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8	SUPERIOR COURT OF T	THE STATE CALIFORNIA
9	FOR THE COUN	TY OF SANOMA
10		SCV-273845
11	THORPE DESIGN, INC., a California Corporation;	CASE NO: 50 V-27 3045
12		COMPLAINT FOR:
13	Plaintiff,	1. Negligence
14 15	v.	<ol> <li>Negligent Recall</li> <li>Strict Products Liability – Manufacturer Defect</li> </ol>
16 17	HONEYWELL INC., a North Carolina Corporation; SAFE SIGNAL, a company of unknown origin and dba of POTTER	<ol> <li>Strict Products Liability – Design Defect</li> <li>Breach of Express Warranty</li> <li>Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability</li> </ol>
18 19	ELECTRIC SIGNAL COMPANY, LLC, a Missouri Limited Liability Company; POTTER ELECTRIC SIGNAL COMPANY,	<ol> <li>Breach of Implied Warranty of Fitness for a Particular Purpose</li> <li>Implied Indemnity</li> <li>Unfair Business Practices (Cal. Bus.</li> </ol>
20	LLC, a Missouri Limited Liability Company; PACE SUPPLY CORP., a California	Prof. Code § 17200) 10. Tort of Another
21	Corporation; and DOES 1 through 110;	11. Declaratory Relief
22	Defendants.	
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24	Plaintiff alleges:	
25 26	GENERAL AI	LLEGATIONS
27	1. The true names and capacities of all Defe	endants DOE are unknown to Plaintiff who sues
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them by such fictitious names under section 474 of the California Code of Civil Procedure. Each
 Defendant DOE wrongfully caused Plaintiff injury and damage.

- 3 2. Plaintiff is informed and believes and upon such information and belief alleges that 4 Defendants, and each of them, were the agents, employees, servants, joint venturers and/or co-5 conspirators of the remaining Defendants, and were acting within the course and scope of said 6 agency, employment, joint venture and/or conspiracy; that Defendants, and each of them, when 7 8 doing the things alleged herein, were the actual or ostensible agents of the remaining Defendants, 9 and were acting within the course and scope of said agency; and that each and every Defendant, 10as aforesaid, when acting as a principal, was negligent in the selection, hiring, supervision and 11 continued employment of each and every other Defendant as an agent, employee or joint 12 venturer; and/or that said Defendant approved supported, participated in, authorized and/or 13 14 ratified the act and/or omissions of said employees, agents, servants, conspirators and/or joint 15 venturers.
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  3. Plaintiff, THORPE DESIGN, INC. (hereinafter "Plaintiff") is a California Corporation
  with its principal place of business in the City of Brentwood, County of Contra Costa, State of
  California, and doing business in the County of Contra Costa.
- 4. Defendant, HONEYWELL INC. (hereinafter "HONEYWELL"), is a North Carolina
  corporation with its principal place of business in Morristown, County of Morris, State of New
  Jersey and engaged in business and doing business in the State of California, including the
  marketing, delivery, distribution and sale of fire sprinkler products.
- 5. Defendant, SAFE SIGNAL (hereinafter "SAFE SIGNAL"), is a company of unknown
   origin with its principal place of business in Maryland Heights, County of St. Luis, State of
   Missouri and engaged in business and doing business in the State of California, including the

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1 marketing, delivery, distribution and sale of fire sprinkler products.

2	6. Defendant, POTTER ELECTRIC SIGNAL COMPANY, LLC (hereinafter "POTTER"),
3	is a Missouri limited liability company with its principal place of business in St. Luis, County of
4	St. Luis, State of Missouri and engaged in business and doing business in the State of California,
5 6	including the marketing, delivery, distribution and sale of fire sprinkler products.
7	7. Defendant, PACE SUPPLY CORP. (hereinafter "PACE"), is a California corporation
8	with its principal place of business in Rohnert Park, Sonoma County, State of California and
9	engaged in business and doing business in the State of California, including the marketing,
10	delivery, distribution and sale of fire sprinkler products.
11 12	8. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based on such belief, alleges that SAFE SIGNAL
12	is controlled, operated, owned, and/or subsidiary of POTTER.
14	9. Plaintiff is informed and believes and upon such information and belief alleges that
15	Defendants DOES 1 through 110, and each of them, inclusive, are engaged in the business of the
16	design, manufacture, marketing, distribution, shipment, delivery, warehousing and/or otherwise
17 18	involved in the stream of commerce of the products described herein or the product's
19	components.
20	10. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction of all causes of action in this Complaint
21	pursuant to the California Constitution, as Plaintiff's claims arise under the laws of the State of
22	California and are not preempted by federal law.
23 24	11. The amount of damages sought by Plaintiff exceeds the minimal jurisdictional limits of
25	the Superior Court and will be established according to proof at trial.
26	12. The Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendants, and each of them, because they
27	are either citizens and/or doing business in this State.
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13. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure sections 395
and Section 16 of article XII of the California Constitution. The contract and obligations arose
in the County of Contra Costa, was to be performed in the County of Contra Costa and the
obligation and/or liability arose in the County of Contra Costa.
FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS
14. In or about 2017, Plaintiff began purchasing Flow Switch Glue-in CPVC F/1-2" Pipe,
System Sensor Model No. WFDNFS (hereinafter "SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW
SWITCH(ES)"), designed, manufactured, and/or supplied by Defendants, HONEYWELL, SAFE
SIGNAL, POTTER, PACE, and DOES 1 through 110 and each of them, including the SYSTEM
SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH and its components.
15. Beginning in or about 2017, Plaintiff entered into contracts with various builders, general
contractors and/or developers to install fire sprinkler systems in single family homes in
California (hereinafter "INSTALLATION CONTRACTS"). Pursuant to the INSTALLATION
CONTRACTS, Plaintiff installed the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH.
16. From 2017 through 2023, Plaintiff purchased and installed approximately 18,299
SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCHES under the INSTALLATION
CONTRACTS. The vast majority of the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW
SWITCHES that were installed by Plaintiff remain in residential homes.
17. The subject of this action includes certain real property wherein SYSTEM
SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCHES were installed by Plaintiff without knowledge of
any defects.
18. The real properties and other similar real properties where the SYSTEM
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SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCHES have been installed, are located in Brentwood,
County of Contra Costa; Antioch, Contra Costa County; Hollister, San Benito County; Patterson,
Stanislaus County; and Los Altos, Santa Clara County; and neighboring communities and are
hereinafter referred to collectively as the "SUBJECT PROPERTIES."
19. Beginning in or about April of 2022, some of the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL
FLOW SWITCHES were being reported as faulty, malfunctioning and defective. Plaintiff was
subjected to demands and/or claims by the builders, general contractors, and/or others to
immediately remove and replace the defective SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW
SWITCHES and all other SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCHES in the
homes, resulting in damages, costs and expenses to be suffered by Plaintiff to repair and replace
the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCHES. Upon replacement, SYSTEM
SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCHES were reportedly having issues with the paddle
engagement with observable significant corrosion. Many of the SUBJECT PROPERTIES
experienced significant water damage caused by leaks ("PREMATURE ACTIVIATIONS").
20. In addition to the demands and/or claims described above, the PREMATURE
ACTIVATIONS have caused Plaintiff to suffer additional economic losses, costs and expenses.
Plaintiff has been back charged or given Notice of Intent to be Back Charged for losses sustained
by others in connection with the PREMATURE ACTIVATIONS. Plaintiff is now being
subjected to claims and/or demands for replacement of the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL
FLOW SWITCHES that have not yet prematurely activated. Plaintiff has suffered economic
damages and losses as the result of the PREMATURE ACTIVATIONS of the SYSTEM
SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCHES in an amount to be determined at trial and
Plaintiff anticipates additional defective SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW

1	SWITCHES will prematurely activate in the future causing Plaintiff to suffer future economic
2	damages and losses.
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4	FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
5	(Negligence)
6	For a first and separate cause of action for Negligence by Plaintiff against Defendants
7 8	HONEYWELL INC.; SAFE SIGNAL; POTTER ELECTRIC SIGNAL COMPANY, LLC; and
° 9	PACE SUPPLY CORP.; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, Plaintiff alleges as follows:
10	21. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation in paragraphs 1
11	through 20 as though set forth fully herein.
12	22. Defendants, HONEYWELL INC.; SAFE SIGNAL; and POTTER ELECTRIC SIGNAL
13	COMPANY, LLC, designed, manufactured, and inspected the SYSTEM
14 15	SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH.
15 16	23. Defendants, HONEYWELL INC.; SAFE SIGNAL; POTTER ELECTRIC SIGNAL
17	COMPANY, LLC, and PACE SUPPLY CORP. supplied the SYSTEM
18	SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH.
19 20	24. Defendants, HONEYWELL INC.; SAFE SIGNAL; and POTTER ELECTRIC SIGNAL
20	COMPANY, LLC, were negligent in designing, manufacturing, and inspecting the SYSTEM
22	SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH.
23	25. Defendants, HONEYWELL INC.; SAFE SIGNAL; POTTER ELECTRIC SIGNAL
24	COMPANY, LLC, and PACE SUPPLY CORP. were negligent in supplying the SYSTEM
25	SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH.
26 27	26. Plaintiff has suffered harm, including economic damages and loss as a result of
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1	Defendants' negligence.
2	27. The negligence of Defendants, and each of them, was a substantial factor in causing
3	Plaintiff's harm, damages and loss.
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5	SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
6 7	(Negligent Recall)
8	For a second and separate cause of action for Negligent Recall by Plaintiff against
9	Defendants HONEYWELL INC.; SAFE SIGNAL; POTTER ELECTRIC SIGNAL COMPANY,
10	LLC; and PACE SUPPLY CORP. and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive, Plaintiff alleges as
11	follows:
12	28. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation in paragraphs 1
13	through 20 as though set forth fully herein.
14 15	29. Defendants, HONEYWELL INC.; SAFE SIGNAL; and POTTER ELECTRIC SIGNAL
16	COMPANY, LLC, manufactured, distributed and sold the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL
17	FLOW SWITCH.
18	30. Defendant, PACE SUPPLY, sold the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW
19	SWITCH.
20 21	31. Defendants, and each of them, knew or reasonably should have known that the SYSTEM
21	SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH was dangerous or was likely to be dangerous when
23	used in a reasonably foreseeable manner.
24	32. Defendants, and each of them, were aware of the defect in the SYSTEM
25	SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH after the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL
26	FLOW SWITCHES were sold.
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1	33. Defendants, and each of them, failed to recall or warn of the danger of the SYSTEM
2	SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH.
3	34. A reasonable manufacturer, distributor and seller under the same or similar circumstances
4	would have recalled the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH.
5	35. Plaintiff has suffered harm, including economic damages and loss as a result of
6 7	Defendants' negligence.
8	36. The negligence of Defendants, and each of them, was a substantial factor in causing
9	Plaintiff's harm, damages and loss.
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11	THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION
12	(Strict Liability – Manufacturer Defect)
13 14	For a third and separate cause of action for Strict Liability – Manufacturer Defect by
14	Plaintiff against Defendants HONEYWELL INC.; SAFE SIGNAL; and POTTER ELECTRIC
16	SIGNAL COMPANY, LLC; and DOES 1 through 30, inclusive, Plaintiff alleges as follows:
17	37. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation in paragraphs 1
18	through 20 as though set forth fully herein.
19	38. Defendants, HONEYWELL INC.; SAFE SIGNAL; and POTTER ELECTRIC SIGNAL
20 21	COMPANY, LLC, manufactured, distributed and sold the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL
$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 22 \end{bmatrix}$	FLOW SWITCH.
23	39. The SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH contained a manufacturing
24	defect when it left Defendants' possession, in that the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL
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26	FLOW SWITCH differed from the manufacturer's design or specifications or from other typical
27	units or the same product line.
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1	40. Plaintiff has suffered harm, including economic damages and loss as a result of the defect
2	in the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH.
3	41. The defect in the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH was a substantial
4	factor in causing Plaintiff's harm, damages and loss.
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6 7	FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION
8	(Strict Liability – Design Defect)
9	For a fourth and separate cause of action for Strict Liability – Design Defect by Plaintiff
10	against Defendants HONEYWELL INC.; SAFE SIGNAL; and POTTER ELECTRIC SIGNAL
11	COMPANY, LLC; and DOES 1 through 40, inclusive, Plaintiff alleges as follows:
12	42. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation in paragraphs 1
13	through 20 as though set forth fully herein.
14 15	43. Defendants, HONEYWELL INC.; SAFE SIGNAL; and POTTER ELECTRIC SIGNAL
16	COMPANY, LLC, manufactured, distributed and sold the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL
17	FLOW SWITCH.
18	44. The SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH did not perform as safely as
19	an ordinary consumer would have expected it to perform when used or misused in an intended or
20	reasonably foreseeable way.
21 22	45. Plaintiff has suffered harm, including economic damages and loss as a result of the
23	SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH's failure to perform safely.
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25	46. The SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH's failure to perform safely
26	was a substantial factor in causing Plaintiff's harm, damages and loss.
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1	<u>FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION</u> (Breach of Express Warranty)
2	For a fifth and separate cause of action for Breach of Express Warranty by Plaintiff
3 4	against Defendants HONEYWELL INC.; SAFE SIGNAL; and POTTER ELECTRIC SIGNAL
5	COMPANY, LLC; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, Plaintiff alleges as follows:
6	47. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation in paragraphs 1
7	through 20 as though set forth fully herein.
8 9	48. Defendants, HONEYWELL INC., SAFE SIGNAL, and POTTER ELECTRIC SIGNAL
10	COMPANY, LLC, gave Plaintiff a written warranty that the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL
11	FLOW SWITCH shall be free from defects in workmanship and materials.
12	49. The SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH did not perform as stated and
13 14	promised, or did not meet the quality of the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW
14	SWITCH sample and model.
16	50. Plaintiff took reasonable steps to notify Defendants, and each of them, within a
17	reasonable time that the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH was not as
18	represented.
19 20	51. Defendants, and each of them, failed to [insert terms of warranty] the SYSTEM
20	SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH as required under the warranty.
22	52. The failure of the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH to be as
23	represented was a substantial factor in causing Plaintiff's harm, damages and loss.
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25 26	<u>SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION</u> (Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability)
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28	For a sixth and separate cause of action for Breach of Implied Warranty of
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1	Merchantability by Plaintiff against Defendants HONEYWELL INC.; SAFE SIGNAL; POTTER
2	ELECTRIC SIGNAL COMPANY, LLC; and PACE SUPPLY CORP. and DOES 1 through 60,
3	inclusive, Plaintiff alleges as follows:
4	53. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation in paragraphs 1
5 6	through 20 as though set forth fully herein.
7	54. Plaintiff purchased the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH from
8	Defendant, PACE SUPPLY.
9	55. At the time of the purchase, Defendants were in the business of selling these goods out as
10	having special knowledge and/or skill regarding these goods.
11 12	56. The SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH:
12	a. was not of the same quality as those generally acceptable in the trade;
14	b. was not fit for the ordinary purposes for which such goods are used;
15	c. did not conform to the quality established by the parties' prior dealings or by
16	usage of trade; and/or
17	d. did not conform to the promises or affirmations of fact made on the container or
18 19	label if any.
20	57. Plaintiff took reasonable steps to notify Defendants within a reasonable time that the
21	SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH did not have the expected quality.
22	58. Plaintiff has suffered harm, including economic damages and loss as a result of the
23	SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH's failure to have the expected quality
24 25	59. The SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH's failure to have the expected
26	quality was a substantial factor in causing Plaintiff's harm, damages and loss.
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1	<u>SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION</u> (Breach of Implied Warranty of Fitness for a Particular Purpose)
2 3	For a seventh and separate cause of action for Breach of Implied Warranty of Fitness for
4	a Particular Purpose by Plaintiff against Defendants HONEYWELL INC.; SAFE SIGNAL;
5	POTTER ELECTRIC SIGNAL COMPANY, LLC; and PACE SUPPLY CORP. and DOES 1
6	through 70, inclusive, Plaintiff alleges as follows:
7	60. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation in paragraphs 1
8 9	through 20 as though set forth fully herein.
9 10	61. Plaintiff purchased the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH from
11	Defendant, PACE SUPPLY.
12	62. At the time that Plaintiff purchased the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW
13	SWITCH from Defendant, PACE SUPPLY, Defendants knew or had reason to know that
14	Plaintiff intended to use the product for a particular purpose.
15 16	63. At the time that Plaintiff purchased the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW
17	SWITCH from Defendant, PACE SUPPLY, Defendants knew or had reason to know that
18	Plaintiff was relying on Defendants' skill and judgment to select or furnish a product that was
19	suitable for the particular purpose.
20	64. Plaintiff justifiably relied on Defendants' skill and judgment.
21 22	65. The SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH was not suitable for the
23	particular purpose.
24	66. Plaintiff took reasonable steps to notify Defendants within a reasonable time that the
25	SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH was not suitable.
26	67. Plaintiff has suffered harm, including economic damages and loss as a result of the
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1	SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH's failure to be suitable.
2	68. The SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH's failure to be suitable was a
3	substantial factor in causing Plaintiff's harm, damages and loss.
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5	EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION
6	(Implied Contractual Indemnity)
7 8	For an eighth and separate cause of action for Implied Contractual Indemnity by Plaintiff
9	against Defendants HONEYWELL INC.; SAFE SIGNAL; POTTER ELECTRIC SIGNAL
10	COMPANY, LLC; and PACE SUPPLY CORP. and DOES 1 through 80, inclusive, Plaintiff
11	alleges as follows:
12	69. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation in paragraphs 1
13	through 20 as though set forth fully herein.
14 15	70. Plaintiff entered into agreements, oral and/or written, with Defendants, HONEYWELL
16	INC.; SAFE SIGNAL; POTTER ELECTRIC SIGNAL COMPANY, LLC; and PACE SUPPLY
17	CORP, whereby Defendants impliedly agreed to defend and indemnify Plaintiff for claims
18	involving damages caused by its products, including the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL
19 20	FLOW SWITCH supplied by Defendants.
20	71. Defendants have an implied duty and are obligated to defend and indemnify and hold
22	Plaintiff harmless in an amount equal to the sum of any judgment, settlement, costs of repair
23	and/or costs of defense incurred with regard to claims against Plaintiff. Plaintiff hereby demands
24	that Defendants, and each of them, indemnify and hold Plaintiff harmless as a result of the cost
25	of repair incurred by Plaintiff for Defendants' defective work and breaches, and for any future
26 27	costs, liability, obligations resulting from claims alleged against Plaintiff by any other party in
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||this matter pursuant to the terms of the implied contract(s).

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72. As a direct and proximate result of the breaches by Defendants, and each of them, 2 3 Plaintiff has been compelled to pay for the costs of repair on the work performed by Defendants 4 on the projects, and compelled to incur attorney's fees and costs and other related expenses and 5 may in the future be compelled to incur additional liability, expenses and fees by reason of 6 settlement, judgment, repairs and/or defense. Plaintiff is entitled in equity and pursuant to Code 7 8 of Civil Procedure section 1021.6 to be defended, held harmless, indemnified and reimbursed by 9 Defendants, and each of them, for all costs of repair on the projects and other costs, fees and 10expenses incurred by Plaintiff and that will be incurred by Plaintiff according to proof. 11 12 NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION 13 (Unfair Business Practices Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200, et seq.) 14 For a ninth and separate cause of action for Unfair Business Practices under California 15 Business and Profession Code section 17200, et seq., by Plaintiff against Defendants 16 17 HONEYWELL INC.; SAFE SIGNAL; POTTER ELECTRIC SIGNAL COMPANY, LLC; and 18 PACE SUPPLY CORP. and DOES 1 through 90, inclusive, Plaintiff alleges as follows: 19 73. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 20through 20 as though set forth fully herein. 21 74. Defendants, and each of them, committed unlawful, unfair, illegal and/or fraudulent acts 22 23 in breaching their duties and obligations, warranties, failing to recall the SYSTEM 24 SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH, misrepresenting to Plaintiff the quality and fitness 25 of the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH and the defects therein, and 26 advertising in a manner that is likely to deceive and mislead consumers. 27 28 COMPLAINT **ÁLM | LAW.COM** RADAR

1	75. Plaintiff has suffered harm, including economic damages and loss as a result of the
2	conduct of Defendants.
3	76. The conduct of Defendants was a substantial factor in causing Plaintiff's harm, damages
4	and loss that will be incurred by Plaintiff according to proof.
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6	TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
7 8	(Tort of Another)
8 9	For a tenth and separate cause of action for Tort of Another by Plaintiff against
10	Defendants HONEYWELL INC.; SAFE SIGNAL; POTTER ELECTRIC SIGNAL COMPANY,
11	LLC; and PACE SUPPLY CORP. and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, Plaintiff alleges as
12	follows:
13	77. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation in paragraphs 1
14	through 20 as though set forth fully herein.
15 16	78. As a result of Defendants' negligence, the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW
17	SWITCH and defects therein, Plaintiff has been required to act in the protection of its interest in
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19	defending claims and/our taking corrective action to remedy claims.
20	79. In order to defend claims, Plaintiff was required to retain counsel because of Defendants'
21	negligence, the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCH and defects therein.
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23	ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
24	(Declaratory Relief)
25	For an eleventh and separate cause of action for Declaratory Relief by Plaintiff against
26	Defendants HONEYWELL INC.; SAFE SIGNAL; POTTER ELECTRIC SIGNAL COMPANY,
27	LLC; and PACE SUPPLY CORP. and DOES 1 through 110, inclusive, Plaintiff alleges as
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follows:

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80. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference each and every allegation in paragraphs 1
through 20 as though set forth fully herein.

4 81. An actual controversy has arisen and now exists between Plaintiff and Defendants, and 5 each of them, concerning the parties' respective rights, obligations and liabilities arising from the 6 defective SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCHES, in that claims have been 7 8 made to Plaintiff, are being made to Plaintiff, and Plaintiff reasonably anticipates new, additional 9 claims will be made to Plaintiff for reimbursement of costs and expenses with replacement 10and/or repair of the SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCHES. Unless all of the 11 rights, duties, obligations, and liabilities of Plaintiff and Defendants, as well as those who may 12 bring claims against Plaintiff in the future, are determined in this action, there will be 13 14 multiplicity of actions to determine those rights, duties, obligations and liabilities. Therefore, 15 Plaintiff is entitled to a judicial determination of the rights, duties, obligations and liabilities of 16 the Defendants, and each of them, as well as any other party who may become involved in the 17 claims against Plaintiff and/or Defendants, and those claims, causes of action, complaints are 18 incorporated, consolidated with this action. 19

20 82. Plaintiff requests a judicial declaration that Defendants, and each of them, shall be solely 21 liable for any and all losses, damages, expenses, costs, fees, including legal fees, resulting from 22 the defective SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCHES and solely liable to 23 reimburse, indemnify and otherwise compensate to the fullest extent permitted by law, Plaintiff 24 and any other persons, entities, including insurance companies that may, can or do bring a claim 25 26 for indemnity or compensation related to the defective SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL 27 FLOW SWITCHES. Said judicial declaration should declare a judgment that Defendants, and 28

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1	each of them, reimburse and indemnify Plaintiff for all liability, damage, costs and fees incurred
2	or to be incurred in the future as a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned defective
3	SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCHES, including any and all costs, expenses
4	and other amounts incurred, and/or necessary to replace defective SYSTEM
5	SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCHES installed by Plaintiff.
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8	PRAYER FOR RELIEF
9	WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants, and each of them as
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11	follows:
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13	First through Eighth Causes of Action:
14	1. Special and economic damages according to proof;
15	2. Incidental and consequential damages according to proof
16	3. Prejudgment interest;
17 18	4. Costs of suit;
19	5. Appropriate equitable relief;
20	6. Such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper.
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22	Ninth Cause of Action:
23	1. Special and economic damages according to proof;
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25 26	2. Incidental and consequential damages according to proof
26 27	3. Prejudgment interest;
27	4. Punitive, exemplary and treble damages;
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1	5. Costs of suit;
2	6. Attorney's fees as provided by law;
3	7. Appropriate equitable relief, including injunctive relief;
4	8. Such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper.
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6 7	Tenth Cause of Action:
8	1. Special and economic damages according to proof;
9	2. Incidental and consequential damages according to proof
10	3. Prejudgment interest;
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12	4. Costs of suit;
13	5. Attorney's fees and costs incurred in connection with defending claims;
14	6. Such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper.
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16	Eleventh Cause of Action:
17 18	1. For a determination that Defendants, and each of them, shall be solely liable for any and
	all losses, damages, expenses, costs, fees, including legal fees, resulting from the defective
20	SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCHES and solely liable to reimburse,
21	indemnify and otherwise compensate to the fullest extent permitted by law, Plaintiff and any
22	other persons, entities, including insurance companies that may, can or do bring a claim for
23 24	indemnity or compensation related to the defective SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW
24 25	SWITCHES. Said judicial declaration should declare a judgment that Defendants, and each of
26	them, reimburse and indemnify Plaintiff for all liability, damage, costs and fees incurred or to be
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28	incurred in the future as a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned defective SYSTEM
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1	SENSOR/HONEYWELL FLOW SWITCHES, including any and all costs, expenses and other
2	amounts incurred, and/or necessary to replace defective SYSTEM SENSOR/HONEYWELL
3	FLOW SWITCHES installed by Plaintiff.
4	2. Costs of suit;
5	3. Such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper.
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