that was manufactured with the necessary parts and components to ensure the CNG tank was safe for regular use. Defendants also failed to adequately warn of the dangers of the CNG tank. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, and AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, inclusive, and each of the, further failed to confirm the safety of their product and that the SUBJECT TANK would be functional for its intended use.

87. The SUBJECT TANK as designed, manufactured, and sold with the manufacturing and design defects and warning defect, caused personal injuries to Plaintiffs, while being used in a manner consistent in which the CNG tank was intended to be used. Due to the defects, the SUBJECT TANK was rendered unsafe and dangerous for use by the consumer.

88. At all times relevant herein, the SUBJECT TANK and/or its component parts were defective, not fit for their intended purposes, and unreasonably dangerous by reason of defective design, manufacture, assembly, inspection, testing, warning, instruction, and/or sale, and had inadequate warnings on the part of Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, and AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, inclusive, and each of them.

89. At all times relevant herein, Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and DOES 1-10, inclusive, and each of them, were the manufacturers of the SUBJECT TANK. The SUBJECT TANK was received by Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90 with no substantial changes in condition to which the CNG tank was manufactured for sale. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and DOES 1-10, inclusive, and each of them, breached their duty of care by distributing a defective product.

90. At all times relevant herein, Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and DOES 11-20, inclusive, and each of them, were the distributors of the SUBJECT TANK and distributed the SUBJECT TANK to Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90. The SUBJECT TANK was received by Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90 with no substantial changes in condition to which the CNG tank was manufactured for sale. Defendants DOES 1-10, inclusive, and each of them, breached their duty of care by distributing a defective product.

91. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and DOES 11-20, inclusive, and each of them, were negligent because they distributed a CNG tank that was incapable of performing the tasks for which it was designed.

92. At all times relevant herein, Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and DOES 21-30, inclusive, and each of them, were the sellers of the SUBJECT TANK and Defendants sold the SUBJECT TANK to Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90. The SUBJECT TANK was received by Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90 with no substantial changes in condition to which the CNG tank was manufactured for sale. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and DOES 21-30, inclusive, and each of them, breached their duty of care by selling a defective product.

93. Defendants DOES 21-30, inclusive, and each of them, were negligent because they sold a CNG tank that was incapable of performing the tasks for which it was designed.

94. At all times relevant herein, Defendants DAIMLER and DOES 31-60, by and through their respective officers, directors, employees, and/or managing agents, were the manufacturers, fabricators, designers, assemblers, testers, distributors, sellers, inspectors, installers, servicers, marketers, warrantors, suppliers, and/or advertisers of the SUBJECT VEHICLE and/or its component parts, which contained design and/or manufacturing defects, and were capable of causing, and in fact did cause, personal injuries while being used in a manner reasonably foreseeable, thereby rendering the same unsafe and dangerous for users.

95. At all times relevant herein, the SUBJECT VEHICLE and its component parts, manuals, and documentation, including its instructions and warnings, were being operated and used for the purposes and in the manner for which they were designed, manufactured, assembled, inspected, tested, sold, and intended to be used and were used in a manner that was reasonably foreseeable to Defendants, inclusive, and were in a condition without substantial change from their original condition when they were sold by Defendants DOES 51-60, inclusive, and each of them.

96. Defendants DAIMLER and DOES 31-60 are negligent for designing, manufacturing, distributing, and/or selling a truck, including its component parts, that was not equipped to be used in the manner it was intended to be used. They failed to sell a truck that was designed to function with proper use and that was manufactured with the necessary parts and components to ensure the truck was safe for regular use. Defendants also failed to adequately warn of the dangers of the truck. Defendants DAIMLER and DOES 31-60 further failed to confirm the safety of their product and that the SUBJECT

VEHICLE would be functional for its intended use.

97. The SUBJECT VEHICLE as designed, manufactured, and sold with the manufacturing and design defects and warning defect, caused personal injuries to Plaintiffs, while being used in a manner consistent in which the truck was intended to be used. Due to the defects, the SUBJECT VEHICLE was rendered unsafe and dangerous for use by the consumer.

98. At all times relevant herein, the SUBJECT VEHICLE and/or its component parts were defective, not fit for their intended purposes, and unreasonably dangerous by reason of defective design, manufacture, assembly, inspection, testing, warning, instruction, and/or sale, and had inadequate warnings on the part of Defendant DAIMLER.

99. At all times relevant herein, Defendants DOES 31-40, inclusive, and each of them, were the manufacturers of the SUBJECT VEHICLE. The SUBJECT VEHICLE was received by Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90 with no substantial changes in condition to which the truck was manufactured for sale. Defendants DOES 31-40, inclusive, and each of them, breached their duty of care by distributing a defective product.

100. At all times relevant herein, Defendants DOES 41-50, inclusive, and each of them, were the distributors of the SUBJECT VEHICLE and distributed the SUBJECT VEHICLE to Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90. The SUBJECT VEHICLE was received by Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90 with no substantial changes in condition to which the truck was manufactured for sale. Defendants DOES 41-50, inclusive, and each of them, breached their duty of care by distributing a defective product.

101. Defendants DOES 41-50, inclusive, and each of them, were negligent because they distributed a truck that was incapable of performing the tasks for which it was designed.

102. At all times relevant herein, Defendants DOES 51-60, inclusive, and each of them, were the sellers of the SUBJECT VEHICLE and Defendants sold the SUBJECT VEHICLE to Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90. The SUBJECT VEHICLE was received by Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90 with no substantial changes in condition to which the truck was manufactured for sale. Defendants DOES 51-60, inclusive, and each of them, breached their duty of care by selling a defective product.

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103. Defendants DOES 51-60, inclusive, and each of them, were negligent because they sold a truck that was incapable of performing the tasks for which it was designed.

104. The aforementioned defects and the defective and unreasonably dangerous and unsafe condition of the SUBJECT TANK and SUBJECT VEHICLE, their accessories, component parts, manuals, and documentation, including their instructions and warnings, and the failure of Defendants to fix the defects and dangerous condition of the SUBJECT TANK and SUBJECT VEHICLE, were a substantial factor in causing Plaintiffs' harm.

105. As a direct result and consequence of the acts and/or omissions of Defendants, the SUBJECT TANK and SUBJECT VEHICLE caused Plaintiffs to sustain severe injuries. Further, Plaintiffs were hurt and physically injured, sustaining medical bills, loss of earnings/earnings capacity, pain, suffering, loss of enjoyment of life and other damages, and will continue to sustain such damages in the future.

106. Plaintiffs' general and special damages are in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional limits of all lower Courts, which will be shown according to proof at time of trial. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs have been damaged in a sum which exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction.

## **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

# STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY – WARNING DEFECT

(Brought by All Plaintiffs Against Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, DAIMLER, HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 1 through 60)

107. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 106 as if fully stated herein.

108. At all times relevant herein, Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, and AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, inclusive, and each of them, by and through their officers, directors, employees, and/or managing agents, were the manufacturers, fabricators, designers, assemblers, testers, distributors, sellers, inspectors, installers, servicers, marketers, warrantors, suppliers, and/or advertisers of the SUBJECT TANK and/or its component parts, which contained design and/or manufacturing

defects, and were capable of causing, and in fact did cause, personal injuries while being used in a manner reasonably foreseeable, thereby rendering the same unsafe and dangerous for users.

109. The SUBJECT TANK had potential risks and dangers that were known by Defendants at the time of manufacture, distribution, and/or sale, which presented a substantial danger when the SUBJECT TANK was used or misused in an intended or reasonably foreseeable way. These potential risks and dangers would not have been recognized by ordinary customers.

110. Additionally, Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, and AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, inclusive, and each of them, wrote, approved, and provided inadequate warnings and instructions for the use, operation, inspection, and/or maintenance of the SUBJECT TANK and its component parts, and otherwise failed to provide proper and adequate warnings.

111. At all times relevant herein, the SUBJECT TANK and its component parts, manuals, and documentation, including its instructions and warnings, were being operated and used for the purposes and in the manner for which they were designed, manufactured, assembled, inspected, tested, sold, and intended to be used and were used in a manner that was reasonably foreseeable to Defendants, and were in a condition without substantial change from their original condition when they were sold by Defendants DOES 21-30, inclusive, and each of them.

112. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, and AGILITY FUEL
SOLUTIONS, inclusive, and each of them, failed to adequately warn of the dangers of the SUBJECT
TANK. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, and AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS,
inclusive, and each of the, further failed to confirm the safety of their product and that the SUBJECT
TANK would be functional for its intended use.

113. The SUBJECT TANK as designed, manufactured, and sold with the manufacturing and design defects and warning defect, caused personal injuries to Plaintiffs, while being used in a manner consistent in which the CNG tank was intended to be used. Due to the defects, the SUBJECT TANK was rendered unsafe and dangerous for use by the consumer.

114. At all times relevant herein, the SUBJECT TANK and/or its component parts were defective, not fit for their intended purposes, and unreasonably dangerous by reason of defective design, manufacture, assembly, inspection, testing, warning, instruction, and/or sale, and had inadequate

warnings on the part of Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, and AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, inclusive, and each of them.

115. At all times relevant herein, Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and DOES 1-10, inclusive, and each of them, were the manufacturers of the SUBJECT TANK. The SUBJECT TANK was received by Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90 with no substantial changes in condition to which the CNG tank was manufactured for sale. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and DOES 1-10, inclusive, and each of them, breached their duty of care by distributing a defective product.

116. At all times relevant herein, Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and DOES 11-20, inclusive, and each of them, were the distributors of the SUBJECT TANK and distributed the SUBJECT TANK to Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90. The SUBJECT TANK was received by Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90 with no substantial changes in condition to which the CNG tank was manufactured for sale. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and DOES 1-10, inclusive, and each of them, breached their duty of care by distributing a defective product.

117. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and DOES 11-20, inclusive, and each of them, were negligent because they distributed a CNG tank that was incapable of performing the tasks for which it was designed.

118. At all times relevant herein, Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and DOES 21-30, inclusive, and each of them, were the sellers of the SUBJECT TANK and Defendants sold the SUBJECT TANK to Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90. The SUBJECT TANK was received by Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90 with no substantial changes in condition to which the CNG tank was manufactured for sale. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and DOES 21-30, inclusive, and each of them, breached their duty of care by selling a defective product.

119. Defendants DOES 21-30, inclusive, and each of them, were negligent because they sold a CNG tank that was incapable of performing the tasks for which it was designed.

120. At all times relevant herein, Defendants DAIMLER and DOES 31-60, by and through

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their respective officers, directors, employees, and/or managing agents, were the manufacturers,
fabricators, designers, assemblers, testers, distributors, sellers, inspectors, installers, servicers,
marketers, warrantors, suppliers, and/or advertisers of the SUBJECT VEHICLE and/or its component
parts, which contained design and/or manufacturing defects, and were capable of causing, and in fact did
cause, personal injuries while being used in a manner reasonably foreseeable, thereby rendering the
same unsafe and dangerous for users.

121. Additionally, Defendants DAIMLER and DOES 31-60 wrote, approved, and provided inadequate warnings and instructions for the use, operation, inspection, and/or maintenance of the SUBJECT VEHICLE and its component parts, and otherwise failed to provide proper and adequate warnings.

122. At all times relevant herein, the SUBJECT VEHICLE and its component parts, manuals, and documentation, including its instructions and warnings, were being operated and used for the purposes and in the manner for which they were designed, manufactured, assembled, inspected, tested, sold, and intended to be used and were used in a manner that was reasonably foreseeable to Defendants, inclusive, and were in a condition without substantial change from their original condition when they were sold by Defendants DOES 51-60, inclusive, and each of them.

123. The SUBJECT VEHICLE had potential risks and dangers that were known by Defendants at the time of manufacture, distribution, and/or sale, which presented a substantial danger when the SUBJECT VEHICLE was used or misused in an intended or reasonably foreseeable way. These potential risks and dangers would not have been recognized by ordinary customers.

124. Defendants DAIMLER and DOES 31-60 failed to adequately warn of the dangers of the truck. Defendants DAIMLER and DOES 31-60 further failed to confirm the safety of their product and that the SUBJECT VEHICLE would be functional for its intended use.

125. The SUBJECT VEHICLE as designed, manufactured, and sold with the manufacturing and design defects and warning defect, caused personal injuries to Plaintiffs, while being used in a manner consistent in which the truck was intended to be used. Due to the defects, the SUBJECT VEHICLE was rendered unsafe and dangerous for use by the consumer.

126. At all times relevant herein, the SUBJECT VEHICLE and/or its component parts were

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defective, not fit for their intended purposes, and unreasonably dangerous by reason of defective design, manufacture, assembly, inspection, testing, warning, instruction, and/or sale, and had inadequate warnings on the part of Defendant DAIMLER.

At all times relevant herein, Defendants DOES 31-40, inclusive, and each of them, were 127. the manufacturers of the SUBJECT VEHICLE. The SUBJECT VEHICLE was received by Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90 with no substantial changes in condition to which the truck was manufactured for sale. Defendants DOES 31-40, inclusive, and each of them, breached their duty of care by distributing a defective product.

128. At all times relevant herein, Defendants DOES 41-50, inclusive, and each of them, were the distributors of the SUBJECT VEHICLE and distributed the SUBJECT VEHICLE to Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90. The SUBJECT VEHICLE was received by Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90 with no substantial changes in condition to which the truck was manufactured for sale. Defendants DOES 41-50, inclusive, and each of them, breached their duty of care by distributing a defective product.

129. Defendants DOES 41-50, inclusive, and each of them, were negligent because they distributed a truck that was incapable of performing the tasks for which it was designed.

130. At all times relevant herein, Defendants DOES 51-60, inclusive, and each of them, were the sellers of the SUBJECT VEHICLE and Defendants sold the SUBJECT VEHICLE to Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90. The SUBJECT VEHICLE was received by Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90 with no substantial changes in condition to which the truck was manufactured for sale. Defendants DOES 51-60, inclusive, and each of them, breached their duty of care by selling a defective product.

Defendants DOES 51-60, inclusive, and each of them, were negligent because they sold a 131. truck that was incapable of performing the tasks for which it was designed.

132. The aforementioned defects and the defective and unreasonably dangerous and unsafe condition of the SUBJECT TANK and SUBJECT VEHICLE, their accessories, component parts, manuals, and documentation, including their instructions and warnings, and the failure of Defendants to fix the defects and dangerous condition of the SUBJECT TANK and SUBJECT VEHICLE, were a

substantial factor in causing Plaintiffs' harm.

133. As a direct result and consequence of the acts and/or omissions of Defendants, the SUBJECT TANK and SUBJECT VEHICLE caused Plaintiffs to sustain severe injuries. Further, Plaintiffs were hurt and physically injured, sustaining medical bills, loss of earnings/earnings capacity, pain, suffering, loss of enjoyment of life and other damages, and will continue to sustain such damages in the future.

134. Plaintiffs' general and special damages are in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional limits of all lower Courts, which will be shown according to proof at time of trial. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs have been damaged in a sum which exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction.

# **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

# STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY – MANUFACTURING DEFECT (Brought by All Plaintiffs Against Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, DAIMLER, HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 1 through 60)

135. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 134 as if fully stated herein.

136. At all times relevant herein, Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, and AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, inclusive, and each of them, by and through their officers, directors, employees, and/or managing agents, were the manufacturers, fabricators, designers, assemblers, testers, distributors, sellers, inspectors, installers, servicers, marketers, warrantors, suppliers, and/or advertisers of the SUBJECT TANK and/or its component parts, which contained design and/or manufacturing defects, and were capable of causing, and in fact did cause, personal injuries while being used in a manner reasonably foreseeable, thereby rendering the same unsafe and dangerous for users.

137. At all times relevant herein, the SUBJECT TANK and its component parts, manuals, and documentation, including its instructions and warnings, were being operated and used for the purposes and in the manner for which they were designed, manufactured, assembled, inspected, tested, sold, and intended to be used and were used in a manner that was reasonably foreseeable to Defendants, and were

in a condition without substantial change from their original condition when they were sold by Defendants DOES 21-30, inclusive, and each of them.

138. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, and AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, inclusive, and each of them, are negligent for designing, manufacturing, and selling a CNG tank that was not equipped to be used in the manner it was intended to be used. They failed to manufacture, design, distribute, and/or sell a CNG tank that was designed to function with proper use and that was manufactured with the necessary parts and components to ensure the CNG tank was safe for regular use. Defendants also failed to adequately warn of the dangers of the CNG tank. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, and AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, inclusive, and each of the, further failed to confirm the safety of their product and that the SUBJECT TANK would be functional for its intended use.

139. The SUBJECT TANK as designed, manufactured, and sold with the manufacturing and design defects and warning defect, caused personal injuries to Plaintiffs, while being used in a manner consistent in which the CNG tank was intended to be used. Due to the defects, the SUBJECT TANK was rendered unsafe and dangerous for use by the consumer.

140. At all times relevant herein, the SUBJECT TANK and/or its component parts were defective, not fit for their intended purposes, and unreasonably dangerous by reason of defective design, manufacture, assembly, inspection, testing, warning, instruction, and/or sale, and had inadequate warnings on the part of Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, and AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, inclusive, and each of them.

141. At all times relevant herein, Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS,
AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and DOES 1-10, inclusive, and each of them, were the manufacturers of
the SUBJECT TANK. The SUBJECT TANK was received by Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES
61-90 with no substantial changes in condition to which the CNG tank was manufactured for sale.
Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and DOES 110, inclusive, and each of them, breached their duty of care by distributing a defective product.

At all times relevant herein, Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS,
 AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and DOES 11-20, inclusive, and each of them, were the distributors of

the SUBJECT TANK and distributed the SUBJECT TANK to Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90. The SUBJECT TANK was received by Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90 with no substantial changes in condition to which the CNG tank was manufactured for sale. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and DOES 1-10, inclusive, and each of them, breached their duty of care by distributing a defective product.

143. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and DOES 11-20, inclusive, and each of them, were negligent because they distributed a CNG tank that was incapable of performing the tasks for which it was designed.

144. At all times relevant herein, Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and DOES 21-30, inclusive, and each of them, were the sellers of the SUBJECT TANK and Defendants sold the SUBJECT TANK to Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90. The SUBJECT TANK was received by Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90 with no substantial changes in condition to which the CNG tank was manufactured for sale. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and DOES 21-30, inclusive, and each of them, breached their duty of care by selling a defective product.

145. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, and DOES 21-30, inclusive, and each of them, were negligent because they sold a CNG tank that was incapable of performing the tasks for which it was designed.

146. At all times relevant herein, Defendants DAIMLER and DOES 31-60, by and through their respective officers, directors, employees, and/or managing agents, were the manufacturers, fabricators, designers, assemblers, testers, distributors, sellers, inspectors, installers, servicers, marketers, warrantors, suppliers, and/or advertisers of the SUBJECT VEHICLE and/or its component parts, which contained design and/or manufacturing defects, and were capable of causing, and in fact did cause, personal injuries while being used in a manner reasonably foreseeable, thereby rendering the same unsafe and dangerous for users.

147. At all times relevant herein, the SUBJECT VEHICLE and its component parts, manuals, and documentation, including its instructions and warnings, were being operated and used for the purposes and in the manner for which they were designed, manufactured, assembled, inspected, tested,

sold, and intended to be used and were used in a manner that was reasonably foreseeable to Defendants, inclusive, and were in a condition without substantial change from their original condition when they were sold by Defendants DOES 51-60, inclusive, and each of them.

148. Defendants DAIMLER and DOES 31-60 are negligent for designing, manufacturing, distributing, and/or selling a truck, including its component parts, that was not equipped to be used in the manner it was intended to be used. They failed to sell a truck that was designed to function with proper use and that was manufactured with the necessary parts and components to ensure the truck was safe for regular use. Defendants also failed to adequately warn of the dangers of the truck. Defendants DAIMLER and DOES 31-60 further failed to confirm the safety of their product and that the SUBJECT VEHICLE would be functional for its intended use.

149. The SUBJECT VEHICLE as designed, manufactured, and sold with the manufacturing and design defects and warning defect, caused personal injuries to Plaintiffs, while being used in a manner consistent in which the truck was intended to be used. Due to the defects, the SUBJECT VEHICLE was rendered unsafe and dangerous for use by the consumer.

150. At all times relevant herein, the SUBJECT VEHICLE and/or its component parts were defective, not fit for their intended purposes, and unreasonably dangerous by reason of defective design, manufacture, assembly, inspection, testing, warning, instruction, and/or sale, and had inadequate warnings on the part of Defendant DAIMLER.

151. At all times relevant herein, Defendants DOES 31-40, inclusive, and each of them, were the manufacturers of the SUBJECT VEHICLE. The SUBJECT VEHICLE was received by Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90 with no substantial changes in condition to which the truck was manufactured for sale. Defendants DOES 31-40, inclusive, and each of them, breached their duty of care by distributing a defective product.

152. At all times relevant herein, Defendants DOES 41-50, inclusive, and each of them, were the distributors of the SUBJECT VEHICLE and distributed the SUBJECT VEHICLE to Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90. The SUBJECT VEHICLE was received by Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90 with no substantial changes in condition to which the truck was manufactured for sale. Defendants DOES 41-50, inclusive, and each of them, breached their duty of

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153. Defendants DOES 41-50, inclusive, and each of them, were negligent because they distributed a truck that was incapable of performing the tasks for which it was designed.

154. At all times relevant herein, Defendants DOES 51-60, inclusive, and each of them, were the sellers of the SUBJECT VEHICLE and Defendants sold the SUBJECT VEHICLE to Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90. The SUBJECT VEHICLE was received by Defendants HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 61-90 with no substantial changes in condition to which the truck was manufactured for sale. Defendants DOES 51-60, inclusive, and each of them, breached their duty of care by selling a defective product.

155. Defendants DOES 51-60, inclusive, and each of them, were negligent because they sold a truck that was incapable of performing the tasks for which it was designed.

156. The aforementioned defects and the defective and unreasonably dangerous and unsafe condition of the SUBJECT TANK and SUBJECT VEHICLE, their accessories, component parts, manuals, and documentation, including their instructions and warnings, and the failure of Defendants to fix the defects and dangerous condition of the SUBJECT TANK and SUBJECT VEHICLE, were a substantial factor in causing Plaintiffs' harm.

157. As a direct result and consequence of the acts and/or omissions of Defendants, the SUBJECT TANK and SUBJECT VEHICLE caused Plaintiffs to sustain severe injuries. Further, Plaintiffs were hurt and physically injured, sustaining medical bills, loss of earnings/earnings capacity, pain, suffering, loss of enjoyment of life and other damages, and will continue to sustain such damages in the future.

158. Plaintiffs' general and special damages are in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional limits of all lower Courts, which will be shown according to proof at time of trial. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs have been damaged in a sum which exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction.

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#### SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

### **NEGLIGENCE (PRODUCTS LIABILITY)**

# (Brought by All Plaintiffs Against Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, DAIMLER, HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 1 through 60)

159. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 158 as if fully stated herein.

160. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, DAIMLER, HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 1-100, inclusive, and each of them, had a duty to Plaintiffs to use reasonable care in manufacturing, designing, assembling, inspecting, testing, and selling the SUBJECT TANK and SUBJECT VEHICLE, their accessories, component parts, manuals, and documentation, including its instructions, manuals, and warnings.

161. Plaintiffs' injuries were caused and contributed to by the breach of Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, DAIMLER, HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 1-100's, inclusive, and each of them, duty of care owed to Plaintiffs and by Defendants' careless, negligent, unlawful, and wrongful acts and/or omissions. Defendants, inclusive, and each of them, breached said duty in that they carelessly manufactured, designed, assembled, inspected, tested, sold, and otherwise distributed the SUBJECT TANK and SUBJECT VEHICLE. Additionally, Defendants, inclusive, and each of them, breached their duty of care with regard to the SUBJECT TANK's and SUBJECT VEHICLE's manuals and documentation, including their instructions and warnings related to the tank and vehicle and their accessories, and component parts. Further, Defendants carelessly failed to warn of the dangers inherent in using the SUBJECT TANK and SUBJECT VEHICLE and their accessories and component parts through the instructions and warnings.

162. Defendants, inclusive, and each of them, at all times pertinent hereto acted negligently and/or below the applicable standard of care in their sale, storage, advertisement, marketing, maintenance, transport, warning, and inspection of the SUBJECT TANK and SUBJECT VEHICLE.

163. As a direct result and consequence of the acts and/or omissions of Defendants, the
 SUBJECT TANK and SUBJECT VEHICLE caused Plaintiffs to sustain severe injuries. Further,
 Plaintiffs were hurt and physically injured, sustaining medical bills, loss of earnings/earnings capacity,

pain, suffering, loss of enjoyment of life and other damages, and will continue to sustain such damages in the future.

164. Plaintiffs' general and special damages are in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional limits of all lower Courts, which will be shown according to proof at time of trial. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs have been damaged in a sum which exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction.

## **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

# **BREACH OF WARRANTY (IMPLIED/FITNESS)**

# (Brought by All Plaintiffs Against Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, DAIMLER, HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 1 through 60)

165. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 164 as if fully stated herein.

166. Prior to the events giving rise to this action, Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, DAIMLER, HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 1-100, inclusive, and each of them, expressly and/or impliedly warranted and represented that the SUBJECT TANK and SUBJECT VEHICLE, their accessories, component parts, manuals, and documentation, including their instructions and warnings, were of merchantable quality, fit, and safe for the purpose for which they were designed, manufactured, assembled, inspected, tested, sold, serviced, repaired, maintained, intended, distributed, and used, and Defendants, inclusive, further warranted that the SUBJECT TANK and SUBJECT VEHICLE and their accessories and component parts were free from all defects.

167. Defendants HEXAGON, AGILITY FUEL SOLUTIONS, AGILITY FUEL SYSTEMS, DAIMLER, HLT, TTSI, PTSI, and DOES 1-100, inclusive, and each of them, breached said warranties in that the SUBJECT TANK and SUBJECT VEHICLE, their accessories, component parts, manuals, and documentation were not of merchantable quality, or fit and safe for the purposes for which they were designed, manufactured, assembled, inspected, tested, sold, serviced, repaired, maintained, intended, and used, and further was not free from all defects. 168. As a direct result and consequence of the acts and/or omissions of Defendants, the SUBJECT TANK and SUBJECT VEHICLE caused Plaintiffs to sustain severe injuries. Further, Plaintiffs were hurt and physically injured, sustaining medical bills, loss of earnings/earnings capacity, pain, suffering, loss of enjoyment of life and other damages, and will continue to sustain such damages in the future.

169. Plaintiffs' general and special damages are in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional limits of all lower Courts, which will be shown according to proof at time of trial. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs have been damaged in a sum which exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction.

#### **COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES**

1		PRAYER FOR RELIEF	
2	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs ANDRES SAENZ II, CASEY DUNN, DANIEL GOEN, HOWARD		
3	WEISERWEAVER, IAN GALLARDO, ROBERT WARD, and TOM RODRIGUEZ pray for the		
4	following damages and relief:		
5	1.	For general damages according to proof and in accordance with California Code of Civil	
6	Procedure s	ection 425.10;	
7	2.	For all economic damages according to proof and in accordance with California Code of	
8	Civil Procedure section 425.10;		
9	3.	For past and future medical expenses;	
10	4.	For costs of suit incurred herein;	
11	5.	For damages for Plaintiffs' emotional distress and pain and suffering;	
12	6.	For all past and future damages;	
13	7.	For prejudgment interest, according to proof;	
14	8.	For all statutorily allowed damages; and	
15	9.	For such other relief as the Court may deem just and proper.	
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17	Dated: June	18, 2024 McNICHOLAS & McNICHOLAS, LLP	
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21		Matthew S. McNicholas, Esq.	
22		Jeffrey R. Lamb, Esq. Richard W. Powers, Esq.	
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		COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES	

1	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL	
2	Plaintiffs ANDRES SAENZ II, CASEY DUNN, DANIEL GOEN, HOWARD	
3	WEISERWEAVER, IAN GALLARDO, ROBERT WARD, and TOM RODRIGUEZ hereby demand a	
4	trial by jury.	
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6	Dated: June 18, 2024 McNICHOLAS & McNICHOLAS, LLP	
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10	Jeffrey R. Lamb, Esq.	
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