DOCKET NO.: FBT-CV-23-6120092-S : SUPERIOR COURT

CONRAD JOHNS and : JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF

ELIZABETH JOHNS : FAIRFIELD

v. : AT BRIDGEPORT

ALFA LAVAL, INC. et al. : FEBRUARY 2, 2023

## DEFENDANT THE WM. POWELL COMPANY'S ANSWER AND SPECIAL DEFENSES TO PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT AND ANSWER TO CROSS-CLAIMS

The Wm. Powell Company ("Wm. Powell"), a defendant in the above-captioned action, respectfully submits the following Answer and Special Defenses to Plaintiffs' Complaint and Answer to Cross-Claims.

### **COUNT I**

- 1. As to the allegations of Paragraph 1 of Count I of the Complaint, Wm. Powell does not have sufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief and therefore leaves Plaintiffs to their proof.
- 2. As to the allegations of Paragraph 2 of Count I of the Complaint, Wm. Powell does not have sufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief and therefore leaves Plaintiffs to their proof.
- 3. Wm. Powell admits that it conducted business in the State of Connecticut. Wm. Powell denies the remaining allegations of Paragraph 3 of Count I of the Complaint to



the extent the allegations relate to Wm. Powell. As to the remaining allegations of Paragraph 3 of Count I of the Complaint as they relate to other defendants, Wm. Powell does not have sufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief and therefore leaves Plaintiffs to their proof.

- 4. Wm. Powell denies the allegations of Paragraph 4 of Count I of the Complaint to the extent the allegations relate to Wm. Powell. As to the remaining allegations of Paragraph 4 of Count I of the Complaint as they relate to other defendants, Wm. Powell does not have sufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief and therefore leaves Plaintiffs to their proof.
- 5. Wm. Powell denies the allegations of Paragraph 5 of Count I of the Complaint to the extent the allegations relate to Wm. Powell. As to the remaining allegations of Paragraph 5 of Count I of the Complaint as they relate to other defendants, Wm. Powell does not have sufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief and therefore leaves Plaintiffs to their proof.
- 6. Wm. Powell denies the allegations of Paragraph 6 of Count I of the Complaint to the extent the allegations relate to Wm. Powell. As to the remaining allegations of Paragraph 6 of Count I of the Complaint as they relate to other defendants, Wm. Powell



does not have sufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief and therefore leaves Plaintiffs to their proof.

- 7. Wm. Powell denies the allegations of Paragraph 7 of Count I of the Complaint to the extent the allegations relate to Wm. Powell. As to the remaining allegations of Paragraph 7 of Count I of the Complaint as they relate to other defendants, Wm. Powell does not have sufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief and therefore leaves Plaintiffs to their proof.
- 8. Wm. Powell denies the allegations of Paragraph 8 of Count I of Complaint to the extent the allegations relate to Wm. Powell. As to the remaining allegations of Paragraph 8 of Count I of the Complaint as they relate to other defendants, Wm. Powell does not have sufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief and therefore leaves Plaintiffs to their proof.
- 9. Wm. Powell denies the allegations of Paragraph 9 of Count I of the Complaint to the extent the allegations relate to Wm. Powell. As to the remaining allegations of Paragraph 9 of Count I of the Complaint as they relate to other defendants, Wm. Powell does not have sufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief and therefore leaves Plaintiffs to their proof.

- 10. Wm. Powell denies the allegations of Paragraph 10 of Count I of the Complaint to the extent the allegations relate to Wm. Powell. As to the remaining allegations of Paragraph 10 of Count I of the Complaint as they relate to other defendants, Wm. Powell does not have sufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief and therefore leaves Plaintiffs to their proof.
- 11. Wm. Powell denies the allegations of Paragraph 11 of Count I of the Complaint to the extent the allegations relate to Wm. Powell. As to the remaining allegations of Paragraph 11 of Count I of the Complaint as they relate to other defendants, Wm. Powell does not have sufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief and therefore leaves Plaintiffs to their proof.
- 12. Wm. Powell denies the allegations of Paragraph 12 of Count I of the Complaint to the extent the allegations relate to Wm. Powell. As to the remaining allegations of Paragraph 12 of Count I of the Complaint as they relate to other defendants, Wm. Powell does not have sufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief and therefore leaves Plaintiffs to their proof.
- 13. Wm. Powell denies the allegations of Paragraph 13 of Count I of the Complaint to the extent the allegations relate to Wm. Powell. As to the remaining allegations of Paragraph 13 of Count I of the Complaint as they relate to other defendants, Wm.



Powell does not have sufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief and therefore leaves Plaintiffs to their proof.

- 14. Wm. Powell denies the allegations of Paragraph 14 of Count I of the Complaint to the extent the allegations relate to Wm. Powell. As to the remaining allegations of Paragraph 14 of Count I of the Complaint as they relate to other defendants, Wm. Powell does not have sufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief and therefore leaves Plaintiffs to their proof.
- 15. Wm. Powell denies the allegations of Paragraph 15 of Count I of the Complaint to the extent the allegations relate to Wm. Powell. As to the remaining allegations of Paragraph 15 of Count I of the Complaint as they relate to other defendants, Wm. Powell does not have sufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief and therefore leaves Plaintiffs to their proof.
- 16. Wm. Powell denies the allegations of Paragraph 16 of Count I of Complaint, including its subparts, to the extent the allegations relate to Wm. Powell. As to the remaining allegations of Paragraph 16 of Count I of the Complaint as they relate to other defendants, Wm. Powell does not have sufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief and therefore leaves Plaintiffs to their proof.

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