

# I, ALEXANDER YOUNGER, declare as follows:

- 1. I am the Head of Funding and Investment at Norfolk County Council, as Administering Authority of the Norfolk Pension Fund ("Lead Plaintiff" or "Norfolk"), the appointed Lead Plaintiff and Class Representative in the above-captioned action (the "Litigation"). I have been actively involved in overseeing the prosecution and resolution of the Litigation, am familiar with its proceedings, and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein based on my supervision of the Litigation.
- 2. I respectfully submit this Declaration in support of: (a) Lead Plaintiff's motion for final approval of the \$54,248,374.00 settlement (the "Settlement") reached between Norfolk (on behalf of itself and the Class) and Defendants Puma Biotechnology, Inc. and Alan Auerbach; (b) Lead Counsel Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP's ("Robbins Geller") motion for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses; and (c) Norfolk's request for reimbursement for its time incurred in representing the Class.
- 3. Norfolk understands that the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 was intended to encourage institutional investors with large losses to manage and direct securities fraud class actions. In seeking appointment as Lead Plaintiff and Class Representative, Norfolk understood its duty to serve the interests of the Class Members by supervising the management and prosecution of the Litigation. Together with Robbins Geller, Norfolk vigorously prosecuted the Litigation on behalf of the Class for more than six years.
- 4. Following its appointment as Lead Plaintiff in 2015, Norfolk has kept fully informed of case developments and procedural matters over the course of the Litigation, and engaged with Robbins Geller concerning litigation strategy in connection with discovery, class certification,

summary judgment, trial, post-trial claims process, and the potential resolution of this Litigation.

- 5. In its capacity as Lead Plaintiff and Class Representative, Norfolk: reviewed multiple pleadings and drafts thereof, briefs and drafts thereof, reports, Court orders and correspondence concerning the status of the Litigation; identified and produced relevant documents during the discovery process; and liaised with service providers to Norfolk with respect to their production of documents and investment data.
- 6. In addition to the above oversight, the undersigned traveled to Washington D.C. in order to provide deposition testimony to defendants and also attended the full trial in Santa Ana in January and February 2019 and provided trial testimony for Norfolk and the Class.
- 7. Since the trial, Norfolk has worked with Lead Counsel in assessing and negotiating the proposed final resolution of the Litigation.
- 8. Norfolk balanced the risks and delays of continued litigation and appeals against the immediate benefit of a settlement, and authorised Robbins Geller to settle the Litigation for \$54,248,374.00 which we understand represents 100% of damages for validated claims submitted in the post-trial claims process plus pre-judgment interest. Norfolk believes this Settlement is fair and reasonable, represents the maximum recovery available and is in the best interests of the Class.
- 9. Norfolk also takes seriously its representative role to ensure that the attorneys' fees are fair in light of the result achieved for the Class. While Norfolk recognises that any determination of attorneys' fees and expenses is for the Court, Norfolk believes that Robbins Geller's request for fees of 25% of the Settlement Amount (which percentage is the arrangement we negotiated purposefully at the outset of the Litigation to

help maximise the recovery for the Class) and expenses not to exceed \$3,100,000, is fair and reasonable. This Settlement would not have been possible without the diligent and aggressive prosecutorial efforts of Robbins Geller.

- 10. I and my colleagues at Norfolk have devoted over 970 hours to the prosecution of the Litigation, which would otherwise have been focused on the daily business activities of Norfolk. Based upon our overall level of compensation and benefits, we believe what equates to an average rate of \$66.50 per hour is reasonable and appropriate.
- 11. Norfolk respectfully requests that the Court grant final approval of the Settlement, approve Robbins Geller's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses, and award Norfolk \$64,505 for the time it devoted to representing the Class in the Litigation.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this declaration was executed this 4th day of March, 2022, in Norwich, United Kingdom.

ALEXANDER YOUNGER

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that on March 7, 2022, I authorized the electronic filing of the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the email addresses on the attached Electronic Mail Notice List, and I hereby certify that I caused the mailing of the foregoing via the United States Postal Service to the non-CM/ECF participants indicated on the attached Manual Notice List.

s/ Tor Gronborg
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