BEFORE THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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| 3 | IN THE MATTER OF: |) | NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT |
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| 4 | Quick N Clean XXVIII, LLC, |) | |
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This Negotiated Settlement Agreement is made and entered between Pima County, Arizona, a body politic, ("Pima County") and Quick N Clean XXVIII, LLC ("Quick N Clean") pursuant to A.R.S. § 49-391(C).

I. <u>LEGAL AUTHORITY</u>

- 1. Pima County is a political subdivision of the State of Arizona with authority under A.R.S. § 11-264 to establish and maintain a wastewater treatment system.
- Pima County's wastewater treatment system discharges treated wastewater into designated waters of the United States and, therefore, is subject the Arizona Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES) permitting requirements of the Clean Water Act.
- 3. As required by its AZPDES permit and as authorized by A.R.S. § 49-391(A), Pima County has enacted an Industrial Wastewater Ordinance, which is included in the Pima County Code and regulates the industrial users of Pima County's wastewater treatment system.
- 4. Quick N Clean is an industrial user of Pima County's wastewater treatment system as defined in the Industrial Wastewater Ordinance § 13.36.040(Z).
- 5. Under A.R.S. § 49-391(C), Pima County has the authority to enter into this

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Agreement with Quick N Clean with regard to the local enforcement of wastewater pretreatment requirements.

6. The parties acknowledge that final approval of this Agreement is subject to a mandatory 30 day public notice and comment period under A.R.S. § 49-391(C).

II. FINDINGS

- 7. Quick N Clean operates a car wash business located at 2140 N. Kolb Rd. in Tucson, Arizona that discharges industrial wastewater into Pima County's wastewater treatment system under the authority of Permit 12324.
- 8. Permit 12324 requires Quick N Clean to submit periodic self-monitoring reports to the Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (the "Department")
- 9. The Permit also requires Quick N Clean to submit a report to the Department on or before October 28, 2020 on the self-monitoring results of its industrial discharges for the period of April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020.
- 10. Industrial Wastewater Ordinance § 13.36.130(G)(1) requires industrial users to comply with all conditions of the discharge permit. Noncompliance is a violation of the ordinance and grounds for enforcement action.
- 11. Industrial Wastewater Ordinance § 13.36.040(VV)(f) provides that an Industrial User is in Significant Noncompliance for "[f]ailure to provide, within 45 days after due date, required reports such as baseline monitoring reports, 90-day compliance reports, periodic self-monitoring reports, and reports on compliance with Compliance Schedules."
- 12. Quick N Clean failed to provide a self-monitoring report for the period of April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 within 45 days of October 28, 2020.

13. On November 30, 2020, the Permit and Regulatory Compliance Officer for the Department emailed the authorized representative and other representatives for Quick N Clean and requested the self-monitoring reports that were due on October 28, 2020. The representatives of Quick N Clean did not respond to the Permit and Regulatory Compliance Officer.

- 14. On December 9, 2020, the Permit and Regulatory Compliance Officer emailed the authorized representative and other representatives of Quick N Clean again and requested a response. The representatives of the Quick N Clean did not respond to the Permit and Regulatory Compliance Officer.
- 15. On January 13, 2021, the Permit and Regulatory Compliance Officer called the authorized representative of Quick N Clean and left a voicemail requesting the self-monitoring reports.
- 16. By February 8, 2021 Quick N Clean had not responded to the Permit and Regulatory Compliance Officer. The Department issued Notice of Violation No. 2021-R-002 to Quick N Clean for failing to submit the Self-Monitoring Report for the period April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 that was due on October 28, 2020.
- 17. Industrial Wastewater Ordinance § 13.36.170(B)(1) requires industrial users to respond to a notice of violation in writing no later than 10 days from receipt of the notice.
- 18. Industrial Wastewater Ordinance § 13.36.170(B)(2) requires that, if the notice of violation requires the industrial user to show cause, the industrial user's response must demonstrate why the director should not ask the Pima County Attorney to file an action in superior court requesting injunctive relief and penalties.
- 19. Notice of Violation No. 2021-R-002 required the Defendants to show cause.
- 20. The Defendants received the Notice of Violation on February 12, 2021.

21. Quick N Clean did not respond to the Notice of Violation.

- 22. On April 21, 2021, Quick N Clean provided the self-monitoring report for the period of April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020.
- 23. Quick N Clean's failure to provide a self-monitoring report for the period of April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 within the time limits required by the Permit is a violation of the Industrial Wastewater Ordinance and, consistent with the federal Clean Water Act, subjects Quick N Clean to civil penalties.
- 24. Quick N Clean's failure to respond to Notice of Violation No. 2021-R-002 is a violation of the Industrial Wastewater Ordinance and, consistent with the federal Clean Water Act, subjects Quick N Clean to civil penalties.

III. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 25. <u>Settlement</u>. Pima County and Quick N Clean have entered into this Agreement in order to resolve all identified disputes between them according to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. Quick N Clean agrees to pay within 30 days from execution of this agreement a penalty of \$500.00 for failing to provide a quarterly self-monitoring report in the time required by the Permit. In the event that payment in full is not made within 30 days of the date of this Agreement, Quick N Clean agrees to pay interest on any outstanding portion at a simple interest rate of 10 percent per annum. In the event that payment is not made within 60 days from the date of this Agreement, this Agreement becomes voidable at the discretion of Pima County, and the County may file a complaint in Superior Court and seek all available civil penalties against Quick N Clean.

The payment of the penalty represents the full settlement of penalties imposed by Pima County under P.C.C., Title 13, Chapter 13.36 for the violations alleged in the Notification of Violation and for the failure to respond to the Notice of Violation.

- 26. Failure of Compliance. The parties agree that it is the responsibility of Quick N
 Clean to achieve and maintain compliance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, regulations and permits. Compliance with this Agreement shall not be a defense to any enforcement actions commenced pursuant to said laws, regulations, or permits and based on Quick N Clean activities or omissions occurring after the date of this agreement.
- 27. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between Pima County and Quick N Clean, and the terms, conditions, and provisions of this Agreement are contractual and not a mere recital.
- 28. Attorneys' Fees. In the event that either Pima County or Quick N Clean finds it necessary to employ legal counsel to bring an action at law or other proceeding against the other party to enforce any of the terms, conditions, or provisions of this Agreement, the party prevailing in such action shall be paid all reasonable attorneys' fees by the other party, and in the event that any judgment is secured by the prevailing party in such action or proceeding, all reasonable attorneys' fees shall be included in said judgment. The amount of reasonable attorneys' fees shall be determined by the court and not by a jury.
- 29. <u>Authority.</u> The persons executing this Agreement expressly represent and warrant that they are authorized to execute the same. Further, Pima County and Quick N Clean expressly acknowledge that they have been given the opportunity to be represented by their respective attorneys in the negotiation of this Agreement. The terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement shall be construed only

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30. <u>Form of Notice</u>. Unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement, any notice or communication between the parties shall be deemed submitted on the date they are postmarked and sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall be addressed as follows:

To Pima County:
Jason Grodman
Wastewater Reclamation Department
Industrial Wastewater Control
2955 West Calle Agua Nueva
Tucson, AZ 85745

according to their fair import.

To Quick N Clean: Jeremy Clark Quick N Clean XXVIII, LLC 7291 E. Adobe Dr. #115 Scottsdale, AZ 85255

- 31. Non-Waiver Provisions. This Agreement in no way relieves Quick N Clean of its responsibility to comply with all applicable Federal, State, local laws, or permits conditions in operating its facility in Pima County.
- 32. Severability. The provisions of this Agreement shall be severable, and should any provision be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be inconsistent with Federal or State law, and therefore unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- 33. <u>Good Faith</u>. The parties agree that each of them shall take such further action and execute such further documents, if any, which may be necessary or appropriate to implement this Agreement according to all of its terms and conditions.
- 34. <u>Limitations</u>. It is the intent of the parties that this Agreement shall not be used in any judicial proceedings or in any other manner against Quick N Clean.
- 35. <u>Binding Effect.</u> The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties, their officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, successors, assigns and all persons, firms, and corporations in active concert with them.

| | In the matter of Quick N Clean XXVIII, No. C2021-R-002 |
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| 1 | The foregoing signature was acknowledged before me this dig day of |
| 2 | 1 , 2021, by Michard Karle , a Yosident (title) |
| 3 | with authority to enter into this contract on behalf of Quick N Clean XXVIII, LLC, a limited liability company. |
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