# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-02774-RMR-KAS (consolidated with 1:21-cv-3215-RMR-KAS)

JOHNNY R. SHAFER, DAVID P. SARRO, KEVIN L. TYE, JESS Q. WILLIAMS, JUSTIN COHEN,

Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

LIGHTNING EMOTORS, INC.,
TIMOTHY R. REESER,
TERESA P. COVINGTON,
GIGACQUISITIONS3 LLC,
GIGCAPITAL GLOBAL,
AVI S. KATZ,
RALUCA DINU,
NEIL MIOTTO
GIGFOUNDERS LLC
BRAD WEIGHTMAN,
ANDREA BETTI-BERUTTO,
PETER WANG,
JOHN J. MIKULSKY, and
ROBERT FENWICK-SMITH,

Defendants.

#### STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

This Stipulation of Settlement (the "Stipulation") is made and entered into, through their respective counsel, by and among: (a) lead plaintiffs David P. Sarro, Kevin L. Tye, and Jess Q. Williams (the "Federal Plaintiffs") in the Federal Action, on behalf of themselves and the Federal Class; (b) Richard Delman (the "State Plaintiff," and together with Federal Plaintiffs, the "Plaintiffs") in the State Action,<sup>2</sup> on behalf of himself and the State Class; (c) Defendants Lightning eMotors, Inc. f/k/a GigCapital3, Inc. ("Lightning" or "Lightning eMotors"), Teresa P. Covington, Robert Fenwick-Smith, and Timothy R. Reeser (collectively with Lightning, the "Lightning Defendants"); and (d) Defendants GigAcquisitions3, LLC, Avi S. Katz, Raluca Dinu, Neil Miotto, John J. Mikulsky, Andrea Betti-Berutto, and Peter Wang (collectively, the "State Defendants") and Defendants GigFounders, LLC, GigCapital Global,<sup>3</sup> and Brad Weightman (collectively, with the State Defendants, the "GigCapital3 Defendants," and with the Lightning Defendants, the "Defendants"). This Stipulation is intended by Plaintiffs and Defendants (collectively, the "Parties") to fully, finally, and forever compromise, resolve, discharge, release, settle, and dismiss with prejudice all Released Claims (as defined below), upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereof, subject to the approval of this Court pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e).

<sup>&</sup>quot;Federal Action" means *Shafer v. Lightning eMotors, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:21-cv-02774-RMR-KAS, pending in the United District Court for the District of Colorado (the "Federal Court"). All capitalized terms not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in §IV herein.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "State Action" means *Delman v. GigAcquisitions3*, *LLC*, et al., C.A. No. 2021-0679-LWW, pending in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (the "State Court").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> There is no entity organized under the name GigCapital Global that is affiliated with any other Defendant. Nothing herein should be construed as an admission that an entity with the name GigCapital Global exists.

#### I. SUMMARY OF CLAIMS AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

# 1. Summary of Claims and the Complaints

The Federal and State Actions (together, the "Actions") relate to the initial public offering of a special purpose acquisition vehicle, GigCapital3, Inc. ("GigCapital3"), and its acquisition of electric vehicle manufacturer Lightning Systems to form Lightning eMotors, Inc. (the "Business Combination"). The Federal Action alleges that Defendants violated the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") by conducting a scheme to defraud, including by making material misrepresentations and omissions to investors in GigCapital3 and Lightning regarding GigCapital3's IPO, the Business Combination, and Lightning eMotors' operations in the first and second quarters of 2021. The State Action alleges breach of fiduciary duty and unjust enrichment claims against the State Defendants under Delaware law due to alleged misstatements and omissions regarding the Business Combination.

#### 2. The Federal Action

On October 15, 2021, plaintiff Johnny R. Shafer filed the initial class action complaint in the Federal Action against Defendants Lightning eMotors, Timothy R. Reeser, and Teresa P. Covington. ECF 1. On December 17, 2021, the Federal Court consolidated a related complaint, *Cohen v. Lightning eMotors*, No. 21-cv-3215-STV, with the Federal Action. ECF 36. On April 22, 2022, the Court appointed the Federal Plaintiffs as lead plaintiffs and Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP and Johnson Fistel, LLP as lead counsel ("Lead Counsel"). ECF 48.

On May 20, 2022, the Federal Plaintiffs filed their Consolidated Complaint for Violation of the Federal Securities Laws (the "Federal Complaint") against Defendants Lightning eMotors, Timothy R. Reeser, Teresa P. Covington, Robert Fenwick-Smith, GigAcquisitions3, LLC,

GigFounders, LLC, GigCapital Global, Avi S. Katz, Raluca Dinu, Neil Miotto, Brad Weightman, Andrea Betti-Berutto, Peter Wang, and John J. Mikulsky. ECF 52. The Federal Complaint challenges statements regarding GigCapital3's intent to employ a "Mentor-Investor" approach with its eventual target post-merger, statements regarding Lightning Systems' projections, and statements regarding Lightning's supply chain and production capacity, and alleges a scheme to defraud. *Id*.

The Federal Complaint alleged claims for violations of:

- (i) Sections 11 and 15 of the Securities Act, on behalf of themselves and other stockholders of Lightning eMotors, who purchased or otherwise acquired publicly traded securities issued pursuant to GigCapital3's Form S-1 Registration Statement declared effective on May 5, 2020 with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), as amended by Post-Effective Amendment No. 1, filed on May 13, 2020;
- (ii) Sections 14(a) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act, on behalf of themselves and other stockholders of GigCapital3 as of the March 15, 2021 record date (the "Record Date") that were entitled to vote on the Business Combination to acquire Lightning Systems; and
- (iii) Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act, on behalf of themselves and all other persons that purchased or otherwise acquired Lightning eMotors Securities during the period from May 18, 2020 through August 16, 2021, inclusive, and were damaged thereby.

On February 20, 2024, following briefing on Defendants' renewed motions to dismiss (ECFs 99, 101, 104, 105, 107), Magistrate Judge Starnella issued a report and recommendation recommending the dismissal of the Federal Complaint. ECF 111. On March 26, 2024, the Court adopted the report and recommendation over the Federal Plaintiffs' objection, dismissing the Federal Complaint without prejudice and granting Federal Plaintiffs leave to file a motion to amend. ECF

118. In light of this Settlement, Federal Plaintiffs did not file a motion to amend or an amended complaint.

#### 3. The State Action

On August 4, 2021, Richard Delman, represented by Grant & Eisenhofer, P.A. ("State Counsel," and with Lead Counsel, "Plaintiffs' Counsel"), filed a putative class action in the Court of Chancery of Delaware against the State Defendants. *Delman v. GigAcquisitions3*, *LLC*, No. 2021-0679 (Del. Ch.), ECF 1 (the "State Complaint"). State Plaintiff alleges that the State Defendants impaired GigCapital3 stockholders' redemption rights, including through proxy solicitation materials that inflated Lightning's value and contained false and misleading revenue growth projections, among other misrepresentations and omissions. The State Action asserts breach of fiduciary duty and unjust enrichment claims under Delaware law on behalf of holders of GigCapital3 common stock during the time period from the March 15, 2021 Record Date through May 6, 2021, inclusive (the "Closing Date").

On January 4, 2023, Vice Chancellor Will denied the State Defendants' motion to dismiss and upheld the State Complaint, and the State Action proceeded into discovery.

# 4. Mediation and Further Efforts to Resolve the Litigation

During the course of the Actions, the Parties engaged the services of David M. Murphy, Esq. of Phillips ADR, a highly qualified mediator experienced in complex shareholder litigation (the "Mediator"). In connection with an initial mediation session that took place in March 2023, the Parties provided to the Mediator, and exchanged with each other, confidential mediation statements setting forth their respective positions regarding the Federal Action and the State Action, as well as a related derivative action captioned *Uvaydov v. Fenwick-Smith*, et al., C.A. No. 2023-0137 (Del. Ch.).

Following the March 2023 mediation and continued discussion in the weeks thereafter, the Parties failed to reach a global resolution and litigation continued. Nonetheless, over the subsequent approximately 12 months, the Mediator continued to work with the Parties and conferred with Lead Counsel and counsel for one or more Defendants on multiple occasions.

In December 2023, a receiver, Cordes & Company LLP (the "Receiver"), was appointed for Lightning by the Larimer County District Court, State of Colorado in the action *Cupola Infrastructure Income Fund L.L.L.P. v. Lightning eMotors, Inc., et al.*, No. 2023CV31015 (the "Receivership"). The Receiver then entered into a purchase agreement, pursuant to which substantially all of Lightning's assets were sold.

In March 2024, following significant developments in the Actions and Lightning's entry into Receivership, the Parties agreed to renew mediation efforts in earnest. After several weeks of conversation with the Mediator, the Mediator issued a "mediator's proposal" to settle all claims at issue for \$13.35 million, subject to resolution of certain remaining non-monetary terms. On May 1, 2024, the Mediator informed the Parties that the Mediator's proposal had been accepted. Over the course of the next few weeks, the Parties continued to negotiate certain non-monetary terms of any settlement agreement, submitting certain terms to the Mediator for a binding, non-appealable decision when the Parties' negotiations reached an impasse. The Parties ultimately agreed to a binding Settlement Term Sheet that reflected the material terms of the Settlement, with the understanding that such terms would thereafter be embodied in the terms of a customary Stipulation of Settlement (and accompanying exhibits) that would be submitted to the Federal Court for its approval. This Stipulation (together with the exhibits hereto) reflects the Parties' superseding, final and binding agreement to settle, subject to Court approval.

# II. PLAINTIFFS' INVESTIGATION AND THE BENEFITS OF SETTLEMENT

Lead Counsel represent that they have conducted an extensive investigation of the claims and the underlying events and transactions alleged in the Federal Action, and State Counsel represents that it has done the same thing in the State Action. Among other things, Lead Counsel and State Counsel both represent that they have analyzed public filings, records, analyst reports, news reports, spoken to former employees of Lightning eMotors, reviewed filings in actions brought by and against Defendants and in Lightning eMotors' Receivership proceedings, obtained expert analysis on certain key issues, and State Counsel has reviewed confidential internal documents and discovery responses from Defendants. State Counsel also received and reviewed over 7,600 documents comprising over 55,000 pages produced by the State Defendants in discovery. Plaintiffs' Counsel were also provided certain confidential information concerning Lightning eMotors in connection with the mediation efforts. Plaintiffs' Counsel further researched and analyzed the applicable law with respect to the claims of Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class against Defendants and the potential defenses thereto.

Based on their investigation and review, Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel in both Actions have concluded that the terms and conditions of this Stipulation are fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class, and have agreed to settle the claims raised in the Actions pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Stipulation, after considering: (a) the substantial benefits that Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class will receive from settlement of the Actions; (b) the risks, costs, and uncertainties of further litigation; (c) the desirability of permitting the Settlement to be consummated as provided by the terms of this Stipulation; and (d) Plaintiffs' Counsel's experience in the prosecution of similar actions.

# III. DEFENDANTS' DENIALS OF WRONGDOING AND LIABILITY

Defendants have denied and continued to deny any and all allegations of fault, liability, wrongdoing, or damages whatsoever. All of the Defendants expressly have denied, and continue to deny, that they have committed any act or omission giving rise to any liability to any Plaintiff or member of the Settlement Class under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, or Delaware law as alleged in the Actions. Specifically, Defendants expressly have denied, and continue to deny, among other things, each and every claim alleged by Plaintiffs in the Actions, including any liability arising out of any of the conduct, statements, acts, or omissions alleged, or that could have been alleged, in the Actions, or that any alleged misstatements or omissions were made. Defendants also have denied, and continue to deny, among other allegations, the allegations that Plaintiffs or the Settlement Class have suffered any damages, or that Plaintiffs or the Settlement Class were harmed by the conduct alleged in the Actions or that they could have alleged as part of the Actions. In addition, Defendants maintain that they have meritorious defenses to all claims alleged in the Actions.

Defendants state that they are entering into this Stipulation and Settlement solely to eliminate the distraction, burden, and expense of further protracted litigation. Defendants have taken into account the expense, risks, and uncertainty inherent in any litigation. Defendants have, therefore, determined that it is desirable and beneficial to them that the Actions be fully, finally, and forever resolved, discharged, and settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation. Neither this Stipulation, nor any of its terms shall in any event be construed as or deemed to be, evidence of, or an admission or concession on the part of any Defendant with respect

to any claim, fault, liability, wrongdoing, or damage whatsoever, or any infirmity in the defenses that Defendants have or could have asserted.

#### IV. TERMS OF THE STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT OF SETTLEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, without any admission or concession on the part of Plaintiffs of any lack of merit of the Federal Action or State Action whatsoever, and without any admission or concession of any liability or wrongdoing or lack of merit in the defenses whatsoever by Defendants, it is hereby STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and among the Parties to this Stipulation, through their undersigned attorneys, subject to Court approval, in consideration of the benefits flowing to the Parties hereto from the Settlement, that all Released Claims (including Unknown Claims) as against the Released Defendant Parties (as defined below) and all of the Released Defendants' Claims (including Unknown Claims) shall be fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, discharged, and dismissed with prejudice, and without costs (except as provided in the Stipulation), upon and subject to the following terms and conditions:

#### 1. **Definitions**

As used in this Stipulation, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- 1.1 "Authorized Claimant" means a Settlement Class Member who submits a timely and valid Proof of Claim to the Claims Administrator.
- 1.2 "Claim" means a claim submitted on a Proof of Claim or an electronic claim that is submitted to the Claims Administrator.
- 1.3 "Claims Administrator" means Gilardi & Co. LLC or such other entity as the Federal Court shall appoint to administer the Settlement.

- 1.4 "Class Period" means the period from May 18, 2020 through August 16, 2021, inclusive.
- 1.5 "Defendants' Counsel" means the Lightning Defendants' Counsel and the GigCapital3 Defendants' Counsel.
- 1.6 "Effective Date of Settlement" or "Effective Date" means the first date upon which all of the events and conditions set forth in ¶10.1 below have been met and have occurred, or have been expressly waived in writing.
- 1.7 "Escrow Account" means an interest-bearing escrow account established by the Escrow Agent.
- 1.8 "Escrow Agent" means Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, or its respective successor(s).
- 1.9 "Federal Class" shall mean: (i) with respect to claims brought pursuant to Sections 11 and 15 of the Securities Act, all persons who purchased or otherwise acquired publicly traded securities issued pursuant to GigCapital3's Form S-1 Registration Statement declared effective on May 5, 2020 with the SEC, as amended by Post-Effective Amendment No. 1, filed on May 13, 2020; (ii) with respect to claims brought pursuant to Sections 14(a) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act, all stockholders of GigCapital3 as of the March 15, 2021 Record Date that were entitled to vote on GigCapital3's proposed transaction to acquire Lightning Systems; and (iii) with respect to claims brought pursuant to Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act, all persons that purchased or otherwise acquired Lightning eMotors Securities during the period from May 18, 2020 through August 16, 2021, inclusive, and were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Federal Class are the Excluded Persons, as defined in ¶1.32 herein.

- 1.10 "Fee and Expense Award" means any attorneys' fees and expenses (including any award to any Plaintiff pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995) awarded by the Federal Court as described in ¶5.1, and "Fee and Expense Application" has the same meaning as given it in ¶5.1.
- 1.11 "Final" means, with respect to the Judgment or an order of the Federal Court dismissing or declining to dismiss the Federal Action with prejudice ( $see \P 10.1(d)-(e)$ , 10.2), when the last of the following shall occur:
- (a) the expiration of the time to file a motion for reconsideration, motion for rehearing, motion to vacate, motion to alter or amend, appeal, petition for writ of certiorari or similar request for relief, other than as contemplated by subsection (c) of this ¶1.11;
- (b) if a motion to alter or amend is filed or if there is an appeal from the Judgment or order, immediately after: (i) the date of final dismissal of all such motions or appeals, or the final dismissal of any proceeding on certiorari or otherwise to review the Judgment or order, or the date the Judgment or order is finally affirmed on appeal, such that no further judicial review or appeal is permitted, whether by reason of affirmation by a court of last resort, lapse of time, voluntary dismissal of the appeal or otherwise in such a manner as to permit the consummation of the Settlement, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Stipulation; or (ii) the expiration of the time to file a petition for writ of certiorari or other form of review, or the denial of a writ of certiorari or other form of review of the Judgment or order; or (iii) if certiorari or other form of review is granted, the date of final affirmance of the Judgment or order following review pursuant to that grant; and

- (c) provided, however, that any appeal or proceeding seeking subsequent judicial review pertaining solely to an order issued with respect to: (i) attorneys' fees, costs, or expenses, (ii) the Plan of Allocation (as submitted or subsequently modified), or (iii) the procedures for determining Authorized Claimants' recognized claims, shall not in any way delay or preclude the Judgment from becoming Final.
- 1.12 "GigCapital3 Defendants' Counsel" means the law firm of DLA Piper LLP (US), or any successor counsel to any or all of the GigCapital3 Defendants should DLA Piper LLP (US) no longer be providing counsel to any or all of the GigCapital3 Defendants in connection with the matters herein.
- 1.13 "Immediate Family Members" means children, stepchildren, parents, stepparents, spouses, siblings, mothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law. As used in this paragraph, "spouse" shall mean a husband, a wife, or a partner in a state-recognized domestic relationship or civil union.
- 1.14 "Individual Defendants" means, collectively, Andrea Betti-Berutto, Teresa P. Covington, Raluca Dinu, Robert Fenwick-Smith, Avi S. Katz, Neil Miotto, John J. Mikulsky, Timothy R. Reeser, Peter Wang, and Brad Weightman.
- 1.15 "Judgment" means the proposed judgment to be entered by the Court approving the Settlement, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 1.16 "Lightning Defendants' Counsel" means the law firm of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer US LLP or any successor counsel to any or all of the Lightning Defendants should Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer US LLP no longer be providing counsel to any or all of the Lightning Defendants in connection with the matters herein.

- 1.17 "Lightning Securities" means the publicly traded securities of Lightning listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbols "GIK," "GIK.WS," "GIK.U," while Lightning was known as GigCapital3, Inc., and "ZEV" and "ZEV.WS" following the close of the Business Combination on May 6, 2021.
- 1.18 "Net Settlement Fund" means the Settlement Fund less any: (i) court-awarded attorneys' fees; (ii) Notice and Administration Costs; (iii) required Taxes; (iv) court-awarded litigation expenses; and (v) other fees, expenses or deductions approved by the Federal Court.
- 1.19 "Notice" means the Notice of: (I) Proposed Settlement and Plan of Allocation; (II) Settlement Hearing; and (III) Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, which is to be sent to members of the Settlement Class, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-1.
- 1.20 "Notice and Administration Costs" means the costs, fees, and expenses that are incurred by the Claims Administrator and/or Plaintiffs' Counsel in connection with: (i) providing notice to the Settlement Class; and (ii) administrating the Settlement, including, but not limited to, the claims process, as well as the costs, fees, and expenses incurred in connection with the Escrow Account.
- 1.21 "Notice Order" means the proposed order preliminarily approving the Settlement and directing notice thereof to the Settlement Class, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 1.22 "Person" means an individual, corporation (including all divisions and subsidiaries), partnership, limited partnership, limited liability, partnership, association, joint stock company, joint venture, limited liability company or corporation, professional corporation, association, estate, legal representative, trust, unincorporated association, government or any political subdivision or agency

thereof, and any business or legal entity, and any of the foregoing Person's spouses, heirs, beneficiaries, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, representatives or assignees.

- 1.23 "Plan of Allocation" means the proposed plan described in the Notice or any alternate plan approved by the Federal Court whereby the Net Settlement Fund (as defined above in ¶1.18) shall be distributed to Authorized Claimants. Any Plan of Allocation is not part of the Stipulation and the Released Defendant Parties shall have no responsibility therefor or liability with respect thereto.
- 1.24 "Proof of Claim" means the Proof of Claim and Release form for submitting a Claim, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-2.
- 1.25 "Recognized Claim" means a valid and timely Claim for a *pro rata* distribution from the Net Settlement Fund that an Authorized Claimant is entitled to under the Plan of Allocation.
- 1.26 "Released Claims" means any and all claims (including "Unknown Claims," as defined in ¶1.38), demands, losses, rights, damages, and causes of action of any nature and description whatsoever, whether in law or in equity, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, fixed or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, that have been or could have been asserted in either of the Actions or could in the future be asserted in any forum, whether foreign or domestic, whether arising under federal, state, local, territorial, common, or foreign law, whether class or individual in nature, by Federal Plaintiffs, State Plaintiff, or any member of the Settlement Class, or their successors, assigns, executors, administrators, representatives, attorneys, and agents, in their capacities as such, whether brought directly or indirectly against any of the Released Defendant Parties, that (a) arise out of, are based on, or relate in any way to any of the allegations, acts, transactions, facts, events, matters, occurrences, statements, representations, misrepresentations, or

omissions involved, set forth, alleged or referred to, in either of the Actions, or which could have been alleged in the Actions, and (b) arise out of, are based on, or relate to the purchase, acquisition, or redemption of any Lightning Securities during the Class Period. "Released Claims" does not, however, include claims to enforce the Settlement, nor does it include any claims that have been or may be brought derivatively on behalf of any entity Defendant.

- 1.27 "Released Defendants' Claims" means all claims (including, but not limited to, Unknown Claims as defined at ¶1.38, below), demands, losses, rights, and causes of actions of any nature whatsoever by the Released Defendant Parties or any of them against Plaintiffs, Settlement Class Members, or Plaintiffs' Counsel, which arise or relate in any way to the institution, prosecution, assertion, settlement, or resolution of either of the Actions (except for any claims to enforce the Settlement).
- 1.28 "Released Defendant Parties" means: (i) Defendants; (ii) each Individual Defendant's Immediate Family Members; (iii) each entity Defendant's respective past and present general partners, limited partners, principals, shareholders, foundations, joint venturers, members, officers, directors, managers, managing members, managing directors, supervisors, employees, contractors, consultants, auditors, accountants, advisors (including, without limitation, financial and investment advisors), investment bankers, representatives, fiduciaries, insurers, reinsurers, trustees, trusts, trustors, trust beneficiaries, agents, attorneys, professionals, predecessors, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, and any controlling person thereof, in their capacities as such; and (iv) any entity in which a Defendant has a controlling interest.
- 1.29 "Released Plaintiff Parties" means Plaintiffs, each and every Settlement Class Member, Plaintiffs' Counsel, and each and all of their respective past or present trustees, executors,

administrators, officers, directors, partners, members, employees, contractors, auditors, principals, agents, attorneys, predecessors, successors, assigns, representatives, affiliates, joint venturers, shareholders, underwriters, insurers, personal or legal representatives, estates, financial advisors or consultants, banks or investment bankers, parents, subsidiaries, general or limited liability companies, in their capacities as such; and the Immediate Family Members, representatives, and heirs of any Released Plaintiff Party who is an individual, as well as any trust of which any Released Plaintiff Party is the settlor or which is for the benefit of any of their Immediate Family Members. Released Plaintiff Parties do not include any Person who would otherwise be a Settlement Class Member but who timely and validly requests exclusion from the Settlement Class.

- 1.30 "Settlement" means the settlement between Plaintiffs and Defendants on the terms set forth in this Stipulation.
- 1.31 "Settlement Amount" means the sum of \$13,350,000. The Settlement Amount will be allocated equally to resolve each Action.
- 1.32 "Settlement Class" and "Settlement Class Members" mean members of the Federal Class and/or the State Class. Excluded from the Settlement Class (the "Excluded Persons") are: (i) Defendants; (ii) the officers and directors of Lightning eMotors during the Class Period, as well as their Immediate Family Members and their legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns; (iii) any entity in which Defendants have or had a controlling interest; and (iv) the PIPE Investor and Convertible Note Investors as defined in Lightning eMotors' Form S-1 and incorporated Proxy Statement dated March 26, 2021, filed with the SEC. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are those Persons who timely and validly request exclusion therefrom in accordance with the requirements set forth by the Federal Court.

- 1.33 "Settlement Fund" means the Settlement Amount plus any interest or income earned thereon after the Settlement Amount is deposited into the Escrow Account pursuant to ¶3.1.
- 1.34 "Settlement Hearing" means the hearing scheduled by the Federal Court to determine whether: (i) the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate; (ii) the Plan of Allocation is fair, reasonable, and adequate; and (iii) Plaintiffs' Counsel's request for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses on behalf of Lead Counsel and State Counsel, including awards to Plaintiffs, is reasonable.
- 1.35 "State Class" means all record and beneficial holders of GigCapital3 common stock who held such stock during the time period from the Record Date through the Closing Date, except for any Excluded Persons, as defined in ¶1.32 herein, and except for the underwriters in GigCapital3's IPO, who were Nomura Securities International, Inc. ("Nomura"), Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. ("Oppenheimer") and Odeon Capital Group LLC and holders of GigCapital3 common stock who exercised their right to redeem all of their shares in connection with the Business Combination.
- 1.36 "Summary Notice" means the summary notice of proposed Settlement and hearing for publication, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-3.
- 1.37 "Taxes" means: (i) any taxes (including any estimated taxes, interest or penalties) arising with respect to the income earned by the Settlement Fund, including any taxes or tax detriments that may be imposed upon Defendants or the Released Defendant Parties with respect to any income earned by the Settlement Fund for any period during which the Settlement Fund does not qualify as a "Qualified Settlement Fund" for federal or state income tax purposes; and (ii) all other tax expenses and costs incurred in the maintenance, operation, administration, or disbursement of the Settlement Fund, including, without limitation, expenses of tax attorneys and/or accountants and

mailing and distribution expenses related to filing or failing to file any state, federal, or other applicable tax return.

1.38 "Unknown Claims" means: (i) any and all Released Claims of every nature and description against the Released Defendant Parties that any Plaintiff or Settlement Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in their, his, her, or its favor at the time of the release which, if known by such Person, might have affected their, his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement and release of the Released Defendant Parties, or might have affected such party's decision(s) with respect to this Settlement or the releases of the Released Defendant Parties; and (ii) any claims against the Released Plaintiff Parties that any Released Defendant Party does not know or suspect to exist in their, his, her, or its favor, which if known by such party, might have affected their, his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement and release of the Released Plaintiff Parties. With respect to any and all Released Claims and Released Defendants' Claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, each Plaintiff and each Defendant shall expressly waive, and each Settlement Class Member shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Judgment shall have waived, any and all provisions, rights, and benefits of Cal. Civ. Code §1542, which provides:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY:

and any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any federal, state, local, territorial, common, or foreign law, which is or has an effect which is similar, analogous, comparable, or equivalent to Cal. Civ. Code §1542. Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members may hereafter

discover facts, legal theories, or authorities in addition to or different from those which he, she, or it now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims, but Plaintiffs shall expressly, fully, finally, and forever settle and release, and each Settlement Class Member, upon the Effective Date, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever settled and released, any and all Released Claims, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, reckless, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law, or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts, legal theories, or authorities. Plaintiffs and Defendants acknowledge, and Settlement Class Members shall be deemed to have acknowledged, that the inclusion of "Unknown Claims" in the definition of Released Claims and Released Defendants' Claims was separately bargained for and was a material element of the Settlement.

#### 2. Scope and Effect of Settlement

- 2.1 The obligations incurred pursuant to this Stipulation shall be in full and final disposition of: (i) both Actions against Defendants; (ii) any and all Released Claims as against all Released Defendant Parties; and (iii) any and all Released Defendants' Claims as against all Released Plaintiff Parties.
- 2.2 Upon the Effective Date of this Settlement, Plaintiffs and all Settlement Class Members, on behalf of themselves and each of their respective heirs, executors, trustees, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to

have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, resolved, relinquished, waived, released, and discharged all Released Claims against the Released Defendant Parties, whether or not such Settlement Class Member executes and delivers a Proof of Claim or shares in the Net Settlement Fund.

- (a) Upon the Effective Date of this Settlement, Plaintiffs and each of the Settlement Class Members, on behalf of themselves and each of their respective heirs, executors, trustees, administrators, predecessors, successors, assigns, and anyone else claiming through or on their behalf, in their capacities as such, will be permanently and forever barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting, maintaining, prosecuting, or continuing to prosecute any action or other proceeding in any court of law or equity, arbitration tribunal, administrative forum, or any other forum, asserting any or all of the Released Claims against the Released Defendant Parties, whether or not a Settlement Class Member executes and delivers a Proof of Claim or shares in the Net Settlement Fund.
- (b) Upon the Effective Date of this Settlement, each of the Released Defendant Parties shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released and discharged Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs' Counsel, each Settlement Class Member, and all of the other Released Plaintiff Parties from each and every one of the Released Defendants' Claims.
- (c) Upon the Effective Date, to the fullest extent permitted by law, all Released Defendant Parties shall be permanently enjoined, barred, and restrained from commencing, instituting, prosecuting, or maintaining any claims, actions, or causes of action for contribution, indemnity or otherwise against any other Released Defendant Party for the recovery of any amounts

paid or owed to the Released Plaintiff Parties arising out of, relating to or concerning any acts, facts, statements or omissions that were or could have been alleged in the Federal Action or State Action, including both known and Unknown Claims, whether arising under state, federal or foreign law, as claims, cross-claims, counterclaims, third-party claims or otherwise, in any federal, state, or foreign court, or in any arbitration proceeding, administrative agency proceeding, tribunal, or any other proceeding or forum.

(d) The releases provided in this Stipulation shall become effective immediately upon occurrence of the Effective Date without the need for any further action, notice, condition, or event.

#### 3. The Settlement Consideration

3.1 In consideration of the full and final settlement of the claims asserted in the Actions and of the releases specified in ¶2.2(a) herein, Defendants shall deposit or cause to be deposited the Settlement Amount into the Escrow Account, in accordance with instructions to be provided by the Escrow Agent, within ten (10) business days of entry of the Notice Order by the Federal Court. No later than the date of entry of the Notice Order by the Federal Court, the Escrow Agent shall provide to Defendants' Counsel all information necessary to effectuate a transfer of funds to the Escrow Account, including, without limitation, (a) wire transfer instructions (including bank name and ABA routing number, address, account name, and number), (b) payment address, and (c) a complete and executed Form W-9 or other similar form for the Settlement Fund that reflects a valid tax identification number. The Parties agree that the Settlement Fund is intended to be a Qualified Settlement Fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation §1.468B-1. The account funds, less any amounts incurred for notice, administration, and/or Taxes, plus any accrued interest thereon on a pro

rata basis, shall revert to the Person(s) making the deposits if the Settlement does not become effective for any reason, including by reason of a termination of the Settlement pursuant to ¶¶10.2-10.4 herein.

- 3.2 If the entire Settlement Amount is not timely paid into the Escrow Account in accordance with ¶3.1 above, Plaintiffs shall have the right to terminate and cancel this Settlement on behalf of themselves and the Settlement Class, but only if: (i) Plaintiffs' Counsel have notified Defendants' Counsel in writing of Plaintiffs' Counsel's intention to terminate the Settlement; and (ii) the entire Settlement Amount is not paid into the Escrow Account within two (2) business days after Plaintiffs' Counsel have provided such written notice.
- 3.3 The Escrow Agent shall deposit the Settlement Amount plus any accrued interest into the segregated Escrow Account maintained by the Escrow Agent.
- 3.4 Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members shall look solely to the Settlement Fund as satisfaction of all Released Claims. Defendants and Defendants' Counsel shall have no obligation under this Stipulation or the Settlement to pay any additional amounts, and upon payment of the Settlement Amount to the Escrow Agent in accordance with ¶3.1 above, Defendants shall have no other obligation to pay or reimburse any fees, expenses, costs, liability, or damages alleged or incurred by Plaintiffs, by any Settlement Class Member, or by any of their attorneys, experts, advisors, agents, or representatives with respect to the Actions. Any award made by the Federal Court pursuant to the Fee and Expense Application referred to in ¶5.1 herein shall be paid exclusively from the Settlement Fund; any agreement between or among Plaintiffs' Counsel to divide fees, expenses, costs, or interest shall be between or among Plaintiffs' Counsel only.

Defendants and Defendants' Counsel shall have no obligation with respect to any payment to any Plaintiffs' Counsel of fees, expenses, costs, or interest.

3.5 The Settlement Fund, net of any Taxes, shall be used to pay: (i) the Notice and Administration Costs of the Settlement referred to in ¶4.2 herein; (ii) any Fee and Expense Award made by the Federal Court pursuant to the Fee and Expense Application referred to in ¶5.1 herein; and (iii) the remaining administration expenses referred to in ¶4.2 herein and any other attorney and administrative costs, fees, payments, or awards subsequently approved by the Federal Court. The balance of the Settlement Fund after the above payments shall be the Net Settlement Fund, which shall be distributed to the Authorized Claimants as provided in ¶7 herein. Any portions of the Settlement Fund required to be held in escrow before the Effective Date shall be held in the Escrow Account by the Escrow Agent for the Settlement Fund. The Settlement Fund shall be deemed to be in the custody of the Federal Court and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Court until such time as the Net Settlement Fund shall be distributed to Authorized Claimants or otherwise disposed of pursuant to this Stipulation and/or further order of the Federal Court. The Escrow Agent shall not disburse the Settlement Fund, or any portion thereof, except as provided in this Stipulation, or upon order of the Federal Court. The Escrow Agent shall be responsible for investing the Settlement Fund in eligible investments, meaning obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof, backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, or fully insured by the United States Government or an agency thereof, and the Escrow Agent shall reinvest the proceeds of these obligations or instruments as they mature in similar instruments at their then-current market rates. All risks related to the investment of the Settlement Fund in accordance with the investment guidelines set forth in this paragraph shall be

borne by the Settlement Fund, and the Released Defendant Parties shall have no responsibility, liability, or obligation for any loss suffered by, or fluctuation in value of, the Settlement Fund.

- (a) For the purpose of §1.468B of the Internal Revenue Code and the Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, the Escrow Agent shall be designated as the "administrator" of the Settlement Fund. The Escrow Agent shall timely and properly file all informational and other tax returns necessary or advisable with respect to the Settlement Fund (including, without limitation, the returns described in Treas. Reg. §1.468B-2(k)). Such returns (as well as the election described below) shall be consistent with this paragraph, and in all events shall reflect that all Taxes (including any estimated Taxes, interest or penalties) on the income earned by the Settlement Fund shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund as provided herein.
- Agent without prior order from the Federal Court. The Escrow Agent shall also be obligated to, and shall be responsible for, causing the withholding from distribution to Settlement Class Members of any funds necessary to pay such amounts, including the establishment of adequate reserves for any Taxes and tax expenses (as well as any amounts that may be required to be withheld under Treas. Reg. §1.468B-2(1)(2)). Taxes and tax expenses shall be treated as, and considered to be, a cost of administration of the Settlement Fund. The Parties agree to cooperate with the Escrow Agent, each other, and their tax attorneys and accountants to the extent reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this paragraph.
- (c) Except to the extent that Plaintiffs' Counsel are acting in their capacity as Escrow Agent, neither the Parties nor their counsel shall have any responsibility for or liability whatsoever with respect to: (i) any act, omission, or determination of the Escrow Agent or the

Claims Administrator, or any of their respective designees or agents, in connection with the administration of the Settlement Fund or otherwise; (ii) the Plan of Allocation; (iii) the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any claims asserted against the Settlement Fund; or (iv) the payment or withholding of any Taxes, expenses, and/or costs incurred in connection with the taxation of the Settlement Fund or the filing of any returns. The Escrow Agent, through the Settlement Fund, shall indemnify and hold each of the Released Defendant Parties and their counsel harmless for Taxes and tax expenses (including, without limitation, Taxes payable by reason of any such indemnification).

### 4. Administration

- 4.1 The Claims Administrator shall administer and calculate the claims that shall be allowed and shall oversee distribution of the Settlement Fund subject to such supervision of Plaintiffs' Counsel and/or the Federal Court as the circumstances may require. Any Claims Administrator retained shall be required to agree to be subject to, and shall be deemed to be subject to, the jurisdiction of the Federal Court with respect to the administration of the Settlement and the distribution of the Settlement Fund pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation. None of the Released Defendant Parties shall have any role in, or responsibility for, the administration of the Settlement and shall have no liability to Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class, or any other Person in connection with, as a result of, or arising out of, such administration. The Claims Administrator will not make any distributions to Settlement Class Members from the Net Settlement Fund until the Judgment becomes Final and all the conditions described in ¶10.1 herein have been satisfied.
- 4.2 Notwithstanding the fact that the Effective Date has not yet occurred, Plaintiffs' Counsel may pay from the Settlement Fund, without further approval from Defendants, reasonable

Notice and Administration Costs incurred, including, without limitation, the actual costs of notice and the administrative expenses incurred and fees charged by the Claims Administrator in connection with providing notice and processing the submitted Claims, provided that Plaintiffs' Counsel shall obtain the consent of Defendants' Counsel if these costs and expenses exceed \$500,000. No Released Defendant Party shall have any responsibility for, or any liability with respect to, notice to the Settlement Class or any Notice and Administration Costs, except that: (a) Defendant Lightning eMotors shall be responsible for serving notice required under the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. §1715, and shall pay any and all costs associated with providing such notice; and (b) within ten (10) business days of entry of the Notice Order by the Federal Court, Lightning eMotors shall obtain and provide to Plaintiffs' Counsel or the Claims Administrator a list of the record holders of Lightning Securities for purposes of providing notice to Settlement Class Members. Defendants shall have no obligation to provide or obtain any other stockholder information, including, without limitation, any NOBO lists or DTCC participant lists, in connection with providing notice to the Settlement Class.

#### 5. Fee and Expense Application

5.1 Lead Counsel will submit an application or applications (the "Fee and Expense Application") to the Federal Court on behalf of all Plaintiffs' Counsel for a collective award from the Settlement Fund of: (i) attorneys' fees and the payment of litigation expenses incurred by all Plaintiffs' Counsel in connection with the prosecution of the Actions, plus interest on both amounts at the same rate and period as earned on the Settlement Fund (until paid); and (ii) an award to Plaintiffs in connection with their representation of the Settlement Class. Plaintiffs' Counsel's Fee and Expense Application is not the subject of any agreement between Defendants and Plaintiffs

other than what is set forth in this Stipulation. Attorneys' fees, expenses, and interest as may be awarded by the Federal Court shall be paid solely from the Settlement Fund to Plaintiffs' Counsel, and shall be payable immediately upon entry by the Federal Court of an order awarding such amounts, notwithstanding the existence of any timely filed objections thereto, or the potential for appeal therefrom or any collateral attack on the Settlement or any part thereof. Lead Counsel shall thereafter distribute such fees among other Plaintiffs' Counsel, subject to each Plaintiffs' Counsel's (including their respective partners, shareholders, and/or firms) several obligation to repay those amounts to the Settlement Fund plus accrued interest at the same rate as is earned by the Settlement Fund if and when, as a result of any appeal and/or further proceedings on remand or successful collateral attack, the fee or cost award is reduced or reversed or return of the Settlement Fund is required consistent with the provisions of ¶10.3 herein. In such event, Plaintiffs' Counsel shall, within ten (10) business days from the event requiring repayment of the fee or expense award, refund to the Settlement Fund the portion of the Fee and Expense Award paid to them, along with interest, as described above. Furthermore, all Plaintiffs' Counsel (including their respective partners, shareholders, and/or firms) agree that they remain subject to the continuing jurisdiction of the Federal Court for the purpose of enforcing their obligation to repay required attorneys' fees and expenses to the Settlement Fund as provided in this paragraph.

5.2 The procedure for and the allowance or disallowance by the Federal Court of any applications by Plaintiffs' Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and/or expenses to be paid out of the Settlement Fund is not a necessary term of this Stipulation and is not a condition of the Settlement embodied herein. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Stipulation to the contrary, the Fee and Expense Application shall be considered by the Federal Court separate and apart from its

consideration of the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement as set forth in this Stipulation. Neither the Fee and Expense Application nor any dispute between or among Plaintiffs' Counsel regarding the distribution of any award of attorneys' fees and expenses or otherwise shall have any effect on the terms of the Stipulation or the validity or enforceability of this Settlement. The approval of the Settlement, and it becoming Final, shall not be contingent on the award of attorneys' fees and expenses, any award to Plaintiffs or Plaintiffs' Counsel, nor any appeals from such awards. Neither Plaintiffs nor Plaintiffs' Counsel may cancel or terminate the Settlement based on the Federal Court's or any appellate court's ruling with respect to the Fee and Expense Application. Any order or proceeding relating to the Fee and Expense Application, or any appeal of any order relating thereto or reversal or modification thereof, shall not operate to, or be grounds to, terminate or cancel this Stipulation or the Settlement of the Actions, or affect or delay the finality of the Judgment approving this Settlement.

- 5.3 The Released Defendant Parties and Defendants' Counsel shall have no responsibility for, and no liability with respect to, the allocation among Plaintiffs' Counsel or any other Person who may assert some claim thereto of any Fee and Expense Award that the Federal Court may make in the Federal Action.
- 5.4 The Released Defendant Parties and Defendants' Counsel shall have no responsibility for, and no liability with respect to, any payment of attorneys' fees or expenses (including Taxes) to Plaintiffs' Counsel or any other Person who receives payment from the Net Settlement Fund.

#### 6. Distribution to Authorized Claimants

6.1 The Claims Administrator shall determine each Authorized Claimant's *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund based upon each Authorized Claimant's Recognized Claim as defined in

the Plan of Allocation described in the Notice annexed hereto as Exhibit A-1, or in such other Plan of Allocation as the Federal Court approves.

- 6.2 The Plan of Allocation set forth in the Notice is not a necessary term of this Stipulation and it is not a condition of this Stipulation that it, or any particular plan of allocation be approved by the Federal Court. The Plan of Allocation is a matter separate and apart from the Settlement between the Parties and any decision by the Federal Court concerning the Plan of Allocation or change to the Plan of Allocation shall not affect the validity or finality of the proposed Settlement. Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel may not cancel or terminate the Settlement (or this Stipulation) based on the Federal Court's or any appellate court's ruling with respect to the Plan of Allocation or any other plan of allocation. The Released Defendant Parties will take no position with respect to the proposed Plan of Allocation or such plan of allocation as may be approved by the Federal Court. No Released Defendant Party shall have any responsibility for, interest in, involvement with or liability, obligation or responsibility for the application of any court-approved plan of allocation, the review, determination, administration, calculation or challenge of claims, the payment or withholding of Taxes, or any loss incurred in connection therewith.
- 6.3 Fifty percent (50%) of the Net Settlement Fund shall be allocated to the Federal Class, and fifty percent (50%) shall be allocated to the State Class. Each Authorized Claimant that is a member of the Federal Class shall be allocated a *pro rata* share of 50% of the Net Settlement Fund based on his, her, or its Recognized Claim compared to the total Recognized Claims of all accepted claimants. Each Authorized Claimant that is a member of the State Class shall be allocated a *pro rata* share of 50% of the Net Settlement Fund based on his, her, or its Recognized Claim compared to the total Recognized Claims of all accepted claimants. Notwithstanding the prior two sentences,

any member of the State Class who is also a member of the Federal Class shall not participate in any distribution to members of the Federal Class to the extent that his, her, or its distribution as a member of the State Class exceeds his, her, or its *pro rata* distribution as a member of the Federal Class. Subject to and notwithstanding the other provisions in this paragraph, the payment to any member of the State Class shall be the greater of the *pro rata* amount to which the State Class member would be entitled as either: (a) a member of the State Class; or (b) a member of the Federal Class. The Settlement is non-recapture, *i.e.*, it is not a claims-made settlement. Once the Judgment becomes Final and all conditions set forth in ¶10.1 herein have been satisfied, Defendants shall not be entitled to get back any of the settlement monies or interest earned thereon. The settlement claims process will be administered by an independent Claims Administrator selected by Plaintiffs' Counsel and approved by the Court. Defendants will have no involvement in or responsibility for reviewing submitted Claims.

#### 7. Administration of the Settlement

7.1 Within ninety (90) calendar days after such time as set by the Federal Court to mail the Notice to Settlement Class Members, each Person claiming to be an Authorized Claimant shall be required to submit to the Claims Administrator a completed Proof of Claim, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-2 and as approved by the Federal Court, signed under penalty of perjury and supported by such documents as are specified in the Proof of Claim and as are reasonably available to such Person. Each Proof of Claim shall be deemed to have been submitted when legibly postmarked (if properly addressed and mailed by first class mail) or received (if submitted online). Any Proof of Claim submitted in any other manner shall be deemed to have been

submitted when it was actually received by the Claims Administrator at the address designated in the Notice.

- 7.2 Except as otherwise ordered by the Federal Court, all Settlement Class Members who fail to submit a Proof of Claim within such period, or such other period as may be ordered by the Federal Court, shall be forever barred from receiving any payments pursuant to the Stipulation and the Settlement set forth herein, but will in all other respects be subject to and bound by the provisions of the Stipulation, the releases contained herein, and the Final Judgment, and will be barred from bringing any action against the Released Defendant Parties concerning the Released Claims. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Plaintiffs' Counsel have the discretion (but not the obligation) to accept for processing late-submitted Claims so long as the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants is not materially delayed. No Person shall have any claim against Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs' Counsel, or the Claims Administrator by reason of the exercise or non-exercise of such discretion.
- 7.3 Each Proof of Claim shall be submitted to and reviewed by the Claims Administrator, subject to the review and supervision of Plaintiffs' Counsel, who shall determine, in accordance with this Stipulation and the approved Plan of Allocation, the extent, if any, to which each such Claim shall be allowed, subject to review by the Federal Court pursuant to ¶7.5, below.
- 7.4 Proofs of Claim that do not meet the submission requirements may be rejected. Before rejecting a Proof of Claim in whole or in part, the Claims Administrator shall communicate with the claimant in writing to give the claimant the chance to remedy any curable deficiencies in the Proof of Claim submitted. The Claims Administrator, subject to the review and supervision of Plaintiffs' Counsel, shall notify, in a timely fashion and in writing, all claimants whose Claims the

Claims Administrator proposes to reject in whole or in part for curable deficiencies, setting forth the reasons therefor, and shall indicate in such notice that the claimant whose Claim is to be rejected has the right to a review by the Federal Court if the claimant so desires and complies with the requirements of ¶7.5 below.

- 7.5 If any claimant whose timely Claim has been rejected in whole or in part for curable deficiency desires to contest such rejection, the claimant must, within twenty (20) calendar days after the date of mailing of the notice required in ¶7.4 above, or a lesser period of time if the Claim was untimely, serve upon the Claims Administrator a notice and statement of reasons indicating the claimant's grounds for contesting the rejection along with any supporting documentation, and requesting a review thereof by the Federal Court. If a dispute concerning a Claim cannot be otherwise resolved, Plaintiffs' Counsel shall thereafter present the claimant's request for review to the Federal Court.
- 7.6 Each claimant shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Federal Court with respect to the claimant's Claim, including, but not limited to, all releases provided for herein and in the Judgment. In connection with processing the Proofs of Claim, no discovery shall be allowed on the merits of the Actions or the Settlement.
- 7.7 No Person shall have any claim against Defendants, the Released Defendant Parties, Defendants' Counsel, Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs' Counsel, the Claims Administrator, or any other Person designated by Plaintiffs' Counsel based on determinations or distributions made substantially in accordance with this Stipulation and the Settlement contained herein, any plan of allocation approved by the Federal Court, or any further order of the Federal Court.

- 7.8 The Net Settlement Fund shall be distributed to Authorized Claimants substantially in accordance with the Plan of Allocation described in the Notice, or such other plan of allocation that is approved by the Federal Court. If there is any balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund after six (6) months from the date of the initial distribution of the Settlement Fund (whether by reason of tax refunds, uncashed checks, or otherwise), Plaintiffs' Counsel shall, if economically feasible, reallocate such balance among Authorized Claimants in an equitable and economic fashion. These redistributions will be repeated until the balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund is no longer economically reasonable, in Plaintiffs' Counsel's discretion, to distribute to Settlement Class Members. Thereafter, any balance which still remains in the Net Settlement Fund shall be donated to an appropriate non-profit organization(s) serving the public interest designated by Plaintiffs' Counsel and unaffiliated with any Party or their counsel.
- 7.9 Plaintiffs' Counsel shall have the right, but not the obligation, to advise the Claims Administrator to waive what Plaintiffs' Counsel reasonably deems to be formal or technical defects in any Proofs of Claim submitted, including, without limitation, failure to submit a document by the submission deadline, in the interests of achieving substantial justice.
- 7.10 All proceedings with respect to the administration, processing, and determination of claims on the Net Settlement Fund and the determination of all controversies relating thereto, including disputed questions of law and fact with respect to the validity of claims, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Court, but shall not in any event delay or affect the finality of the Judgment.
- 7.11 The Net Settlement Fund shall be distributed by the Claims Administrator to, or for the account of, Authorized Claimants, as the case may be, only after the Effective Date has occurred

and after: (i) all Claims have been processed, and all claimants whose Claims have been rejected or disallowed, in whole or in part, have been notified and provided the opportunity to be heard concerning such rejection or disallowance; (ii) all objections with respect to all rejected or disallowed Claims have been resolved by the Federal Court, and all appeals therefrom have been resolved or the time therefor has expired; and (iii) all matters with respect to the Fee and Expense Application have been resolved by the Federal Court, and all appeals therefrom have been resolved or the time therefor has expired.

# 8. The Notice Order and Notice Program

- 8.1 Promptly after this Stipulation has been fully executed, Plaintiffs' Counsel shall request (by motion or otherwise) that the Federal Court enter the Notice Order, substantially in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit A.
- 8.2 In accordance with the schedule set forth in the Notice Order, Plaintiffs' Counsel will cause the Claims Administrator to send copies of the Notice and Proof of Claim to all security holders of record identified on the Claims Administrator's list, either by mail or, in the case of those security holders who have consented to receiving electronic notice, by such electronic means. The Notice and Proof of Claim shall also be posted on the case-specific website to be established by the Claims Administrator, as set forth in the Notice Order. In accordance with the schedule set forth in the Notice Order, Plaintiffs' Counsel shall also cause the Summary Notice to be published once in the national edition of *The Wall Street Journal* and once over a national newswire service. The cost of providing such notice shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund.
- 8.3 Plaintiffs' Counsel shall request that the Federal Court hold the Settlement Hearing to consider approval of the Settlement of the Actions, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and the Fee and

Expense Application on a date that falls not earlier than one hundred (100) calendar days after entry of the Notice Order.

- 8.4 Plaintiffs' Counsel shall request that the postmark deadline for objecting to and/or submitting exclusions from this Settlement be set at least sixty (60) calendar days after the date for the initial mailing of the Notice as set forth in the Notice Order.
- 8.5 Any Settlement Class Member who wishes to opt out of the Settlement Class must submit a timely written request for exclusion ("Request for Exclusion") to the Claims Administrator on or before the opt-out date, in the manner specified in the Notice Order. A Request for Exclusion is valid only if it is signed by the Settlement Class Member(s) requesting exclusion in that request. Group opt-outs, including "mass" or "class" opt-outs, are not permitted. Upon receiving any Request(s) for Exclusion, the Claims Administrator shall promptly notify Plaintiffs' Counsel and Defendants' Counsel of such Request(s) for Exclusion.
- 8.6 Any Settlement Class Member who does not submit a timely written Request for Exclusion will be bound by all proceedings, orders, and judgments in the Federal Action, whether or not he, she, or it timely submits a Proof of Claim.
- 8.7 No later than ten (10) calendar days following the filing of this Stipulation in the Federal Court, Defendants shall serve the notice required under the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. §1715. Defendant Lightning eMotors shall pay any and all costs associated with providing such notice.

### 9. Terms of Judgment

9.1 If the Settlement contemplated by this Stipulation is approved by the Federal Court following the Settlement Hearing, (a) Lead Counsel shall request that the Federal Court promptly

enter a Judgment, substantially in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit B, and (b) State Counsel, within five (5) calendar days of the date on which that Judgment becomes Final, shall request that the State Court dismiss the State Action and all claims asserted therein with prejudice.

#### 10. Effective Date of Settlement, Waiver or Termination

- 10.1 The Effective Date of Settlement shall be the date when all of the following shall have occurred:
- (a) the Federal Court has entered the Notice Order, substantially in the form of Exhibit A;
- (b) the Settlement Amount has been deposited into the Escrow Account pursuant to ¶3.1;
- (c) Defendants have not validly and timely exercised their option to terminate the Settlement pursuant to  $\P10.3$ ;
- Exhibit B, and the Judgment has become Final, which Judgment shall, as conditions of the Settlement, include among other things: (i) a bar order that permanently bars, enjoins, and restrains, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any and all claims, actions, or causes of action for contribution, indemnity or otherwise against any of the Released Defendant Parties seeking as damages or otherwise the recovery of all or any part of any liability, judgment, or settlement arising out of, relating to or concerning facts, statements, misstatements, or omissions that were or could have been alleged in the Actions, whether arising under state, federal or foreign law as claims, crossclaims, counterclaims, third-party claims or otherwise, in any federal, state or foreign court, or in any arbitration proceeding, administrative agency proceeding, tribunal, or any other proceeding or

forums, except, for the avoidance of doubt, with respect to any claims brought derivatively on behalf of Lightning eMotors; and (ii) final certification of the Settlement Class; and

- (e) entry of an order by the State Court dismissing the State Action with prejudice, and such order has become Final.
- 10.2 Plaintiffs and Defendants, through their respective counsel, shall, in their separate discretions, but in all events subject to ¶5.2 herein, have the right to terminate the Settlement and this Stipulation by providing written notice of their election to do so ("Termination Notice") to all other Parties hereto within thirty (30) calendar days of: (i) the Federal Court's final non-appealable refusal to enter the Notice Order in any material respect; (ii) the Federal Court's final non-appealable refusal to approve this Stipulation or any material part of it; (iii) the Federal Court's non-appealable refusal to enter the Judgment in any material respect; (iv) the date on which the Judgment is modified or reversed by a court of appeal or any higher court in any material respect; or (v) if the Federal Court or the State Court issues an order declining to dismiss the Federal Action or the State Action, respectively, with prejudice, the date on which that order has become Final. No order, or modification or reversal on appeal of any order concerning: (i) the Plan of Allocation; (ii) the amount of any attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, and interest awarded to Plaintiffs' Counsel or any award to any Plaintiff; or (iii) settlement or approval of settlement of any companion derivative suits to the Actions, shall constitute grounds for cancellation or termination of the Stipulation.
- 10.3 Defendants shall have the right (but not the obligation), in their sole discretion, to terminate this Settlement if a particular confidential threshold is reached with respect to opt-outs from this Settlement, provided, however, that Plaintiffs' Counsel shall have the opportunity to seek and obtain retractions of any Request for Exclusion until the deadline for such retractions has passed

as set forth in the Supplemental Agreement. The Parties have entered into a separate Supplemental Agreement (the "Supplemental Agreement") describing the procedure and threshold, which shall be binding as if set forth herein. The Supplemental Agreement will not be filed with the Federal Court unless a dispute arises as to its terms, or as otherwise ordered by the Federal Court, nor shall the Supplemental Agreement or any of its terms otherwise be disclosed unless ordered by the Federal Court. If the Federal Court requires that the Supplemental Agreement be filed, the Parties shall request that it be submitted in camera or filed under seal, but such disclosure shall be carried out to the fullest extent possible in accordance with the practices of the Federal Court so as to preserve the confidentiality of the Supplemental Agreement, particularly the confidential threshold. In the event of a valid termination of this Settlement pursuant to the Supplemental Agreement, this Stipulation shall become null and void and of no further force and effect, with the exception of the provisions of ¶¶10.4, 11.1, 13.4. Except as otherwise provided herein, in the event the Settlement is terminated in accordance herewith or the Effective Date fails to occur for any reason, then the Parties shall be deemed to have reverted to their respective status in each Action as of May 1, 2024. In such event, the fact and terms of the Settlement shall not be admissible in any either trial of either Action, and, except as otherwise expressly provided, the Parties shall proceed in all respects as if this Stipulation and any related orders had not been entered, and any portion of the Settlement Amount previously paid by or on behalf of Defendants, together with any interest earned thereon (and, if applicable, repayment of any attorneys' Fee and Expense Award referred to in ¶5.1 herein), less any Taxes due with respect to such income, and less costs of administration and notice actually incurred and paid or payable from the Settlement Amount, shall be returned to the Party or Parties that paid the

Settlement (as directed in writing by Defendants' Counsel), within ten (10) business days from the date of the event causing such termination.

10.4 Except for Lightning eMotors, each Defendant warrants and represents as to himself, herself, or itself only, that he, she, or it is not "insolvent" within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. §101(32) as of the time the Stipulation is executed and as of the time the payments of the Settlement Amount are actually transferred or made pursuant to ¶3.1 herein. This representation is made by each respective Defendant, other than Lightning eMotors, and not by Defendants' Counsel. In the event of a Final order of a court of competent jurisdiction, not subject to any further proceedings, determining the transfer of the Settlement Fund or any portion thereof, by or on behalf of any Defendant, to be a preference, voidable transfer, fraudulent transfer, or similar transaction under Title 11 of the United States Code (Bankruptcy) or applicable state law, and any portion thereof is required to be refunded and such amount is not promptly deposited in the Settlement Fund by or on behalf of any other Defendant, then, at the election of Plaintiffs' Counsel, as to the Defendant as to whom such order applies, the Settlement may be terminated and the releases given and any judgment entered in favor of such Defendant pursuant to the Settlement shall be null and void. In such instance, the releases given and the Judgments entered in favor of other Defendants shall remain in full force and effect. Alternatively, Plaintiffs' Counsel may elect to terminate the entire settlement as to all Defendants and all of the releases given and the Judgments entered in favor of the Defendants pursuant to the Settlement shall be null and void and the Parties shall be restored to their litigation positions as of May 1, 2024, and the Settlement Fund shall be promptly returned.

## 11. No Admission of Wrongdoing

- liability and/or violation of law, and state that they are entering into this Settlement to eliminate the burden and expense of further litigation. Neither the Settlement Term Sheet, this Stipulation (whether or not consummated) nor any of its terms, provisions, exhibits and prior drafts, nor the Plan of Allocation, nor any negotiations or proceedings related or taken pursuant to the execution of the Settlement Term Sheet, this Stipulation, and/or approval of the Settlement (including any arguments proffered in connection therewith):
- (a) shall be offered or received against any Released Defendant Party as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be supporting any presumption, concession, or admission by any Released Defendant Party with respect to the truth of any allegations by Plaintiffs or any Settlement Class Member or the validity of any claim that was or could have been asserted in the Actions or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in the Actions or in any other litigation, or any liability, negligence, fault or other wrongdoing of any kind of any Defendant and/or any Released Defendant Party, or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any Defendant and/or Released Defendant Party, in any civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Stipulation; provided, however, that if this Stipulation is approved by the Federal Court and becomes effective pursuant to its terms, Defendants may refer to it to effectuate the liability protection granted them hereunder, and nothing in this Settlement shall restrict the ability of any Party hereto to advocate in favor of or against the applicability of any offset to any claims asserted in any other action based on any amount paid herein;

- (b) shall be construed as or received in evidence as an admission or concession by, or presumption against, Plaintiffs or any of the Settlement Class Members that any of their claims are without merit, or that any defenses asserted by any Defendant has any merit, or that damages recoverable under the Federal Complaint, the State Complaint, or any subsequent operative complaint filed in the Federal Action or the State Action would not have exceeded the Settlement Fund; and
- (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, Defendants, Plaintiffs, Settlement Class Members, Released Plaintiff Parties, and/or Released Defendant Parties may file the Stipulation and/or the Final Judgment in any action that may be brought against them in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, injunction, good faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim.

### 12. Class Certification

12.1 The Parties hereby stipulate, for purposes of the Settlement only, to certification of the Federal Action as a class action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e), and to the certification of the Settlement Class, including to the appointment of Plaintiffs as Class Representatives and Plaintiffs' Counsel as Class Counsel. In the event that the Judgment does not become Final or the Settlement fails to become effective for any reason, the Parties reserve all their rights on all issues. In such event, Defendants reserve all rights to object to and oppose class certification or challenge the standing of Plaintiffs or any other intervening plaintiff, and this Stipulation shall not be offered as evidence of any agreement, admission, or concession that any class should be or remain certified in either Action or that any plaintiff has standing.

### 13. Miscellaneous Provisions

- 13.1 All of the exhibits attached hereto are material and integral parts hereof and are hereby fully incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. In the event that there exists a conflict or inconsistency between the terms of this Stipulation and the terms of any exhibit to this Stipulation, the terms of this Stipulation shall govern.
- 13.2 The Parties intend the Settlement to be a final and complete resolution of all disputes asserted or which could be asserted by Plaintiffs and/or any Settlement Class Member against the Released Defendant Parties with respect to the Released Claims. The Settlement comprises all Released Claims and shall not be deemed an admission by any Party as to the merits of any claim or defense. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Defendants agree not to assert in any forum that the litigation was brought or maintained by Plaintiffs or defended by Defendants in bad faith or without a reasonable basis, and Defendants agree that based upon the publicly available information at the time, the Actions were filed and maintained in good faith, with adequate bases in fact, and were not frivolous. The Parties agree that no Party or their counsel violated Fed. R. Civ. P. 11 or any similar law or statute during the prosecution, defense, or settlement of the Actions and the proposed Judgment shall contain such a finding. The Parties agree that the amount paid and the other terms of the Settlement were negotiated at arm's length in good faith by the Parties, and reflect that the Settlement was reached voluntarily after extensive negotiations and consultation among experienced legal counsel, who were fully competent to assess the strengths and weaknesses of their respective clients' claims and defenses.

- 13.3 The terms of the Settlement, as reflected in this Stipulation, may not be modified or amended, nor may any of its provisions be waived, except by a writing signed by all Parties hereto or their successors in interest.
- 13.4 Any agreements made and orders entered during the course of either Action relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive this Stipulation and the final consummation of the Settlement, if finally consummated, without regard to any of the conditions of the Settlement.
- 13.5 The headings herein are used for the purpose of convenience only and are not meant to have legal effect.
- 13.6 Except as otherwise provided for herein, each Party shall bear his, her, or its own costs.
- 13.7 The administration and consummation of the Settlement as embodied in this Stipulation shall be under the authority and jurisdiction of the Federal Court, and the Federal Court shall retain jurisdiction for the purpose of entering orders relating to the Fee and Expense Application, the Plan of Allocation, and enforcing the terms of this Stipulation. All Parties submit to the jurisdiction of the Federal Court for purposes of implementing and enforcing the Settlement embodied in this Stipulation and matters related to the Settlement.
- 13.8 The waiver by one Party of any breach of this Stipulation by any other Party shall not be deemed a waiver of any other prior or subsequent breach of this Stipulation.
- 13.9 This Stipulation and its exhibits and the Supplemental Agreement constitute the entire agreement as between Plaintiffs and Defendants concerning the Settlement of the Actions, and this Stipulation and its exhibits supersede any prior contemporaneous written or oral agreements or understandings between the Parties. All Parties acknowledge that no other representations,

warranties, covenants, or inducements have been made by any Party hereto concerning this Stipulation and its exhibits or the Supplemental Agreement, or to induce any Party to enter into such agreements, other than the representations, warranties, and covenants contained and memorialized in such documents.

- 13.10 This Stipulation may be executed in one or more counterparts and the signatures may be made by facsimile or electronically.
- 13.11 This Stipulation shall be binding when signed, but the Settlement shall be effective only on the condition that the Effective Date occurs.
- 13.12 This Stipulation shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors, assigns, executors, administrators, heirs, and legal representatives of the Parties hereto, including any and all Released Defendant Parties and any and all Released Plaintiff Parties and any corporation, partnership, or other entity into or which any Party hereto may merge, consolidate, or reorganize. No assignment shall relieve any Party hereto of obligations hereunder.
- 13.13 Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel represent and warrant that none of the Plaintiffs' claims or causes of action against any Defendants in the Actions, or referred to in this Stipulation, has been assigned, encumbered, conveyed, given, granted, or in any manner transferred in whole or in part.
- 13.14 The construction, interpretation, operation, effect, and validity of this Stipulation, and all documents necessary to effectuate it, shall be governed by the laws of Colorado without regard to conflicts of laws, except to the extent that federal law requires that federal law of the United States governs.

13.15 Any dispute or controversy among the Parties arising out of, relating to, involving, or in connection with the construction, interpretation, operation, effect, or validity of this Stipulation, or all documents necessary to effectuate it, shall be heard and determined exclusively in a court of suitable jurisdiction in the State of Colorado. The Parties agree and consent to submit themselves to personal jurisdiction and venue in any such dispute or controversy and that they will not attempt to deny or defeat such personal jurisdiction or venue by motion or other request for leave from any court.

13.16 This Stipulation shall not be construed more strictly against one Party than another merely by virtue of the fact that it, or any part of it, may have been prepared by counsel for one of the Parties, it being recognized that the Stipulation is the result of arm's-length negotiations between the Parties, and that all Parties have contributed substantially and materially to the preparation of this Stipulation.

13.17 All counsel and any other person executing this Stipulation and any of the exhibits hereto, or any related settlement documents, warrant and represent that they have the full authority to do so and that they have the authority to take appropriate action required or permitted to be taken pursuant to the Stipulation to effectuate its terms.

13.18 Plaintiffs, Defendants, and their counsel shall not make any applications for sanctions, pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or any other similar or applicable rule, code, or statute with respect to any claims or defenses in the Actions. The Parties agree that throughout the course of this litigation, all Parties and their counsel complied with, as applicable, the provisions of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Private Securities

Litigation Reform Act of 1995, the Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act of 1998, and all applicable ethics requirements, and the Judgment shall contain such a finding.

- 13.19 Except in the event of the filing of a valid Termination Notice pursuant to ¶10.2 or ¶10.3 of this Stipulation, Plaintiffs' Counsel and Defendants' Counsel agree to cooperate in good faith and reasonably with one another in seeking Federal Court approval of the Notice Order, and of the Stipulation and the Settlement, and to promptly agree upon and execute all such other documentation as may be reasonably required to obtain final approval by the Federal Court of the Settlement, and to obtain dismissal with prejudice of the State Action by the State Court, in accordance with the terms of this Stipulation.
- 13.20 Pending approval of the Federal Court of this Stipulation, all proceedings in the Actions shall be stayed and all Settlement Class Members shall be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any of the Released Claims against any of the Released Defendant Parties.
- 13.21 If any Party is required to give notice to another Party under this Stipulation, such notice shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given upon receipt of hand delivery or facsimile or email transmission, with confirmation of receipt.
- 13.22 Whether or not the Stipulation and Settlement are approved by the Federal Court and whether or not the Settlement is consummated, or the Effective Date occurs, the Parties and their counsel shall, pursuant to the mediation privilege and any related rules, keep all non-public negotiations, discussions, acts performed, agreements, drafts, documents signed, and proceedings in connection with the Settlement, the Settlement Term Sheet, the Stipulation, and/or the Supplemental Agreement confidential, except to the extent that disclosure is required by law or as may be agreed by the Parties, and except that all Parties may disclose that the Settlement was negotiated under the

auspices of David M. Murphy, Esq. as mediator and was the result of, and based on, the terms of the Mediator's proposal.

- 13.23 Nothing in this Stipulation, or the negotiations related thereto, is intended to be, or shall be deemed to, constitute a waiver of any applicable privilege or immunity, including, without limitation, the attorney-client privilege, the joint-defense privilege, or the work-product privilege.
- 13.24 Plaintiffs and Defendants and their respective counsel agree that they will not make any public disparaging statements about the other Party, the other Party's counsel, or their current or former officers, directors, or employees.
- 13.25 Any failure by any of the Parties to insist upon the strict performance by the other Party of any of the provisions of the Stipulation shall not be deemed a waiver of any of the provisions hereof, and such Party, notwithstanding such failure, shall have the right thereafter to insist upon the strict performance of any and all of the provisions of this Stipulation to be performed by the other Party to this Stipulation.
- 13.26 The waiver, express or implied, by any Party of any breach or default by any other Party in the performance of such Party's obligations under the Stipulation shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver of any other breach, whether prior, subsequent or contemporaneous, under this Stipulation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused the Stipulation to be executed, by their duly authorized attorneys, dated July 1, 2024.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on July 2, 2024, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the e-mail addresses denoted on the Court's Electronic Mail Notice List.

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# **EXHIBIT A**

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-02774-RMR-KAS (consolidated with 1:21-cv-3215-RMR-KAS)

JOHNNY R. SHAFER, DAVID P. SARRO, KEVIN L. TYE, JESS Q. WILLIAMS, JUSTIN COHEN,

Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

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LIGHTNING EMOTORS, INC., TIMOTHY R. REESER, TERESA P. COVINGTON, GIGACQUISITIONS3 LLC, GIGCAPITAL GLOBAL, AVI S. KATZ, RALUCA DINU, NEIL MIOTTO GIGFOUNDERS LLC BRAD WEIGHTMAN, ANDREA BETTI-BERUTTO, PETER WANG, JOHN J. MIKULSKY, and ROBERT FENWICK-SMITH,

Defendants.

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL PURSUANT TO FED. R. CIV. P. 23(e)(1) AND PERMITTING NOTICE TO THE SETTLEMENT CLASS

### **EXHIBIT A**

WHEREAS, this action, styled *Johnny R. Shafer, et al. v. Lightning eMotors, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:21-cv-02774-RMR-KAS (D. Colo.) (the "Federal Action") is pending before this Court and a parallel action is pending before the Delaware Court of Chancery styled *Richard Delman v. GigAcquisitions3, LLC, et al.*, C.A. No. 2021-0679-LWW (Del. Ch.) (the "State Action") (together, the "Actions" or "Litigation");

WHEREAS, the lead plaintiffs in this action, David P. Sarro, Kevin L. Tye, and Jess Q. Williams (together, "Federal Plaintiffs"), and Richard Delman ("State Plaintiff" and together with the Federal Plaintiffs, "Plaintiffs"), on behalf of themselves and each Settlement Class Member, on the one hand, and defendants Lightning eMotors, Inc. ("Lightning"), Timothy R. Reeser, Teresa P. Covington, Robert Fenwick-Smith, GigAcquisitions3, LLC, GigFounders, LLC, GigCapital Global, Avi S. Katz, Raluca Dinu, Neil Miotto, Brad Weightman, John J. Mikulsky, Andrea Betti-Berutto, and Peter Wang (together, "Defendants," and with Plaintiffs, the "Parties"), on the other, by and through their counsel of record, have determined to settle all claims asserted against Defendants in the Actions with prejudice on the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement dated July 1, 2024 (the "Stipulation"), subject to approval of this Court (the "Settlement");

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs, having made a motion pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e) for an order preliminarily approving the Settlement of these Actions, in accordance with the Stipulation, which, together with the exhibits annexed thereto, sets forth the terms and conditions for a proposed Settlement of the Litigation between the Parties and for dismissal of the Actions with prejudice upon, and subject to, the terms and conditions set forth therein;

WHEREAS, the Court having read and considered: (i) Plaintiffs' unopposed motion for preliminary approval of the Settlement, and the papers filed and arguments made in connection therewith; and (ii) the Stipulation and the exhibits annexed thereto;

WHEREAS, the Parties having consented to the entry of this Order;

WHEREAS, unless otherwise defined, all terms used herein have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulation;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. The Court has reviewed the Stipulation and does hereby preliminarily approve the Stipulation and the Settlement set forth therein as fair, reasonable, and adequate, subject to further consideration at the Settlement Hearing (as defined in ¶6 below).
- 2. The Court preliminarily finds that the proposed Settlement should be approved as it: (i) is the result of serious, informed, extensive arm's-length, and non-collusive negotiations overseen by an experienced mediator; (ii) falls within a range of reasonableness warranting final approval; (iii) has no obvious deficiencies; (iv) eliminates the risks to the Parties of continued litigation; (v) does not provide preferential treatment to Plaintiffs or to segments of the Settlement Class; and (vi) warrants notice of the proposed Settlement to Settlement Class Members and further consideration of the Settlement at the Settlement Hearing described below.
- 3. For purposes of the Settlement only, and preliminarily, for purposes of this Order, the Actions shall proceed as a class action, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and (b)(3), on behalf of a Settlement Class consisting of the Federal Class and State Class. The Federal Class includes: (i) all persons who purchased or otherwise acquired publicly

traded securities issued pursuant to GigCapital3, Inc.'s Form S-1 Registration Statement declared effective on May 5, 2020 with the SEC, as amended by Post-Effective Amendment No. 1, filed on May 13, 2020; (ii) all stockholders of GigCapital3 as of the March 15, 2021 Record Date that were entitled to vote on GigCapital3's proposed transaction to acquire Lightning Systems; and (iii) all persons that purchased or otherwise acquired Lightning Securities during the period from May 18, 2020 through August 16, 2021, inclusive, and were damaged thereby. The State Class includes: all record and beneficial holders of GigCapital3 common stock who held such stock during the time period from the Record Date through the Closing Date. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (i) Defendants; (ii) the officers and directors of Lightning during the Class Period, as well as their Immediate Family Members and their legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns; (iii) any entity in which Defendants have or had a controlling interest; (iv) the PIPE Investor and Convertible Note Investors as defined in Lightning's Form S-1 and incorporated Proxy Statement dated March 26, 2021, filed with the SEC; and (v) with respect to the State Class, the underwriters in GigCapital3's IPO, who were Nomura Securities International, Inc., Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. and Odeon Capital Group LLC and holders of GigCapital3 common stock who exercised their right to redeem all of their shares in connection with the Business Combination. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are any Persons who exclude themselves by submitting a timely request for exclusion in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Notice.

- 4. For purposes of the Settlement only, and preliminarily, for purposes of this Order: (i) Plaintiffs are hereby certified as Class Representatives; and (ii) Plaintiffs' Counsel are appointed as Class Counsel.
- 5. With respect to the Settlement Class, this Court finds, for purposes of effectuating the Settlement only, that the prerequisites for a class action under Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure have been satisfied in that: (a) the members of the Settlement Class are so numerous that joinder of all Settlement Class Members in the Actions is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class; (c) the claims of the Class Representatives are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class; (d) the Class Representatives and Class Counsel have fairly and adequately represented and protected the interests of all Settlement Class Members; (e) the questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Settlement Class; and (f) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy, considering: (i) the interests of the members of the Settlement Class in individually controlling the prosecution of the separate actions; (ii) the extent and nature of any litigation concerning the controversy already commenced by members of the Settlement Class; (iii) the desirability or undesirability of concentrating the litigation of these claims in this particular forum; and (iv) the difficulties likely to be encountered in the management of the Actions.
- 6. A hearing shall be held before this Court on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, at \_\_\_\_.m. MDT (the "Settlement Hearing"), at the Alfred A. Arraj United States Courthouse, 901 19th Street,

Denver, CO 80294 to: (i) determine whether the proposed Settlement of the Actions on the terms and conditions provided for in the Stipulation is fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class and should be approved by the Court; (ii) determine whether a Judgment as provided in ¶1.15 of the Stipulation should be entered dismissing the Actions against Defendants with prejudice, and to determine whether the release by the Settlement Class of the Released Defendant Parties as set forth in the Stipulation should be ordered, along with a permanent injunction barring efforts to prosecute any Released Claims or Released Defendants' Claims extinguished by the Settlement; (iii) determine whether the proposed Plan of Allocation should be approved; (iv) determine the amount of attorneys' fees, costs, charges, and expenses that should be awarded to Plaintiffs' Counsel and Plaintiffs; (v) hear any objections by Settlement Class Members to the Settlement or Plan of Allocation, or to the award of attorneys' fees and expenses to Plaintiffs' Counsel and Plaintiffs; and (vi) consider such other matters the Court deems appropriate. The Court may adjourn or change the date and time of the Settlement Hearing or decide to hold the Settlement Hearing telephonically or by videoconference without further notice to the Settlement Class, and may approve the proposed Settlement with such modifications as the Parties may agree to, if appropriate, without further notice to the Settlement Class where to do so would not impair Settlement Class Members' rights under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and due process of law.

7. The Court approves the form, substance, and requirements of: (a) the Notice of: (I) Proposed Settlement and Plan of Allocation; (II) Settlement Hearing; and (III) Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses ("Notice"); (b) Proof of Claim and Release

form ("Claim Form"); and (c) Summary Notice, substantially in the forms attached hereto as Exhibits A-1, A-2, and A-3 respectively.

- 8. The firm of Gilardi & Co. LLC ("Claims Administrator") is hereby appointed to supervise and administer the notice procedure as well as the processing of Claims as more fully set forth below.
- 9. Not later than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024 (a date ten (10) business days from entry of this Order), Lightning shall provide or cause to be provided to Plaintiffs' Counsel or the Claims Administrator a list of the record holders of Lightning Securities (consisting of the stockholder names, last known addresses, and any email addresses, if available) in electronic form.
- 10. Not later than , 2024 (a date twenty-one (21) calendar days from the entry of this Order) (the "Notice Date"), the Claims Administrator shall cause a copy of the Notice and Claim Form, substantially in the forms attached hereto, to either be mailed by first-class mail or, in the case of those who have consented to receiving electronic notice, by such electronic means, to all Settlement Class Members who can be identified with reasonable effort and to be posted the case-specific website on www.LightningeMotorsSecuritiesSettlement.com. For all Notices returned as undeliverable. the Claims Administrator shall use its best efforts to locate updated addresses.
- 11. Not later than \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024 (a date seven (7) calendar days following the Notice Date), the Claims Administrator shall cause the Summary Notice to be published once in *The Wall Street Journal*, and once over a national newswire service.

- 12. Not later than \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024 (a date seven (7) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing), Plaintiffs shall serve on Defendants' Counsel and file with the Court proof, by affidavit or declaration, of such mailing and publishing.
- 13. The Claims Administrator shall use reasonable efforts to give notice to nominee purchasers such as brokerage firms and other persons or entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Lightning Securities during the Class Period as record owners but not as beneficial owners. Such nominee purchasers are directed, within ten (10) calendar days of their receipt of the Notice, to either forward copies of the Notice and Claim Form to their beneficial owners or to provide the Claims Administrator with lists of the names and last known addresses or email addresses of the beneficial owners, and the Claims Administrator is ordered to send the Notice and Claim Form promptly to such identified beneficial owners. Nominee purchasers who elect to send the Notice and Claim Form to their beneficial owners shall send a statement to the Claims Administrator confirming that the mailing was made as directed. Additional copies of the Notice and Claim Form shall be made available to any record holder requesting such for the purpose of distribution to beneficial owners, and such record holders shall be reimbursed from the Settlement Fund, upon receipt by the Claims Administrator of proper documentation, for the reasonable expense of sending the Notice and Claim Form to beneficial owners. Any disputes with respect to the reasonableness or documentation of expenses incurred shall be subject to review by the Court.
- 14. The Court finds that the form and content of the notice program described herein and the methods set forth herein for notifying the Settlement Class of the Settlement

and its terms and conditions, including notice of the Fee and Expense Application and the Plan of Allocation, meet the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (including Rule 23), the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), Section 21D(a)(7) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(7), Section 27(a)(7) of the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. §77z-1(a)(7), as added by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, the rules of this Court, and other applicable law, and constitute due and sufficient notice to all Persons entitled thereto.

- 15. All fees, costs, and expenses incurred in identifying and notifying Settlement Class Members shall be paid from the Settlement Fund, except that Defendant Lightning shall be responsible for serving notice required under the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. §1715, and shall pay any and all costs associated with providing such notice.
- 16. All Settlement Class Members (except Persons who validly and timely request exclusion in response to the Notice being provided pursuant to this Order) shall be bound by all determinations and judgments in the Litigation concerning the Settlement (including, but not limited to, the releases provided for therein) whether favorable or unfavorable to the Settlement Class, regardless of whether such Persons seek or obtain by any means (including, without limitation, by submitting a Claim Form or any similar document) any distribution from the Settlement Fund or the Net Settlement Fund.
- 17. Settlement Class Members who wish to participate in the Settlement shall complete and submit a Claim Form in accordance with the instructions contained therein.

  Unless the Court orders otherwise, all Claim Forms must be postmarked or submitted electronically no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024 (a date ninety (90) calendar days from the

Notice Date). Any Settlement Class Member who submits a Claim Form shall reasonably cooperate with the Claims Administrator, including by promptly responding to any inquiry made by the Claims Administrator. Any Settlement Class Member who does not submit a Claim Form within the time provided shall be barred from sharing in the distribution of the proceeds of the Net Settlement Fund, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, but shall in all other respects be bound by the terms of the Stipulation and by any final judgment entered by the Court. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Plaintiffs' Counsel shall have the discretion (but not the obligation) to accept late-submitted Claims for processing by the Claims Administrator so long as distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants is not materially delayed thereby. No Person shall have any claim against Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs' Counsel, or the Claims Administrator by reason of the decision to exercise such discretion whether to accept late-submitted Claims.

18. The Claim Form submitted by each Settlement Class Member must: (i) be properly completed, signed, and submitted in a timely manner in accordance with the preceding paragraph; (ii) be accompanied by adequate supporting documentation for the transactions reported in it, in the form of broker confirmation slips, broker account statements, an authorized statement from the broker containing the transactional information found in a broker confirmation slip, or such other documentation deemed adequate by the Claims Administrator or Plaintiffs' Counsel; (iii) be complete and contain no deletions or modifications of any of the printed matter contained therein; and (iv) be signed under penalty of perjury. Any person executing the Claim Form that is acting in a representative capacity must include a certification of his or her current authority to act on

behalf of the claimant. As part of the Claim Form, each claimant shall submit to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to the Claim submitted.

- 19. Any Settlement Class Member that opts out of the Settlement Class or otherwise has settled claims with Defendants for claims arising out of the conduct alleged in the Litigation is hereby enjoined from submitting a Claim Form or having another person or entity submit a Claim Form on its behalf.
- 20. Any Settlement Class Member may enter an appearance in the Litigation, at his, her, or its own expense, individually or through counsel of his, her, or its own choice. Any Settlement Class Member who or which does not enter an appearance will be represented by Plaintiffs' Counsel.
- 21. Any person or entity who purchased or otherwise acquired Lightning Securities during the Class Period may, upon request, be excluded or "opt out" of the Settlement Class. Any such Person must submit to the Claims Administrator a signed request for exclusion ("Request for Exclusion") such that it is postmarked no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024 (a date thirty (30) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing). A Request for Exclusion must: (i) provide the name, address, and telephone number of the Person requesting exclusion, and in the case of entities, the name and telephone number of the appropriate contact person; (ii) list the number and type of Lightning Securities purchased or acquired, the date of each purchase or acquisition of Lightning Securities, and the price paid; and (iii) state that the Person wishes to be excluded from the Settlement Class. The Request for Exclusion shall not be effective unless it provides the required information and is made within the time stated above, or the exclusion is otherwise

accepted by the Court. All Persons who submit valid and timely Requests for Exclusion in the manner set forth in this paragraph and the Notice shall have no rights under the Settlement, shall not share in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, and shall not be bound by the Settlement or any final Judgment. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, any Person who purchased or acquired Lightning Securities during the Class Period who does not timely request exclusion from the Settlement Class shall be deemed to have waived his, her, or its right to be excluded from the Settlement Class and shall be barred from requesting exclusion from the Settlement Class in this or any other proceeding and shall be bound by the Stipulation.

- 22. Plaintiffs' Counsel or the Claims Administrator shall cause to be provided to Defendants' Counsel copies of all Requests for Exclusion, and any written revocation of Requests for Exclusion, promptly upon receipt and as expeditiously as possible but in no event later than five (5) business days of receipt thereof and in any event at least fourteen (14) calendar days before the Settlement Hearing.
- 23. As provided in the Stipulation, Defendant Lightning shall timely serve the notice required under the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. §1715, *et seq.* ("CAFA"). Defendant Lightning is solely responsible for the costs of the CAFA notice and administering the CAFA notice.
- 24. Any Settlement Class Member may appear at the Settlement Hearing and show cause, if he, she, they, or it has any reason why the proposed Settlement of the Litigation should not be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate, why a judgment should not be entered thereon, why the Plan of Allocation should not be approved, or why

attorneys' fees, together with costs, charges, and expenses should not be awarded; provided that any such Settlement Class Member (or any other Person) files objections and copies of any papers and briefs with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Colorado and mails copies thereof by first-class mail to each of the following: Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, Ellen Gusikoff Stewart, 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900, San Diego, CA 92101; DLA Piper LLP (US), Melanie E. Walker, 2000 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 400 North Tower, Los Angeles, CA 90067; and Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer US LLP, Boris Feldman, 855 Main Street, Redwood City, CA 94063, no later than , 2024 (a date thirty (30) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing), or as the Court may otherwise direct. Any Settlement Class Member who does not make his, her, their, or its objection in the manner provided shall be deemed to have waived such objection and shall forever be foreclosed from making any objection to the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of the proposed Settlement as incorporated in the Stipulation, to the Plan of Allocation, or to the award of fees, costs, charges, and expenses to Plaintiffs' Counsel or Plaintiffs, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Attendance at the Settlement Hearing is not necessary. However, Persons wishing to be heard orally in opposition to the approval of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or the application for an award of fees, costs, charges, and expenses are required to indicate in their written objections their intention to appear at the Settlement Hearing and to include in their written objections the identity of any witnesses they may call to testify and copies of any exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the Settlement Hearing. Settlement Class

Members do not need to appear at the Settlement Hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.

- 25. Any objections, filings, and other submissions by an objecting Settlement Class Member must: (i) state the name, address, and telephone number of the Person objecting and must be signed by the objector, even if the objector is represented by counsel; (ii) contain a statement of the Settlement Class Member's objection or objections, and the specific reasons for each objection, including any legal and evidentiary support the Settlement Class Member wishes to bring to the Court's attention and whether the objections apply only to the objector, a specific subset of the Settlement Class, or to the entire Settlement Class; (iii) include documents sufficient to prove membership in the Settlement Class, including all of the objecting Settlement Class Member's purchases, acquisitions, and any sales of Lightning Securities on the NYSE during the Class Period, the number and type of Lightning Securities purchased, acquired, or sold, as well as the dates and prices of each such purchase, acquisition, or sale; and (iv) identify all other class action settlements the objector and his, her, their, or its counsel has previously objected to in the prior five years. The Court will consider a Settlement Class Member's objection only if the Settlement Class Member has complied with the above requirements.
- 26. Any Settlement Class Member who does not object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or the award of fees, costs, charges, and expenses to Plaintiffs' Counsel or Plaintiffs in the manner prescribed herein and in the Notice shall be deemed to have waived such objection, and shall forever be foreclosed from making any objection to the fairness, adequacy, or reasonableness of the proposed Settlement, this Order and the

Judgment to be entered approving the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or the application for an award of attorneys' fees, costs, charges, and expenses by Plaintiffs' Counsel or Plaintiffs.

- 27. All funds held by the Escrow Agent shall be deemed and considered to be in *custodia legis*, and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until such time as such funds are either distributed or returned pursuant to the Stipulation or further order(s) of the Court.
- 28. All papers in support of the Settlement, Plan of Allocation, and any application for attorneys' fees, costs, charges, and expenses by Plaintiffs' Counsel or Plaintiffs shall be filed and served no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024 (forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing), and any reply papers shall be filed and served no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024 (a date seven (7) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing).
- 29. The Released Defendant Parties shall have no responsibility, liability, or obligation for the Plan of Allocation or any application for attorneys' fees, costs, charges, or expenses submitted by Plaintiffs' Counsel or Plaintiffs, and such matters will be considered by the Court separately from the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement. Any order or proceeding relating solely to the Plan of Allocation or any application for attorneys' fees or expenses, or any appeal from any order relating solely thereto or reversal or modification thereof, shall not operate to terminate or cancel the Stipulation, or affect or delay the finality of the Judgment and the Settlement of the Litigation.

- 30. At or after the Settlement Hearing, the Court shall determine whether the Plan of Allocation proposed by Plaintiffs' Counsel, and any application for attorneys' fees, costs, charges, and expenses, should be approved. The Court reserves the right to enter the Judgment finally approving the Settlement regardless of whether it has approved the Plan of Allocation or awarded attorneys' fees or costs, charges, and expenses.
- 31. All reasonable expenses incurred in identifying and notifying Settlement Class Members as well as administering the Settlement Fund shall be paid as set forth in the Stipulation.
- 32. This Order and the Stipulation (including any of their respective terms or provisions), any of the negotiations, discussions, proceedings connected with them, and any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of the Stipulation or the Settlement or this Order, may not be construed as an admission or concession by the Released Defendant Parties of the truth of any of the allegations in the Litigation, or of any liability, fault, or wrongdoing of any kind, and may not be offered or received in evidence (or otherwise used by any person in the Litigation, or in any other action or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, or administrative, in any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal) except in connection with any proceeding to enforce the terms of the Stipulation or this Order.
- 33. All proceedings in the Litigation are stayed until further order of this Court, except as may be necessary to implement the Settlement or comply with the terms of the Stipulation. Pending final determination of whether the Settlement should be approved, neither the Plaintiffs nor any Settlement Class Member, either directly, representatively, or

in any other capacity, shall commence or prosecute any of the Released Claims against

any of the Released Defendant Parties in any action or proceeding in any court or tribunal.

34. The Court retains jurisdiction to consider all further applications arising out of

or connected with the proposed Settlement. The Court may approve the Settlement with

such modifications as may be agreed to by the Parties, if appropriate, without further notice

to the Settlement Class.

If the Settlement fails to become effective as defined in the Stipulation or is terminated,

then, in any such event, the Stipulation, including any amendments thereto (except as

expressly provided in the Stipulation and this Order) shall be null and void, of no further

force or effect, and without prejudice to any Party, and may not be introduced as evidence

or used in any actions or proceedings by any person or entity against the Parties. In any

such event, the Parties shall be deemed to have reverted to their respective Litigation

positions as of May 1, 2024.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED	
	THE HONORABLE REGINA M. RODRIGUEZ
	UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

# **EXHIBIT A-1**

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-02774-RMR-KAS (consolidated with 1:21-cv-3215-RMR-KAS)

JOHNNY R. SHAFER, DAVID P. SARRO, KEVIN L. TYE, JESS Q. WILLIAMS, JUSTIN COHEN,

Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

LIGHTNING EMOTORS, INC.,
TIMOTHY R. REESER,
TERESA P. COVINGTON,
GIGACQUISITIONS3 LLC,
GIGCAPITAL GLOBAL,
AVI S. KATZ,
RALUCA DINU,
NEIL MIOTTO
GIGFOUNDERS LLC
BRAD WEIGHTMAN,
ANDREA BETTI-BERUTTO,
PETER WANG,
JOHN J. MIKULSKY, and
ROBERT FENWICK-SMITH,

Defendants.

#### IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

RICHARD DELMAN,	)
Plaintiff,	)
v.	) C.A. No. 2021-0679-LWW
GIGACQUISITIONS3, LLC, AVI KATZ, RALUCA DINU, NEIL MIOTTO, JOHN MIKULSKY, ANDREA BETTI-BERUTTO, and PETER WANG,	) ) ) )

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Defendants.

NOTICE OF: (I) PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND PLAN OF ALLOCATION; (II) SETTLEMENT HEARING; AND (III) MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES

#### **EXHIBIT A-1**

#### TO: ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WHO:

- (i) PURCHASED OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES ISSUED PURSUANT TO GIGCAPITAL3, INC.'S FORM S-1 REGISTRATION STATEMENT DECLARED EFFECTIVE ON MAY 5, 2020 WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, AS AMENDED BY POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1, FILED ON MAY 13, 2020;
- (ii) ALL STOCKHOLDERS OF GIGCAPITAL3, INC. AS OF THE MARCH 15, 2021 RECORD DATE THAT WERE ENTITLED TO VOTE ON GIGCAPITAL3, INC.'S PROPOSED TRANSACTION TO ACQUIRE LIGHTNING SYSTEMS;
- (iii) PURCHASED OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED GIGCAPITAL3, INC. OR LIGHTNING EMOTORS SECURITIES DURING THE PERIOD FROM MAY 18, 2020 THROUGH AUGUST 16, 2021, INCLUSIVE, AND WERE DAMAGED THEREBY; OR
- (iv) WERE RECORD AND BENEFICIAL HOLDERS OF GIGCAPITAL3, INC. COMMON STOCK WHO HELD SUCH STOCK DURING THE TIME PERIOD FROM THE RECORD DATE (MARCH 15, 2021) THROUGH THE CLOSING DATE (MAY 6, 2021) (THE "SETTLEMENT CLASS" OR "SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBERS")

#### AND ARE NOT OTHERWISE EXCLUDED FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS.

THIS NOTICE WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE COURT. IT IS NOT JUNK MAIL, AN ADVERTISEMENT, OR SOLICITATION FROM A LAWYER.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AND IN ITS ENTIRETY. YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY PROCEEDINGS IN THE LITIGATION. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE A SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER, YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO SHARE IN THE PROCEEDS OF THE SETTLEMENT DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE. TO CLAIM YOUR SHARE OF THE SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS, YOU MUST SUBMIT A VALID PROOF OF

## CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM ("PROOF OF CLAIM" OR "CLAIM FORM") **POSTMARKED OR SUBMITTED ONLINE ON OR BEFORE** , **2024**.

If you have any questions about this Notice, the proposed Settlement, or your eligibility to participate in the Settlement, please DO NOT contact GigCapital Global, Lightning eMotors, Inc., or any other Defendant in the litigation or their counsel. All questions should be directed to the Claims Administrator or Plaintiffs' Counsel (*see* page \_\_ below).

This Notice of: (I) Proposed Settlement and Plan of Allocation; (II) Settlement Hearing; and (III) Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses ("Notice") has been sent to you pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and an Order of the United States District Court for the District of Colorado (the "Court"). The purpose of this Notice is to inform you of the \$13.35 million global settlement (the "Settlement") reached in the above-captioned class action lawsuits (the "Actions"); your rights with respect to the Settlement; and the hearing to be held by the Court to consider the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement and the Plan of Allocation, as well as the application for fees and expenses by Plaintiffs' Counsel and Plaintiffs, as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement dated July 1, 2024 (the "Stipulation") by and among lead plaintiffs David P. Sarro, Kevin L. Tye, and Jess Q. Williams (together, "Federal Plaintiffs"); Richard Delman ("State Plaintiff" and together with Federal Plaintiffs, "Plaintiffs"), on behalf of themselves and the Settlement Class (as defined above); and defendants Lightning eMotors, Inc. f/k/a GigCapital3, Inc. ("Lightning" or "Lightning eMotors"), Timothy R. Reeser, Teresa P. Covington, Robert Fenwick-Smith, Avi S. Katz, Raluca Dinu, Neil Miotto, Brad Weightman, John J. Mikulsky, Andrea Betti-Berutto, Peter Wang, GigAcquisitions3, LLC, GigFounders, LLC, and GigCapital Global (collectively, "Defendants"), by their respective counsel. This Notice describes what steps you may take in relation to the Settlement and the Actions.

This Notice is not intended to be, and should not be construed as, an expression of any opinion by the Court with respect to the truth of the allegations in the Actions as to the Defendants or the merits of the claims or defenses asserted by or against the Defendants. This Notice is solely to advise you of the proposed Settlement of the Actions and of your rights in connection therewith. Defendants have: (i) denied all claims and wrongdoing asserted in the Actions and any liability arising out of the conduct alleged therein; and (ii) asserted various defenses. No trial has yet occurred in these Actions and no findings of fact, fault, or liability have been made as to any of the parties.

YOUR LEG	AL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT
SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM	Submitting a claim is the only way to be potentially eligible to receive a payment from the Net Settlement Fund. <b>Proofs of Claim must be postmarked or submitted online on or before</b>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Stipulation can be viewed and/or downloaded at www.LightningeMotorsSecuritiesSettlement.com. Unless otherwise indicated, all capitalized terms used herein have the same meaning as the terms defined in the Stipulation. The singular forms of nouns and pronouns include the plural and vice versa.

	2024.		
EXCLUDE YOURSELF	If you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you will not be eligible to receive any payment from the Net Settlement Fund. This is the only option that potentially allows you to ever be part of any other lawsuit against any of the Defendants or any other Released Defendant Parties concerning the Released Claims.		
	Exclusions must be postmarked on or before, 2024.		
OBJECT	If you do not like the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, or the request for attorneys' fees and expenses, you may write to the Court and explain why you do not like them. You cannot object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or the fee and expense requests unless you are a Settlement Class Member and do not exclude yourself from the Settlement Class.  Objections must be received by the Court and counsel on or before, 2024. If you submit a written objection, you		
CO TO THE HEADING	may (but do not have to) attend the hearing.		
GO TO THE HEARING ON, 2024	You may ask to speak in Court about the fairness of the Settlement.  Requests to speak must be received by the Court and counsel on or before, 2024. If you submit a written objection, you may (but you do not have to) attend the hearing.		
DO NOTHING	If you do nothing, you will receive no payment. You will, however, still be a member of the Settlement Class, which means that you give up your right to ever be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendants or any other Released Defendant Parties about the legal claims being resolved by this Settlement and you will be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court in the Actions.		

### **SUMMARY OF THIS NOTICE**

#### **Description of the Litigation**

This Notice relates to a proposed settlement of claims in two pending class actions brought by investors in GigCapital3 and/or Lightning eMotors securities. The Federal Action alleges that Defendants violated the federal securities laws by making false and misleading statements and omissions regarding, among other things, Lightning's growth and revenue projections, supply chain capabilities, and ability to scale during the Class Period. The State Action alleges that certain Defendants violated Delaware state law by impairing GigCapital3 stockholders' redemption rights, including through false and misleading proxy solicitation materials. A more detailed description of the Actions is set forth on pages \_\_ below. Defendants deny each and every claim and contention alleged in the Actions and deny any misconduct or wrongdoing whatsoever. The proposed Settlement, if approved by the Court, will settle claims of the Settlement Class, as defined on page \_ below.

#### **Statement of Settlement Class Recovery**

Pursuant to the Settlement described herein, a \$13.35 million settlement fund has been established (the "Settlement Amount"). The Settlement Amount and any interest earned thereon is the "Settlement Fund." The Settlement Fund, less: (i) any Taxes and Tax Expenses; (ii) any Notice and Administration Costs; and (iii) any attorneys' fees and expenses awarded by the Court to Plaintiffs' Counsel and Plaintiffs (the "Net Settlement Fund"), will be evenly divided between the Federal Class and State Class, and distributed to Settlement Class Members in accordance with a plan of allocation that is approved by the Court. To the extent that a particular purchase or acquisition of Lightning Securities (defined below) qualifies for inclusion in both the Federal Class and the State Class, the purchase or acquisition shall be eligible for a distribution, if any, via the State Class only. The proposed plan of allocation (the "Plan of Allocation") is set forth on pages below. Based on Plaintiffs' estimate of the number of GigCapital3 Units, warrants, and shares,<sup>2</sup> and Lightning eMotors warrants and shares (collectively, the "Lightning Securities") that were allegedly damaged during the Class Period, the average distribution in the Federal Action is approximately \$0.09 per share of common stock and \$0.02 per warrant, and approximately \$1.60 per share of common stock in the State Action, before deduction of any taxes on the income earned on the Settlement Fund, Notice and Administration Costs, and the attorneys' fees and expenses as determined by the Court. Settlement Class Members should note, however, that the foregoing average recovery per Unit, share, or warrant is only an estimate. A Settlement Class Member may receive more or less than this estimated amount, and a Settlement Class Member's actual recovery will be a proportion of the Net Settlement Fund determined by that Settlement Class Member's claims as compared to the total claims of all Federal or State Class members, as applicable, who submit acceptable Proofs of Claim. See Plan of Allocation set forth and discussed at pages below for more information on the calculation of your claim.

#### **Statement of Potential Outcome of Cases**

The Parties disagree on both liability and damages and do not agree on the amount of damages per security, if any, that would be recoverable if the Settlement Class prevailed on each claim alleged. Defendants deny that they are liable to the Settlement Class and deny that the Settlement Class has suffered any injury or damages. The issues on which the Parties disagree are many, but include: (1) whether Defendants engaged in conduct that would give rise to any liability to the Settlement Class under the federal securities laws or under Delaware law; (2) whether Defendants have valid defenses to any such claims of liability; (3) whether Defendants made any materially false or misleading statements or omissions; (4) whether, to the extent Defendants made any materially false or misleading statements or omissions, they did so knowingly or with reckless disregard to the truth; (5) whether any loss to Lightning investors materialized from the alleged

On April 28, 2023, Lightning eMotors, Inc. effected a 1-for-20 reverse stock split of its common stock, listed on the NYSE under ticker symbol "ZEV." All figures in the Plan of Allocation regarding Lightning eMotors common stock, including (but not limited to) the price per share and number of shares traded, are in the pre-reverse split terms unless otherwise specified.

disclosure of the truth; (6) whether Lightning investors suffered any damage from the alleged fraud or breach of fiduciary duties; (7) whether Defendants were unjustly enriched; (8) the appropriate economic model for determining the amount by which the prices of Lightning Securities were artificially inflated (if at all) during the Class Period; (9) the amount, if any, by which the prices of Lightning Securities were artificially inflated during the Class Period; and (10) the effect of market forces on the prices of the Lightning Securities at various times during the Class Period.

## Statement of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses Sought

Since the Actions were filed, Plaintiffs' Counsel have expended considerable time and effort in the prosecution of the Actions on a wholly contingent basis and have advanced the expenses of the Actions in the expectation that if they were successful in obtaining a recovery for the Settlement Class, they would be paid from such recovery. Plaintiffs' Counsel will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees on behalf of all Plaintiffs' Counsel not to exceed 33-1/3% of the Settlement Amount, plus expenses not to exceed \$225,000, plus interest earned on both amounts at the same rate as earned by the Settlement Fund. In addition, Plaintiffs may request an award not to exceed \$10,000 in the aggregate pursuant to 15 U.S.C. \$77z-1(a)(4) and 15 U.S.C. \$78u-4(a)(4) in connection with their representation of the Settlement Class. If the amounts requested are approved by the Court, the average cost per allegedly damaged Lightning Security will be approximately \$0.03 per common share and \$0.006 per warrant in the Federal Action, and \$0.55 per common share in the State Action. Any fees and expenses awarded by the Court, or any award to Plaintiffs, shall be paid solely from the Settlement Fund.

#### **Further Information**

For further information regarding the Actions, this Notice, or to review the Stipulation of Settlement, please contact the Claims Administrator toll-free at 1-888-726-1695, via email at info@LightningeMotorsSecuritiesSettlement.com, or visit the website www.LightningeMotorsSecuritiesSettlement.com.

You may also contact a representative of counsel for the Settlement Class:

Shareholder Relations Department, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900, San Diego, CA 92101, 1-800-449-4900, settlementinfo@rgrdlaw.com; Michael I. Fistel, Jr., Johnson Fistel, LLP, 40 Powder Springs Street, Marietta, GA 30064, 1-470-632-6000; and Michael J. Barry, Grant & Eisenhofer P.A., 123 Justison Street, 7th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801.

#### Please Do Not Call the Court or Defendants with Questions About the Settlement.

#### **Reasons for the Settlement**

Plaintiffs' principal reason for entering into the Settlement is the substantial immediate cash benefit to the Settlement Class now, without further risk or the delays inherent in continued litigation. Moreover, the substantial cash benefit provided under the Settlement must be considered against the significant risk that a smaller recovery – or, indeed, no recovery at all – might be

achieved after contested motions, trial, and likely appeals, a process that could last several years into the future. Furthermore, the immediate cash benefit to the Settlement Class should be considered against the likelihood of collecting a judgment, should Plaintiffs prove successful in litigation, given that Lightning's operations have ceased, its assets have substantially all been sold through receivership proceedings, and its securities have been delisted from the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE").

Defendants have denied and continue to deny each and all of the claims alleged by Plaintiffs in the Actions. Defendants expressly have denied and continue to deny all charges of wrongdoing or liability against them arising out of any of the conduct, statements, acts or omissions alleged, or that could have been alleged, in the Actions. Defendants also have denied and continue to deny, among other things, the allegations that Plaintiffs or the Settlement Class have suffered any damage, or that Plaintiffs or the Settlement Class were harmed by the conduct alleged in the Actions. Defendants' sole reason for entering into the Settlement is to eliminate the time, expense, distraction, and inherent uncertainty of further protracted litigation.

#### **BASIC INFORMATION**

## 1. Why did I get this Notice package?

The Court directed that this Notice be mailed to you because you, someone in your family, or an investment account for which you serve as a custodian may have purchased, otherwise acquired, or held Lightning Securities during the period from May 18, 2020 through August 16, 2021, inclusive (the "Class Period"). The Court has directed us to send you this Notice because, as a potential Settlement Class Member, you have a right to know about your options before the Court rules on the proposed Settlement. Additionally, you have the right to understand how the Actions may generally affect your legal rights. If the Court approves the Settlement and the Plan of Allocation (or some other plan of allocation), the Claims Administrator, selected by Plaintiffs and approved by the Court, will make payments pursuant to the Settlement after any objections and appeals are resolved.

This Notice explains the class action lawsuits, the Settlement, Settlement Class Members' legal rights in connection with the Settlement, what benefits are available, who is eligible for them, and how to get them.

The Federal Action was filed and is being litigated in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado, and the case is known as *Shafer v. Lightning eMotors, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:21-cv-02774-RMR-KAS (the "Federal Action"). The Federal Action has been assigned to U.S. District Judge Regina M. Rodriguez. The State Action was filed and is being litigated in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, and the case is known as *Delman v. GigAcquisitions3, LLC, et al.*, C.A. No. 2021-0679-LWW (the "State Action"). The State Action has been assigned to the Vice Chancellor Lori W. Will. The Court for the Federal Action is overseeing the Settlement for both Actions. The individuals representing the Settlement Class are the "Plaintiffs" and the companies and individuals they sued and which have now settled are called the "Defendants."

#### 2. What is this lawsuit about?

During the Class Period, defendant Lightning eMotors manufactured and sold fully electric vehicles and powertrains. Defendant GigCapital3 was a publicly traded "blank check" company, also known as a special purpose acquisition company, or "SPAC," that brought Lightning eMotors public through a business combination (the "Business Combination"). GigCapital3's Units, warrants, and common stock traded on the NYSE under the symbols GIK.U, GIK.WS, and GIK, respectively. Following the close of the Business Combination on May 6, 2021, when GigCapital3 became known as Lightning eMotors, its common stock and warrants traded on the NYSE under the symbols ZEV and ZEV.WS.

#### A. The Federal Action

On October 15, 2021, the initial class action complaint was filed in the Federal Action against defendants Teresa P. Covington, Lightning eMotors, Inc., and Timothy R. Reeser.

On April 22, 2022, the Court appointed the Federal Plaintiffs as lead plaintiffs and approved Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP ("Robbins Geller") and Johnson Fistel, LLP ("Johnson Fistel") as lead counsel.

On May 20, 2022, the Federal Plaintiffs filed a Consolidated Complaint for Violation of the Federal Securities Laws (the "Federal Complaint").

The Federal Complaint alleged that the registration statement and related offering documents for GigCapital3's May 18, 2020 initial public offering, which were filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), contained false and misleading statements about the GigCapital3 board of directors' long-term commitment to GigCapital3's purported "Mentor-Investor" business strategy, in violation of Sections 11 and 15 of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act"). The Securities Act claims were brought on behalf of all Persons (excluding Defendants, the PIPE Investor and Convertible Notes Investors in Lightning, and certain other related parties) who purchased or acquired publicly traded securities issued pursuant to GigCapital3's Form S-1 Registration Statement declared effective on May 5, 2020 with the SEC, as amended by Post-Effective Amendment No. 1, filed on May 13, 2020 (the "Registration Statement").

The Federal Complaint also alleged that Defendants issued false and misleading statements to investors about GigCapital3's Mentor-Investor strategy as well as Lightning's ability to scale its operations, supply chain strength, and revenue prospects in soliciting proxies from GigCapital3 stockholders to gain their approval for the Business Combination with Lightning. These actions were alleged to have violated Sections 14(a) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), and claims for such violations are brought on behalf of all stockholders of GigCapital3 as of March 15, 2021 (the "Record Date") that were entitled to vote on the proposed Business Combination.

Finally, the Federal Complaint alleged that the foregoing actions, along with certain Defendants' continued issuance of false and misleading public statements to Lightning investors regarding Lightning's operations, ability to scale, and supply chain in the first and second quarters of 2021 violated Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act and SEC Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder. These claims were brought on behalf of all persons that purchased or otherwise acquired Lightning Securities during the period from May 18, 2020 through August 16, 2021, inclusive (the "Class Period"), and were damaged thereby.

The Federal Complaint alleged that as a result of Defendants' misrepresentations and omissions, the prices of Lightning Securities were artificially inflated during the Class Period. It alleges that, at the end of the Class Period, Lightning announced that it was not on track to produce the 500 electric vehicles for 2021 it had projected and was withdrawing its prior financial guidance for 2021. Additionally, Lightning stated that defendants Avi Katz, Raluca Dinu, and Neil Miotto would not be running for re-election to the Lightning Board at the October 7, 2021 stockholders' meeting, which the Federal Complaint alleges was contrary to GigCapital3's purported Mentor-Investor strategy, which called for continued involvement of GigCapital3 board members in Lightning for two to five years following the close of the Business Combination. The Federal Complaint alleges that as a result of these disclosures, the artificial inflation left Lightning Securities' prices and the prices dropped significantly, damaging the Settlement Class Members.

On July 13, 2022, Defendants filed two separate motions to dismiss the Federal Complaint. Federal Plaintiffs filed their omnibus opposition on August 17, 2022, and Defendants filed their respective replies in support of their motions to dismiss on September 7, 2022. On January 10, 2023, Federal Plaintiffs filed a notice of supplemental authority notifying the Court of Vice Chancellor Will's decision to deny certain Defendants' motion to dismiss in the State Action.

On February 21, 2023, Federal Plaintiffs and Defendants jointly moved to stay the case pending a potential resolution at mediation. The same day, the Court granted the stay and denied Defendants' motions to dismiss without prejudice. Litigation continued when the global mediation did not result in a settlement.

On June 14, 2023, Defendants re-filed their motions to dismiss. Those motions were fully briefed as of July 19, 2023. On February 20, 2024, Magistrate Judge Kathryn Starnella issued a Report and Recommendation that the motions to dismiss be granted and Federal Plaintiffs' claims be dismissed without prejudice (the "Report and Recommendation"). On March 5, 2024, Federal Plaintiffs filed an objection to the Report and Recommendation. On March 26, 2024, this Court adopted the Report and Recommendation over Federal Plaintiffs' objection, dismissing the Federal Complaint without prejudice and allowing Federal Plaintiffs to seek leave to amend their claims.

On April 11, 2024 and May 10, 2024, Federal Plaintiffs filed notices informing Defendants and the Court of their intent to seek leave to amend the Federal Complaint. This Settlement was reached prior to Federal Plaintiffs filing that proposed amendment.

Defendants have denied, and continue to deny, the Federal Complaint's allegations and that they violated the federal securities laws in any respect. Defendants contend that they made no false or misleading statements, and they made full and accurate disclosures of all information required to be disclosed by law. Defendants also contend that Federal Plaintiffs are, and on amendment would be, unable to meet their burden to plead and prove falsity and scienter, and that their claim for damages is speculative.

#### **B.** The State Action

On August 4, 2021, State Plaintiff filed a Verified Class Action Complaint in the State Action against defendants Avi Katz, Raluca Dinu, Neil Miotto, John Mikulsky, Andrea Betti-Berutto, Peter Wang, and GigAcquisitions3, LLC (the "State Complaint").

The State Complaint alleges that the State Defendants impaired GigCapital3 stockholders' redemption rights, including by issuing false proxy solicitation materials containing inflated valuations of Lightning and knowingly false revenue growth projections, among other misrepresentations and omissions. The State Action asserts Delaware breach of fiduciary duty and unjust enrichment claims on behalf of holders of GigCapital3 common stock during the time period from the Record Date (March 15, 2021) through the Closing Date (May 6, 2021).

On August 31, 2021, the State Defendants filed a motion to dismiss the State Complaint. On October 15, 2021, the State Defendants filed their opening brief in support of their motion to dismiss the State Action. On December 3, 2021, State Plaintiff filed his answering brief opposing the motion to dismiss. On January 13, 2022, the State Defendants filed their reply brief in support of their motion to dismiss. On February 25, 2022, State Plaintiff filed a motion requesting a sur-reply to the motion to dismiss which was granted on February 28, 2022 and filed on March 1, 2022. On September 23, 2022, Vice Chancellor Will of the Delaware Court of Chancery heard oral argument on the motion to dismiss.

On January 4, 2023, the State Defendants' motion to dismiss was denied. The State Defendants answered the State Complaint on January 18, 2023, denying all material allegations of the State Complaint and asserting multiple defenses.

Fact discovery commenced shortly thereafter. To date, the State Plaintiff has received and reviewed over 7,600 documents, comprising over 55,000 pages, produced by the State Defendants in discovery, as well as confidential internal documents and discovery responses from Defendants.

The State Defendants have denied, and continue to deny, the allegations against them, including that they violated Delaware law. The State Defendants contend that they made no false or misleading statements, and that they made full and accurate disclosures of all information required to be disclosed by law.

#### C. The Settlement

During the course of the Actions, the Parties agreed to explore a global resolution of the Actions and engaged the services of David M. Murphy, Esq. of Phillips ADR, a highly qualified mediator experienced in complex shareholder litigation (the "Mediator"). In connection with the mediation, the Parties provided to the Mediator, and exchanged with each other, confidential mediation statements setting forth their respective litigation positions. Although the Parties negotiated in good faith at an in-person mediation session on March 28, 2023 and in continued discussion afterward, the Parties ultimately failed to reach a global resolution and elected to continue the Actions.

In March 2024, following significant developments in the Actions and Lightning's entry into receivership, the Parties agreed to renew mediation efforts. After several weeks of conversation with the Mediator, the Mediator issued a "mediator's proposal" to settle all claims at issue for \$13.35 million, subject to resolution of certain remaining non-monetary terms. On May 1, 2024, the Mediator informed the Parties that the Mediator's proposal had been accepted. On May 13, 2024, the Parties agreed to a Settlement Term Sheet. The agreement-in-principle included, among other things, the Parties' agreement to settle the Actions in return for a cash payment of \$13.35 million for the benefit of the Settlement Class, subject to the negotiation of the terms of a Stipulation of Settlement and approval by the Court. The Stipulation (together with the exhibits thereto) reflects the final and binding agreement, and a compromise of all matters that are in dispute, between the Parties.

On \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024, the Court preliminarily approved the Settlement, authorized this Notice to be disseminated to potential Settlement Class Members, and scheduled the Settlement Hearing to consider, among other things, whether to grant final approval to the Settlement.

Based on their extensive investigation, discovery, prosecution, and mediation of the Actions, Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel have concluded that the terms and conditions of the Stipulation are fair, reasonable, and adequate to Plaintiffs and the other members of the Settlement Class, and in their best interests. Based on Plaintiffs' oversight of the prosecution of the Actions and with the advice of their counsel, Plaintiffs have agreed to settle and release the claims raised in the Actions pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Stipulation, after considering, among other things, (i) the substantial financial benefit that Plaintiffs and the other members of the Settlement Class will receive under the proposed Settlement; (ii) the significant risks and costs of continued litigation and trial; and (iii) the desirability of permitting the proposed Settlement to be consummated as provided by the terms of the Stipulation.

Defendants have denied, and continue to deny, any and all allegations of fault, liability, or wrongdoing or causing any damages and any liability under the federal securities laws or Delaware law. Among other things, Defendants expressly have denied, and continue to deny, making any false or misleading statement or omission. Defendants have further denied that any allegedly false or misleading statement or omission was made with scienter. Defendants have further expressly denied, and continue to deny, that the prices of Lightning Securities were artificially inflated; that

any Settlement Class Member, including Plaintiffs, suffered any damages; or that any Settlement Class Member, including Plaintiffs, was harmed by any conduct alleged in the Actions or that could have been alleged therein. Defendants maintain that they have meritorious defenses to the claims alleged in the Actions.

Neither the Settlement nor any of the terms of the Stipulation shall be construed or deemed to be evidence of or constitute an admission, concession, or finding of any liability or damage whatsoever or any infirmity in the defenses that Defendants have, or could have, asserted.

THE COURT HAS NOT DETERMINED WHETHER DEFENDANTS ARE LIABLE TO PLAINTIFFS OR TO THE SETTLEMENT CLASS. THIS NOTICE IS NOT INTENDED TO BE AN EXPRESSION OF ANY OPINION BY THE COURT WITH RESPECT TO THE TRUTH OF THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE ACTIONS OR THE MERITS OF THE CLAIMS OR DEFENSES ASSERTED. THIS NOTICE IS SOLELY TO ADVISE YOU OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF THE ACTIONS AND YOUR RIGHTS IN CONNECTION WITH THAT SETTLEMENT.

## 3. Why is there a settlement? What if there were no settlement?

Neither Court has decided the merits of the Actions in favor of Defendants or Plaintiffs. Instead, both sides agreed to the Settlement to avoid the burden, expense, and uncertainty of further litigation, and Plaintiffs agreed to the Settlement in order to ensure that Settlement Class Members will receive compensation.

If there was no Settlement and Plaintiffs failed to plead or establish any essential legal or factual element of the claims against Defendants, neither Plaintiffs nor the other members of the Settlement Class would recover anything from Defendants. Also, if Defendants were successful in proving any of their defenses, the Settlement Class could recover substantially less than the amount provided in the Settlement, or nothing at all.

#### WHO IS IN THE SETTLEMENT

### 4. How do I know if I am a member of the Settlement Class?

The Court directed that everyone who fits one of these categories is a Settlement Class Member: (i) all persons who purchased or otherwise acquired publicly traded securities issued pursuant to GigCapital3, Inc.'s Form S-1 Registration Statement declared effective on May 5, 2020 with the SEC, as amended by Post-Effective Amendment No. 1, filed on May 13, 2020; (ii) all stockholders of GigCapital3, Inc. as of the March 15, 2021 Record Date that were entitled to vote on GigCapital3's proposed transaction to acquire Lightning Systems; (iii) all persons that purchased or otherwise acquired Lightning eMotors Securities during the period from May 18, 2020 through August 16, 2021, inclusive, and were damaged thereby (the "Federal Class"); and (iv) all record and beneficial holders of GigCapital3 common stock who held such stock during the time period from the Record Date through the Closing Date (the "State Class"). "Settlement Class" means members

of the Federal Class and/or the State Class. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (i) Defendants; (ii) the officers and directors of Lightning eMotors during the Class Period, as well as their Immediate Family Members and their legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns; (iii) any entity in which Defendants have or had a controlling interest; (iv) the PIPE Investor and Convertible Note Investors as defined in Lightning eMotors' Form S-1 and incorporated Proxy Statement dated March 26, 2021, filed with the SEC; and (v) with respect to the State Class, the underwriters in GigCapital3's IPO, who were Nomura Securities International, Inc., Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. and Odeon Capital Group LLC and holders of GigCapital3 common stock who exercised their right to redeem all of their shares in connection with the Business Combination. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are those Persons who timely and validly exclude themselves therefrom by submitting a request for exclusion in accordance with the requirements set forth in question 11 below.

Please Note: Receipt of this Notice does not mean that you are a Settlement Class Member or that you will be entitled to receive a payment from the Settlement. If you are a Settlement Class Member and you wish to be eligible to participate in the distribution of proceeds from the Settlement, you are required to submit the Proof of Claim that is being distributed with this Notice and the required supporting documentation as set forth therein postmarked or submitted online on or before \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

#### 5. What if I am still not sure if I am included?

If you are still not sure whether you are included, you can ask for free help. You can contact the Claims Administrator toll-free at 1-888-726-1695, via email at info@LightningeMotorsSecuritiesSettlement.com, or you can fill out and return, via mail or online, the Proof of Claim enclosed with this Notice package to see if you qualify.

#### THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS – WHAT YOU GET

## 6. What does the Settlement provide?

The Settlement provides that, in exchange for the release of the Released Claims (defined below) and dismissal of the Actions, Defendants have agreed to pay (or cause to be paid) \$13.35 million in cash to be distributed after taxes, tax expenses, notice and claims administration expenses, and approved attorneys' fees and expenses, *pro rata*, to Settlement Class Members who send in a valid Proof of Claim pursuant to the Court-approved Plan of Allocation. The Plan of Allocation is described in more detail at the end of this Notice.

## 7. How much will my payment be?

At this time, it is not possible to make any determination as to how much any individual Settlement Class Member may receive from the Settlement. Your share of the Net Settlement Fund will depend on several things, including the total dollar amount of claims represented by the valid

Proofs of Claim that Settlement Class Members send in, compared to the dollar amount of your claim, all as calculated under the Plan of Allocation discussed below.

Only Settlement Class Members will be potentially eligible to share in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund. Persons and entities that are excluded from the Settlement Class by definition or that exclude themselves from the Settlement Class pursuant to request will not be eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund and should not submit Proofs of Claim. The only securities that are included in the Settlement are GigCapital3's Units, warrants, and common stock (ticker symbols GIK.U, GIK.WS, and GIK) and Lightning eMotors common stock and warrants (ticker symbols ZEV and ZEV.WS).

#### HOW YOU GET A PAYMENT - SUBMITTING A CLAIM FORM

## 8. How can I get a payment?

To be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement, you must submit a Proof of Claim. A Proof of Claim is enclosed with this Notice or it may be downloaded at www.LightningeMotorsSecuritiesSettlement.com. Read the instructions carefully, fill out the Proof of Claim, include all the documents the form asks for, sign it, and mail or submit it online so that it is postmarked or received no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024. The Proof of Claim may be submitted online at www.LightningeMotorsSecuritiesSettlement.com.

## 9. When would I get my payment?

The Court will hold a Settlement Hearing on \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024, at \_\_\_\_\_.m. MST, to decide whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement, there might be appeals. It is always uncertain whether appeals can be resolved, and if so, how long it would take to resolve them. It also takes time for all the Proofs of Claim to be processed. Please be patient.

#### 10. What am I giving up to get a payment or to stay in the Settlement Class?

Unless you timely and validly exclude yourself, you are staying in the Settlement Class, and that means you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendants or the Released Defendant Parties about the Released Claims (as defined below) in these Actions. It also means that all of the Court's orders will apply to you and legally bind you. If you remain a Settlement Class Member, and if the Settlement is approved, you will give up all "Released Claims" (as defined below), including "Unknown Claims" (as defined below), against the "Released Defendant Parties" (as defined below):

• "Released Claims" means any and all claims (including "Unknown Claims," as defined below), demands, losses, rights, damages, and causes of action of any nature and description whatsoever, whether in law or in equity, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, fixed or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, that have been or could have been asserted in either of the Actions or could in the future be asserted

in any forum, whether foreign or domestic, whether arising under federal, state, local, territorial, common, or foreign law, whether class or individual in nature, by Federal Plaintiffs, State Plaintiff, or any member of the Settlement Class, or their successors, assigns, executors, administrators, representatives, attorneys, and agents, in their capacities as such, whether brought directly or indirectly against any of the Released Defendant Parties, that (a) arise out of, are based on, or relate in any way to any of the allegations, acts, transactions, facts, events, matters, occurrences, statements, representations, misrepresentations, or omissions involved, set forth, alleged or referred to in either of the Actions, or which could have been alleged in the Actions, and (b) arise out of, are based on, or relate to the purchase, acquisition, or redemption of any Lightning Securities during the Class Period. "Released Claims" does not, however, include claims to enforce the Settlement, nor does it include any claims that have been or may be brought derivatively on behalf of any entity Defendant.

- "Released Defendants' Claims" means all claims (including, but not limited to, Unknown Claims as defined below), demands, losses, rights, and causes of action of any nature whatsoever by the Released Defendant Parties or any of them against Plaintiffs, Settlement Class Members, or Plaintiffs' Counsel, which arise or relate in any way to the institution, prosecution, assertion, settlement, or resolution of either of the Actions (except for any claims to enforce the Settlement).
- "Released Defendant Parties" means: (i) Defendants; (ii) each Individual Defendant's Immediate Family Members; (iii) each entity Defendant's respective past and present general partners, limited partners, principals, shareholders, foundations, joint venturers, members, officers, directors, managers, managing members, managing directors, supervisors, employees, contractors, consultants, auditors, accountants, advisors (including, without limitation, financial and investment advisors), investment bankers, representatives, fiduciaries, insurers, reinsurers, trustees, trusts, trustors, trust beneficiaries, agents, attorneys, professionals, predecessors, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, and any controlling person thereof, in their capacities as such; and (iv) any entity in which a Defendant has a controlling interest.
- Member, Plaintiffs' Counsel, and each and all of their respective past or present trustees, executors, administrators, officers, directors, partners, members, employees, contractors, auditors, principals, agents, attorneys, predecessors, successors, assigns, representatives, affiliates, joint venturers, shareholders, underwriters, insurers, personal or legal representatives, estates, financial advisors or consultants, banks or investment bankers, parents, subsidiaries, general or limited liability companies, in their capacities as such; and the Immediate Family Members, representatives, and heirs of any Released Plaintiff Party who is an individual, as well as any trust of which any Released Plaintiff Party is the settlor or which is for the benefit of any of their Immediate Family Members. Released Plaintiff Parties do not include any

Person who would otherwise be a Settlement Class Member but who timely and validly requests exclusion from the Settlement Class.

"Unknown Claims" means: (i) any and all Released Claims of every nature and description against the Released Defendant Parties that any Plaintiff or Settlement Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in their, his, her, or its favor at the time of the release which, if known by such Person, might have affected their, his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement and release of the Released Defendant Parties, or might have affected such party's decision(s) with respect to this Settlement or the releases of the Released Defendant Parties; and (ii) any claims against the Released Plaintiff Parties that any Released Defendant Party does not know or suspect to exist in their, his, her, or its favor, which if known by such party, might have affected their, his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement and release of the Released Plaintiff Parties. With respect to any and all Released Claims and Released Defendants' Claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, each Plaintiff and each Defendant shall expressly waive, and each Settlement Class Member shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Judgment shall have waived, any and all provisions, rights, and benefits of California Civil Code §1542, which provides:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY;

and any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any federal, local, territorial, state, common, or foreign law, which is or has an effect which is similar, analogous, comparable, or equivalent to Cal. Civ. Code §1542. Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members may hereafter discover facts, legal theories, or authorities in addition to or different from those which he, she, or it now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims, but Plaintiffs shall expressly, fully, finally, and forever settle and release, and each Settlement Class Member, upon the Effective Date, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever settled and released, any and all Released Claims, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or noncontingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, reckless, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law, or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts, legal theories, or authorities. Plaintiffs and Defendants acknowledge, and Settlement Class Members shall be deemed to have acknowledged, that the inclusion of "Unknown Claims" in the definition of Released Claims and Released Defendants' Claims was separately bargained for and was a material element of the Settlement.

#### EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS

If you do not want to receive a payment from this Settlement, or you want to keep the right to potentially sue Defendants and the other Released Defendant Parties on your own about the claims being released by the Settlement, then you must take steps to remove yourself from the Settlement. This is called excluding yourself – or is sometimes referred to as "opting out." If you are requesting exclusion because you want to bring your own lawsuit based on the matters alleged in the Actions, you may want to consult an attorney and discuss whether any individual claim that you may wish to pursue would be time-barred by the applicable statutes of limitation or repose.

## 11. How do I get out of the Settlement Class and the proposed Settlement?

To exclude yourself from the Settlement Class and the Settlement, you must send a signed and dated letter by mail stating that you "request exclusion from the Settlement Class in the Lightning eMotors Securities Settlement." Your letter must include your purchases or acquisitions of Lightning Securities during the Class Period, including the date(s), the number and type of Lightning Securities purchased or acquired, and price(s) paid for each such purchase or acquisition. In addition, you must include your name, address, telephone number, and in the case of entities, the name and telephone number of the appropriate contact person, and your signature. You must submit your exclusion request so that it is **postmarked no later than**, 2024 to:

Lightning eMotors Securities Settlement
Claims Administrator
c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
EXCLUSIONS
P.O. Box 5100
Larkspur, CA 94977-5100

You cannot exclude yourself by phone or by e-mail. If you make a proper request for exclusion, you will not receive a settlement payment, and you cannot object to the Settlement. If you make a proper request for exclusion, you will not be legally bound by anything that happens in the Actions.

## 12. If I do not exclude myself, can I sue the Defendants and the other Released Defendant Parties for the same thing later?

No. Unless you exclude yourself, you give up any rights you may potentially have to sue the Defendants and the other Released Defendant Parties for any and all Released Claims. If you have a pending lawsuit against the Released Defendant Parties, speak to your lawyer in that case immediately. You must exclude yourself from the Settlement Class in these Actions to continue your own lawsuit. Remember, the exclusion deadline is , 2024.

#### 13. If I exclude myself, can I get money from the proposed Settlement?

No. If you exclude yourself, you will not get money from the proposed Settlement. If you exclude yourself, you should not send in a Proof of Claim to ask for any money.

#### WHO REPRESENTS THE SETTLEMENT CLASS

## 14. Who are the lawyers in this case?

The Court ordered that the law firms of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, Johnson Fistel, LLP, and Grant & Eisenhofer, P.A. represent the Settlement Class Members, including you. These lawyers are called Plaintiffs' Counsel.

#### 15. How will the lawyers be paid?

Lead Counsel will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees on behalf of all Plaintiffs' Counsel not to exceed 33-1/3% of the Settlement Amount and for expenses, costs, and charges in an amount not to exceed \$225,000, in connection with the Actions, plus interest on such fees and expenses at the same rate as earned by the Settlement Fund. In addition, Plaintiffs may seek up to \$10,000 in the aggregate for their time and expenses incurred in representing the Settlement Class. Such sums as may be approved by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Settlement Class Members are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses.

#### **OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT**

You can tell the Court that you do not agree with the Settlement or any part of it.

#### 16. How do I tell the Court that I object to the proposed Settlement?

If you are a Settlement Class Member, you may object to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and/or the fee and expense applications of Plaintiffs' Counsel or Plaintiffs. For any objection to be considered, you must file a written statement with the Clerk of the Court and send a copy to Plaintiffs' Counsel and Defendants' Counsel at the addresses listed below so that it is **received by \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024**. Any objection must: (i) state the name, address, and telephone number of the objector and must be signed by the objector, even if the objector is

represented by counsel; (ii) state the objection(s) and the specific reasons for each objection, including any legal and evidentiary support the objector wishes to bring to the Court's attention and whether the objections apply only to the objector, a specific subset of the Settlement Class, or to the entire Settlement Class; (iii) include documents sufficient to prove the objector's membership in the Settlement Class, including the objecting Settlement Class Member's purchases, acquisitions, and any sales of Lightning Securities on the NYSE during the Class Period, the number and type of Lightning Securities purchased, acquired, or sold during the Class Period, as well as the dates and prices of each such purchase, acquisition, or sale; and (iv) identify all other class action settlements in which you or your counsel have filed objections in the past five years. Attendance at the Settlement Hearing is not necessary; however, persons wishing to be heard orally at the Settlement Hearing are required to indicate in their written objection their intention to appear at the hearing and identify any witnesses they may call to testify and exhibits, if any, they intend to introduce into evidence.

CLERK OF THE COURT	PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL	DEFENDANTS' COUNSEL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF COLORADO Clerk of the Court Alfred A. Arraj United States Courthouse 901 19th Street, Room A105 Denver, CO 80294	ROBBINS GELLER RUDMAN & DOWD LLP Ellen Gusikoff Stewart 655 W. Broadway, Suite 1900 San Diego, CA 92101	DLA PIPER LLP (US)  Melanie E. Walker 2000 Avenue of the Stars Suite 400 North Tower Los Angeles, CA 90067  FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER US LLP  Boris Feldman 855 Main Street Redwood City, CA 94063

#### THE COURT'S SETTLEMENT HEARING

The Court will hold a hearing to decide whether to approve the proposed Settlement. You may attend and you may ask to speak, but you do not have to.

17.	When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the proposed
	Settlement?

The Court will hold a Settlement Hearing at \_\_\_\_\_.m. MST, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, in the Courtroom of the Honorable Regina M. Rodriguez, at the United States District Court for the District of Colorado, Alfred A. Arraj United States Courthouse, 901 19th Street, Denver, CO 80294. At the hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement and the Plan of Allocation are fair,

reasonable, and adequate. If there are objections, the Court will consider them, even if you do not ask to speak at the hearing. The Court will listen to people who have asked to speak at the hearing. The Court may also decide how much to pay to Plaintiffs' Counsel and Plaintiffs. After the Settlement Hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Settlement and the Plan of Allocation. We do not know how long these decisions will take. You should be aware that the Court may change the date and time of the Settlement Hearing without another notice being sent to Settlement Class Members. In order to determine whether the date and time of the Settlement Hearing has changed, or whether Settlement Class Members must or may participate by phone or video, it is important that you monitor the Court's docket and the Settlement website, www.LightningeMotorsSecuritiesSettlement.com, before making any plans to attend the Settlement Hearing. Any updates regarding the Settlement Hearing, including any changes to the date and time of the hearing or updates regarding in-person, telephonic or video conference appearances at the hearing, will be posted to the Settlement website, www.LightningeMotorsSecuritiesSettlement.com. Also, if the Court requires or allows Settlement Class Members to participate in the Settlement Hearing by telephone or video conference, the phone number for accessing the telephonic conference or the website for video conference will be posted to the Settlement website, www.LightningeMotorsSecuritiesSettlement.com. If you want to attend the hearing, either in person or telephonically, if permitted, you should check the Settlement website, www.LightningeMotorsSecuritiesSettlement.com, or contact Plaintiffs' Counsel beforehand to be sure that the date and/or time has not changed.

## 18. Do I have to come to the hearing?

No. Plaintiffs' Counsel will answer questions the Court may have. But, you are welcome to come at your own expense. If you send an objection, you do not have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you mailed your written objection on time, the Court will consider it. You may also pay your own lawyer to attend, but it is not necessary. Settlement Class Members do not need to appear at the hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.

#### 19. May I speak at the hearing?

If you object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the fee and expense applications, you may ask the Court for permission to speak at the Settlement Hearing. To do so, you must include with your objection (see question 16 above) a statement saying that it is your "Notice of Intention to Appear in the Lightning eMotors Securities Settlement." Persons who intend to object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or any attorneys' fees and expenses to be awarded to Plaintiffs' Counsel or Plaintiffs and desire to present evidence at the Settlement Hearing must include in their written objections the identity of any witnesses they may call to testify and exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the Settlement Hearing. Your notice of intention to appear must be received no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024, and addressed to the Clerk of Court, Plaintiffs' Counsel, and Defendants' Counsel, at the addresses listed above in question 16.

You cannot speak at the hearing if you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class.

#### IF YOU DO NOTHING

## 20. What happens if I do nothing?

If you do nothing, you will not receive any money from this Settlement. In addition, unless you exclude yourself, you will not be able to start a lawsuit, continue with a lawsuit, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendants and/or the Released Defendant Parties about the Released Claims in the Actions.

## **GETTING MORE INFORMATION**

## 21. How do I get more information?

For even more detailed information concerning the matters involved in the Actions, you can obtain answers to common questions regarding the proposed Settlement by contacting the Claims Administrator toll-free at 1-888-726-1695 or via email at info@LightningeMotorsSecuritiesSettlement.com. Reference is also made to the Stipulation, to the pleadings in support of the Settlement, to the Orders entered by the Court, and to the other Settlement related papers filed in the litigation, which are posted on the Settlement website at www.LightningeMotorsSecuritiesSettlement.com, and which may be inspected at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Colorado, during regular business hours. For a fee, all papers filed in the litigation are also available at www.pacer.gov.

## THE PROPOSED PLAN OF ALLOCATION OF NET SETTLEMENT FUND AMONG SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBERS

## 22. How will my claim be calculated?

The Plan of Allocation is a matter separate and apart from the proposed Settlement, and any decision by the Court concerning the Plan of Allocation shall not affect the validity or finality of the proposed Settlement. The Court may approve the Plan of Allocation with or without modifications agreed to among the Parties, or may approve another plan of allocation, without further notice to Settlement Class Members.

As discussed above, the Settlement provides \$13.35 million in cash for the benefit of the Settlement Class. The Settlement Amount and any interest or income it earns constitute the "Settlement Fund." The Settlement Fund, after deduction of Court-approved attorneys' fees and expenses, Notice and Administration Costs, Taxes, and any other fees or expenses approved by the Court, is the "Net Settlement Fund." If the Settlement is approved by the Court, the Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to eligible Authorized Claimants -i.e., Settlement Class Members who timely submit valid Proofs of Claim that are accepted for payment by the Claims Administrator -in accordance with this proposed Plan of Allocation ("Plan of Allocation" or "Plan") or such other plan of allocation as the Court may approve. Settlement Class Members who do not timely submit valid Proofs of Claim will not share in the Net Settlement Fund but will otherwise be bound by the

Settlement. The Court may approve this proposed Plan of Allocation, or modify it, without additional notice to the Settlement Class. Any order modifying the Plan of Allocation will be posted on the Settlement website, www.LightningeMotorsSecuritiesSettlement.com.

The objective of the Plan of Allocation is to distribute the Net Settlement Fund proceeds equitably among Settlement Class Members based on their respective alleged economic losses resulting from the federal securities law violations alleged in the Federal Action and the violations of Delaware law alleged in the State Action. The Plan of Allocation is not a formal damage analysis, and the calculations made in accordance with the Plan of Allocation are not intended to be estimates of, or indicative of, the amounts that Settlement Class Members might have been able to recover after a trial. Nor are the calculations in accordance with the Plan of Allocation intended to be estimates of the amounts that will be paid to Authorized Claimants under the Settlement. The computations under the Plan of Allocation are only a method to weigh, in a fair and equitable manner, the claims of Authorized Claimants against one another for the purpose of making *pro rata* allocations of the Net Settlement Fund.

The Plan of Allocation is intended to compensate Settlement Class Members who purchased or otherwise acquired Lightning Securities during the period from May 18, 2020 through August 16, 2021, inclusive. To the extent there are sufficient funds in the Net Settlement Fund, each Authorized Claimant will receive an amount equal to the Authorized Claimant's "Recognized Loss," as described below. If, however, as expected, the amount in the Net Settlement Fund is not sufficient to permit payment of the total Recognized Loss of each Authorized Claimant, then each Authorized Claimant shall be paid the percentage of the Net Settlement Fund that each Authorized Claimant's Recognized Loss bears to the total of the Recognized Loss of all Authorized Claimants – *i.e.*, the Authorized Claimant's *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund.

For purposes of determining the amount an Authorized Claimant may recover under the Plan, Plaintiffs' Counsel conferred with their damages consultant and the Plan reflects an assessment of claims in both the State Action and Federal Action.

## **STATE CLAIMS**

In order to have a State Class Recognized Loss Amount under the Plan of Allocation, you must have held ZEV common stock (defined for purposes of the State Class calculations as common stock of GigCapital3 common stock (GIK), the common stock portion of GigCapital3 Units (GIK.U), and Lightning eMotors common stock (ZEV)), as of March 15, 2021 (the "Record Date"), and continued to hold that stock through at least market-close on May 6, 2021 (the "Closing Date").

Based on the formulas set forth in the Plan of Allocation, a "State Class Recognized Loss Amount" will be calculated for each share of ZEV common stock that was held at close on May 6, 2021 that is listed in a valid and timely Claim Form and for which adequate documentation is provided. If, as calculated, a State Class Recognized Loss Amount is a negative number, that number shall be set to zero. A State Class claimant's "Recognized Claim" under the Plan of Allocation will be the sum of his, her, or its State Class Recognized Loss Amounts.

#### CALCULATION OF STATE CLASS RECOGNIZED LOSS AMOUNTS

For each share of ZEV common stock purchased between May 14, 2020 and March 15, 2021, and:

- A. Sold or redeemed before the close of trading on the Closing Date of May 6, 2021,<sup>3</sup> the State Class Recognized Loss Amount for each such share shall be zero.
- B. Sold at a price below \$10.1019 from May 7, 2021 through June 28, 2024, the State Class Recognized Loss Amount for each such share shall be the Redemption Price of \$10.1019 minus the sale price. If sold from May 7, 2021 through June 28, 2024 at a price of \$10.1019 or greater, the State Class Recognized Loss Amount for each such share shall be zero.
- C. Held as of the close of trading on June 28, 2024, the State Class Recognized Loss Amount for each such share shall be \$10.0655, calculated as the Redemption Price of \$10.1019 minus \$0.0364, the closing price on June 28, 2024.

## **FEDERAL CLAIMS**

All purchases and acquisitions of ZEV common stock<sup>4</sup> and ZEV warrants<sup>5</sup> (together, "ZEV Securities") during the Class Period (May 18, 2020 through and including August 16, 2021) are potentially eligible for compensation based on claims asserted under Section 10(b) of the Exchange

Any transactions in ZEV common stock executed outside of regular trading hours for the U.S. financial markets shall be deemed to have occurred during the next regular trading session.

For purposes of the Federal Class calculations, "ZEV common stock" will refer to shares of Lightning eMotors common stock (ZEV), GigCapital3 common stock (GIK), and the common stock portion of GigCapital3 Units (GIK.U). Each Unit purchased before July 2, 2020 will be treated as a share of GigCapital3 common stock where the transaction price will be calculated as the GigCapital3 Unit price per Unit multiplied by 0.94. Each Unit purchased on or after July 2, 2020 will be treated as a share of GigCapital3 common stock where the transaction price per share will be calculated as the GigCapital3 Unit price per Unit multiplied by the ratio of the closing stock price to the closing Unit price. If the closing prices for Units and common stock are not available on the transaction date, the most recent date with available prices will be used.

For purposes of the Federal Class calculations, "ZEV warrants" will refer to Lightning eMotors warrants (ZEV.WS), GigCapital3 warrants (GIK.WS), and the warrant portion of GigCapital3 Units. Each Unit purchased before July 2, 2020 will be treated as 0.75 of a GigCapital3 warrant and the transaction price per warrant will be the GigCapital3 Unit price per Unit multiplied by 0.08. Each Unit purchased on or after July 2, 2020 will be treated as 0.75 of a GigCapital3 warrant where the transaction price per warrant will be calculated as the GigCapital3 Unit price multiplied by the ratio of the closing warrant price to the closing Unit price. If the closing prices for Units and warrants are not available on the transaction date, the most recent date with available prices will be used.

Act. In addition, certain purchases of ZEV Securities during the Class Period – shares or warrants that were purchased in or traceable to the May 14, 2020 IPO of GigCapital3, Inc. (the "IPO") – are also potentially eligible for compensation based on claims asserted under Section 11 of the Securities Act. Further, certain purchases and acquisitions of ZEV common stock are eligible for compensation based on Section 14 of the Exchange Act.

### Section 10(b) Claims

For losses to be compensable damages under Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, the disclosure of the allegedly misrepresented information must be the cause of the decline in the price of the securities at issue. In this case, Federal Plaintiffs allege that Defendants issued false statements and omitted material facts during the Class Period that artificially inflated the price of ZEV Securities. Federal Plaintiffs allege that corrective information released to the market on August 16, 2021 after market-close impacted the market price of ZEV Securities on August 17, 2021 in a statistically significant manner and removed alleged artificial inflation from the ZEV Securities' prices. Accordingly, in order to have a compensable Section 10(b) loss in this Settlement, shares of ZEV common stock or ZEV warrants must have been purchased or acquired during the Class Period and held through August 16, 2021.

Section 10(b) Recognized Loss Amounts for transactions in ZEV common stock and warrants are calculated under the Plan of Allocation based primarily on the difference in the amount of alleged artificial inflation in the prices of the respective ZEV Securities at the time of purchase or acquisition and at the time of sale, or the difference between the actual purchase/acquisition price and sale price.

#### Section 14(a) Claims

Claims under Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act are asserted with regard to Defendants' alleged negligent preparation, review, and dissemination of the allegedly false and misleading Proxy Statement. Federal Plaintiffs allege members of the Settlement Class were deprived of their right to be presented with accurate proxy materials while asked to vote on GigCapital3's proposed acquisition of Lightning Systems. In order to have a compensable loss in this Settlement under Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act, a claimant must have: (i) purchased ZEV common stock between December 10, 2020 and March 15, 2021; and (ii) sold those shares on or after March 16, 2021 (the "14(a) Class Period").

#### **Section 11 Claims**

Claims under Section 11 of the Securities Act are asserted with respect to shares of ZEV common stock and ZEV warrants purchased or otherwise acquired during the Class Period pursuant or traceable to the IPO. Because the IPO was an initial offering of the security on May 14, 2020, all shares and warrants of ZEV Securities purchased from May 14, 2020, through May 6, 2021 are traceable to the IPO and potentially eligible for recovery under Section 11 of the Securities Act.

The statutory formula for the calculation of damages under Section 11 of the Securities Act serves as the basis for the calculation of the "Securities Act Loss Amounts" under the Plan of Allocation. The formulas stated below, which were developed by Plaintiffs' damages expert, track that statutory formula. For purposes of the statutory calculations, May 20, 2022, the date of the filing of the Federal Complaint, is considered to be the "date of suit" and June 28, 2024, is considered to be the "date of judgment."

#### CALCULATION OF FEDERAL CLASS RECOGNIZED LOSS AMOUNTS

For purposes of determining whether a claimant has a Federal Class Recognized Loss, purchases, acquisitions, and sales of ZEV common stock and warrants, respectively, will first be matched on a First In/First out ("FIFO") basis.

The Federal Class Recognized Loss Amount for each purchase or acquisition of ZEV common stock and ZEV warrant during the Class Period is the maximum of: (a) the Section 10(b) Recognized Loss Amount, if any; (b) the Section 11 Recognized Loss Amount, if any; and (c) the Section 14 Recognized Loss Amount, if any. To the extent that the calculation of a claimant's Federal Class Recognized Loss Amount results in a negative number, that number shall be set to zero.<sup>6</sup>

A Federal Class claimant's "Federal Class Recognized Claim" under the Plan of Allocation will be the sum of his, her, their, or its Federal Class Recognized Loss Amounts.

### **Common Stock Calculations**

## Section 10(b) Recognized Loss Amounts

For each share of ZEV common stock purchased or otherwise acquired during the Class Period and:

- A. Sold before August 17, 2021, the Section 10(b) Recognized Loss Amount for each such share shall be zero.
- B. Sold during the period from August 17, 2021 through November 12, 2021, the Section 10(b) Recognized Loss Amount for each such share shall be *the least of*:
  - a. \$1.35; or
  - b. the actual purchase/acquisition price of each such share *minus* the average closing price from August 17, 2021 up to the date of sale as set forth in **Table 1** below; or

Any transactions in ZEV Securities executed outside of regular trading hours for the U.S. financial markets shall be deemed to have occurred during the next regular trading session.

- c. the purchase/acquisition price *minus* the sale price.
- C. Held as of the close of trading on November 12, 2021, the Section 10(b) Recognized Loss Amount for each such share shall be *the lesser of*:
  - a. \$1.35; or
  - b. the actual purchase/acquisition price of each such share *minus* \$8.46.<sup>7</sup>

## **Section 11 Recognized Loss Amounts**

For each share of ZEV common stock purchased or otherwise acquired in the May 14, 2020 IPO through May 6, 2021 and:

- A. Sold before May 20, 2022, the Section 11 Recognized Loss Amount for each such share shall be the purchase/acquisition price per share (not to exceed the issue price at the Offering of \$9.40 per share) *minus* the sale price per share.<sup>8</sup>
- B. Sold from May 20, 2022 through the close of trading on June 28, 2024, the Section 11 Recognized Loss Amount for each such share shall be the purchase/acquisition price per share (not to exceed the issue price at the Offering of \$9.40 per share) *minus* the sale price per share (not to be less than \$3.68 per share, the closing price on May 20, 2022).
- C. Retained through the close of trading on June 28, 2024, the Section 11 Recognized Loss Amount for each such share shall be the purchase/acquisition price per share (not to exceed the issue price at the Offering of \$9.40 per share) *minus* \$3.68 per share, the closing price on May 20, 2022.

Pursuant to Section 21D(e)(1) of the Exchange Act, "in any private action arising under this title in which the plaintiff seeks to establish damages by reference to the market price of a security, the award of damages to the plaintiff shall not exceed the difference between the purchase or sale price paid or received, as appropriate, by the plaintiff for the subject security and the mean trading price of that security during the 90-day period beginning on the date on which the information correcting the misstatement or omission that is the basis for the action is disseminated to the market." Consistent with the requirements of the Exchange Act, Section 10(b) Recognized Loss Amounts are reduced to an appropriate extent by taking into account the closing prices of ZEV common stock during the "90-day look-back period," August 17, 2021 through November 12, 2021. The mean (average) closing price for ZEV common stock during this 90-day look-back period was \$8.46.

For any GigCapital3 Unit sold as a GigCapital3 Unit (not converted into common stock and warrants), the Section 11 Recognized Loss Amount for each such Unit shall be the purchase/acquisition price per Unit (not to exceed the issue price at the Offering of \$10.00 per share) *minus* the sale price per Unit.

## **Section 14 Recognized Loss Amounts**

For each share of ZEV common stock purchased or otherwise acquired between December 10, 2020 and March 15, 2021, and sold on or after March 16, 2021, the Section 14 Recognized Loss Amount is equal to the lesser of: (a) \$1.35; or (b) the \$10.1019 redemption price *minus* sale price.

#### **Warrant Calculations**

## Section 10(b) Recognized Loss Amounts

- 1. For each ZEV warrant purchased or otherwise acquired during the Class Period and:
- A. Sold before August 17, 2021, the Section 10(b) Recognized Loss Amount for each such warrant shall be zero.
- B. Sold during the period from August 17, 2021 through November 12, 2021, the Section 10(b) Recognized Loss Amount for each such warrant shall be *the least of*:
  - a. \$0.32; or
  - b. the actual purchase/acquisition price of each such warrant *minus* the average closing price from August 17, 2021 up to the date of sale as set forth in **Table 1** below; or
  - c. the purchase/acquisition price *minus* the sale price.
- C. Held as of the close of trading on November 12, 2021, the Section 10(b) Recognized Loss Amount for each such warrant shall be *the lesser of*:
  - a. \$0.32; or
  - b. the actual purchase/acquisition price of each such warrant *minus* \$1.56.9

As noted above, consistent with the requirements of the Exchange Act, Section 10(b) Recognized Loss Amounts are reduced to an appropriate extent by taking into account the closing prices of ZEV warrants during the "90-day look-back period," August 17, 2021 through November 12, 2021. The mean (average) closing price for ZEV warrants during this 90-day look-back period was \$1.56.

## **Section 11 Recognized Loss Amounts**

- 1. For each ZEV warrant purchased or otherwise acquired in the May 14, 2020 IPO through May 6, 2021 and:
- A. Sold before May 20, 2022, the Section 11 Recognized Loss Amount for each such warrant shall be the purchase/acquisition price per warrant (not to exceed the issue price at the Offering of \$0.80 per warrant) *minus* the sale price per warrant;
- B. Sold from May 20, 2022 through the close of trading on June 28, 2024, the Section 11 Recognized Loss Amount for each such warrant shall be the purchase/acquisition price per warrant (not to exceed the issue price at the Offering of \$0.80 per warrant) *minus* the sale price per warrant (not to be less than \$0.48 per warrant, the closing price on May 20, 2022);
- C. Retained through the close of trading on June 28, 2024, the Section 11 Recognized Loss Amount for each such warrant shall be the purchase/acquisition price per warrant (not to exceed the issue price at the Offering of \$0.80 per warrant) *minus* \$0.48 per warrant, the closing price on May 20, 2022.

#### **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

All purchases, acquisitions, and sales shall exclude any fees, taxes, and commissions.

Purchases, acquisitions, and sales of ZEV Securities shall be deemed to have occurred on the "contract" or "trade" date as opposed to the "settlement" or "payment" date. The receipt or grant by gift, inheritance or operation of law of ZEV Securities shall not be deemed a purchase, acquisition, or sale for the purposes of calculating an Authorized Claimant's Recognized Claim, nor shall the receipt or grant be deemed an assignment of any claim relating to the purchase/acquisition of such shares or warrants of such ZEV Securities unless: (i) the donor or decedent purchased or otherwise acquired such shares/warrants of ZEV Securities; (ii) no Claim Form was submitted by or on behalf of the donor, on behalf of the decedent, or by anyone else with respect to such shares/warrants of ZEV Securities; and (iii) it is specifically so provided in the instrument of gift or assignment.

The date of covering a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of purchase or acquisition of ZEV common stock. The date of a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of sale of ZEV common stock. Under the Plan of Allocation, however, the Recognized Loss Amount on "short sales" is zero and the Recognized Loss Amount on any portion of a purchase or acquisition that matches against (or "covers") a "short sale" is zero. The Recognized Loss Amount on a "short sale" that is not covered by a purchase or acquisition is also zero.

ZEV common stock is the only security eligible for recovery under the Plan of Allocation with regard to the State Class. ZEV common stock, ZEV warrants, and ZEV Units are the only securities eligible for recovery under the Plan of Allocation with regard to the Federal Class. Option Contracts are not securities eligible to participate in the Settlement. With respect to shares of ZEV common stock purchased or sold through the exercise of an option, the purchase/sale date of the

ZEV common stock is the exercise date of the option and the purchase/sale price of the ZEV common stock is the exercise price of the option.

The Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Authorized Claimants on a *pro rata* basis based on the relative size of their Recognized Claims. If any Authorized Claimant's Recognized Claim calculates to less than \$10.00, it will not be included in the calculation, and no distribution will be made to that Authorized Claimant, however, they will nevertheless be bound by the Settlement and the Order and Final Judgment of the Court dismissing the Actions.

If the sum total of Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants who are entitled to receive payment out of the Net Settlement Fund is greater than the Net Settlement Fund, each Authorized Claimant shall receive his, her, their, or its *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund. If the Net Settlement Fund exceeds the sum total amount of the Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants entitled to receive payment out of the Net Settlement Fund, the excess amount in the Net Settlement Fund shall be distributed *pro rata* to all Authorized Claimants entitled to receive payment.

Distributions will be made to Authorized Claimants after all claims have been processed and after the Court has finally approved the Settlement. After the initial distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, the Claims Administrator will make reasonable and diligent efforts to have Authorized Claimants cash their distribution checks. To the extent any monies remain in the fund after a reasonable amount of time following the date of the initial distribution, if Plaintiffs' Counsel, in consultation with the Claims Administrator, determine that it is cost-effective to do so, the Claims Administrator will conduct a re-distribution of the funds remaining after payment of any unpaid fees and expenses incurred in administering the Settlement, including for such re-distribution, to Authorized Claimants who have cashed their initial distributions and who would receive at least \$10.00 from such re-distribution. Additional re-distributions to Authorized Claimants who have cashed their prior checks may occur thereafter if Plaintiffs' Counsel, in consultation with the Claims Administrator, determine that additional re-distributions, after the deduction of any additional fees and expenses incurred in administering the Settlement, including for such re-distributions, would be cost-effective. At such time as it is determined that the re-distribution of funds remaining in the Net Settlement Fund is not cost-effective, the remaining balance shall be donated to a non-sectarian, notfor-profit charitable organization(s) serving the public interest, designated by Plaintiffs' Counsel, and approved by the Court.

Please contact the Claims Administrator or Plaintiffs' Counsel if you disagree with determinations made by the Claims Administrator regarding your Claim Form. If you are dissatisfied with the determinations, you may ask the Court, which retains jurisdiction over all Settlement Class Members and the claims administration process, to decide the issue by submitting a written request.

Payment pursuant to the Plan of Allocation or such other plan as may be approved by the Court for this Settlement shall be conclusive against all Authorized Claimants. No person shall have any claim against Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs' Counsel, Plaintiffs' damages expert, Defendants, Defendants'

Counsel, any of the other Settlement Class Members, or the Claims Administrator or other agent designated by Plaintiffs' Counsel arising from distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation, the Plan of Allocation approved by the Court, or further orders of the Court. Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs' Counsel, Defendants and their respective counsel, and all other Released Defendant Parties shall have no responsibility for or liability whatsoever for the investment or distribution of the Settlement Fund or the Net Settlement Fund; the Plan of Allocation; the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any Claim Form or nonperformance of the Claims Administrator; the payment or withholding of Taxes; or any losses incurred in connection therewith.

Settlement Class Members who do not submit acceptable Claim Forms will not share in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund. However, they will nevertheless be bound by the Settlement and the Order and Final Judgment of the Court dismissing the Actions unless they have timely and validly sought exclusion.

The Court has reserved jurisdiction to allow, disallow, or adjust on equitable grounds the claim of any Settlement Class Member or claimant. Each claimant shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to his, her, or its Claim Form.

TABLE 1

ZEV Common Stock and Warrants
Average Closing Prices

August 17, 2021 – November 12, 2021

Date	ZEV Common Stock Average Closing Price Between August 17, 2021 and Date Shown	ZEV Warrants Average Closing Price Between August 17, 2021 and Date Shown	Date	ZEV Common Stock Average Closing Price Between August 17, 2021 and Date Shown	ZEV Warrants Average Closing Price Between August 17, 2021 and Date Shown
8/17/2021	8.00	1.44	10/1/2021	8.64	1.57
8/18/2021	7.99	1.42	10/4/2021	8.64	1.57
8/19/2021	7.81	1.36	10/5/2021	8.63	1.57
8/20/2021	7.74	1.33	10/6/2021	8.61	1.56
8/23/2021	7.71	1.30	10/7/2021	8.59	1.56
8/24/2021	7.68	1.29	10/8/2021	8.57	1.56
8/25/2021	7.64	1.28	10/11/2021	8.55	1.56
8/26/2021	7.61	1.27	10/12/2021	8.54	1.55
8/27/2021	7.60	1.27	10/13/2021	8.53	1.55
8/30/2021	7.70	1.31	10/14/2021	8.52	1.55
8/31/2021	7.82	1.35	10/15/2021	8.50	1.55
9/1/2021	7.92	1.37	10/18/2021	8.49	1.55
9/2/2021	7.99	1.39	10/19/2021	8.48	1.55

Date	ZEV Common Stock Average Closing Price Between August 17, 2021 and Date Shown	ZEV Warrants Average Closing Price Between August 17, 2021 and Date Shown	Date	ZEV Common Stock Average Closing Price Between August 17, 2021 and Date Shown	ZEV Warrants Average Closing Price Between August 17, 2021 and Date Shown
9/3/2021	8.08	1.42	10/20/2021	8.47	1.54
9/7/2021	8.15	1.43	10/21/2021	8.46	1.54
9/8/2021	8.20	1.44	10/22/2021	8.44	1.54
9/9/2021	8.27	1.46	10/25/2021	8.43	1.54
9/10/2021	8.36	1.48	10/26/2021	8.41	1.53
9/13/2021	8.42	1.49	10/27/2021	8.40	1.53
9/14/2021	8.45	1.50	10/28/2021	8.40	1.53
9/15/2021	8.48	1.51	10/29/2021	8.39	1.53
9/16/2021	8.51	1.51	11/1/2021	8.40	1.54
9/17/2021	8.55	1.52	11/2/2021	8.40	1.54
9/20/2021	8.56	1.53	11/3/2021	8.41	1.54
9/21/2021	8.57	1.53	11/4/2021	8.41	1.54
9/22/2021	8.59	1.53	11/5/2021	8.42	1.55
9/23/2021	8.61	1.54	11/8/2021	8.44	1.55
9/24/2021	8.62	1.55	11/9/2021	8.44	1.55
9/27/2021	8.63	1.56	11/10/2021	8.45	1.56
9/28/2021	8.64	1.56	11/11/2021	8.46	1.56
9/29/2021	8.65	1.56	11/12/2021	9.46	1.56
9/30/2021	8.64	1.56	11/12/2021	8.46	1.56

#### SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECURITIES BROKERS AND OTHER NOMINEES

If, during the Class Period, you purchased or otherwise acquired Lightning Securities for the beneficial interest of an individual or entity other than yourself, the Court has directed that, WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE, you either: (a) provide to the Claims Administrator the name and last known address of each person or organization for whom or which you purchased such securities during such time period, or (b) request additional copies of this Notice and the Proof of Claim, which will be provided to you free of charge, and within ten (10) days mail the Notice and Proof of Claim directly to the beneficial owners of the securities referred to herein. If you choose to follow alternative procedure (b), upon such mailing, you must send a statement to the Claims Administrator confirming that the mailing was made as directed and retain the names and addresses for any future mailings to Settlement Class Members. You are entitled to reimbursement from the Settlement Fund of your reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with the foregoing, including reimbursement of postage expense and the cost of ascertaining the names and addresses of beneficial owners. Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses actually incurred in connection with the foregoing includes up to \$0.03 for providing names, addresses, and email addresses to the Claims Administrator per record, up to a maximum of \$0.03 per Notice and Claim Form emailed or

mailed by you, plus postage at the rate used by the Clams Administrator. Your reasonable expenses will be paid upon request and submission of appropriate supporting documentation. All communications concerning the foregoing should be addressed to the Claims Administrator:

Lightning eMotors Securities Settlement
Claims Administrator
c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
P.O. Box 301170
Los Angeles, CA 90030-1170
www.LightningeMotorsSecuritiesSettlement.com

DATED:	
	BY ORDER OF THE COURT
	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
	DISTRICT OF COLORADO

# **EXHIBIT A-2**

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-02774-RMR-KAS (consolidated with 1:21-cv-3215-RMR-KAS)

JOHNNY R. SHAFER, DAVID P. SARRO, KEVIN L. TYE, JESS Q. WILLIAMS, JUSTIN COHEN,

Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

LIGHTNING EMOTORS, INC.,
TIMOTHY R. REESER,
TERESA P. COVINGTON,
GIGACQUISITIONS3 LLC,
GIGCAPITAL GLOBAL,
AVI S. KATZ,
RALUCA DINU,
NEIL MIOTTO
GIGFOUNDERS LLC
BRAD WEIGHTMAN,
ANDREA BETTI-BERUTTO,
PETER WANG,
JOHN J. MIKULSKY, and
ROBERT FENWICK-SMITH,

Defendants.

#### IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

RICHARD DELMAN,	)
Plaintiff,	)
v.	) C.A. No. 2021-0679-LWW
GIGACQUISITIONS3, LLC, AVI KATZ, RALUCA DINU, NEIL MIOTTO, JOHN MIKULSKY, ANDREA BETTI-BERUTTO,	) ) )

and PETER WANG,  Defendants.  PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE		EX	HIBIT A-2	
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	and PETER WANG,	Defendants.	) ) )	

### I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. To recover as a member of the Settlement Class based on your claims in the actions titled *Shafer v. Lightning eMotors, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:21-cv-02774-RMR-KAS (D. Colo.) (the "Federal Action") and *Delman v. GigAcquisitions3, LLC, et al.*, C.A. No. 2021-0679-LWW (Del. Ch.) (the "State Action," and together with the Federal Action, the "Actions"), you must complete and, on page \_\_ hereof, sign this Proof of Claim and Release ("Claim Form"). If you fail to submit a properly addressed (as set forth in paragraph 3 below) Claim Form, postmarked or received by the date shown below, your claim may be rejected and you may be precluded from any recovery from the Net Settlement Fund created in connection with the proposed settlement of the Actions (the "Settlement").<sup>1</sup>
- 2. Submission of this Claim Form, however, does not assure that you will share in the proceeds of the Settlement.
- 3. YOU MUST MAIL OR SUBMIT ONLINE YOUR COMPLETED AND SIGNED CLAIM FORM, ACCOMPANIED BY COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED HEREIN, NO LATER THAN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024, TO THE COURT-APPOINTED CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR, AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Lightning eMotors Securities Settlement
Claims Administrator
c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
P.O. Box 301170
Los Angeles, CA 90030-1170

Online Submissions: www.LightningeMotorsSecuritiesSettlement.com

This Claim Form incorporates by reference the definitions in the Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation"), which can be obtained at www.LightningeMotorsSecuritiesSettlement.com.

Do not mail or deliver your Claim Form to the Court, the Parties to the Actions, or their counsel. Submit your Claim Form only to the Claims Administrator at the address set forth above. If you are NOT a member of the Settlement Class (as defined below and in the Notice of: (I) Proposed Settlement and Plan of Allocation; (II) Settlement Hearing; and (III) Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses (the "Notice")), DO NOT submit a Claim Form.

- 4. If you are a member of the Settlement Class and you do not request exclusion, you will be bound by the terms of any judgment entered in the Actions, including the releases provided therein, WHETHER OR NOT YOU SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM.
- 5. It is important that you completely read and understand the Notice that accompanies this Claim Form, including the Plan of Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund set forth in the Notice. The Notice describes the proposed Settlement, how Settlement Class Members are affected by the Settlement, and the manner in which the Net Settlement Fund will be distributed if the Settlement and Plan of Allocation are approved by the Federal Court. The Notice (as well as the Stipulation) also contains the definitions of many of the defined terms (which are indicated by initial capital letters) used in this Claim Form. By signing and submitting this Claim Form, you will be certifying that you have read and that you understand the Notice, including the terms of the releases described therein and provided for herein.

### II. CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION

You are a member of the Settlement Class if you: (i) purchased or otherwise acquired publicly traded securities issued pursuant to GigCapital3, Inc.'s Form S-1 Registration Statement declared effective on May 5, 2020 with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), as amended by Post-Effective Amendment No. 1, filed on May 13, 2020; (ii) were a stockholder of

GigCapital3, Inc. ("GigCapital3") as of the March 15, 2021 Record Date that were entitled to vote on GigCapital3's proposed transaction to acquire Lightning eMotors, Inc. ("Lightning" or "Lightning eMotors"); (iii) purchased or otherwise acquired GigCapital3 or Lightning eMotors Securities during the period from May 18, 2020 through August 16, 2021, inclusive, and were damaged thereby; or (iv) were stockholders of GigCapital3 during the time period from the Record Date through the May 6, 2021 Closing Date (the "Settlement Class"). Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (i) Defendants; (ii) the officers and directors of Lightning during the Class Period, as well as their Immediate Family Members and their legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns; (iii) any entity in which Defendants have or had a controlling interest; (iv) the PIPE Investor and Convertible Note Investors as defined in Lightning's Form S-1 and incorporated Proxy Statement dated March 26, 2021, filed with the SEC; and (v) with respect to the State Class, the underwriters in GigCapital3's IPO, who were Nomura Securities International, Inc., Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. and Odeon Capital Group LLC and holders of GigCapital3 common stock who exercised their right to redeem all of their shares in connection with the Business Combination. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are any Persons who exclude themselves by submitting a timely and valid request for exclusion in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Notice.

Use Part I of this Claim Form entitled "Claimant Identification" to identify each purchaser, acquirer, or seller of record ("nominee"), if different from the beneficial purchaser, acquirer, or seller of the Lightning Securities which forms the basis of this claim. THIS CLAIM MUST BE FILED BY THE ACTUAL BENEFICIAL PURCHASER(S), ACQUIRER(S), OR SELLER(S) OR THE LIGHTNING SECURITIES UPON WHICH THIS CLAIM IS BASED.

All joint purchasers, acquirers, or sellers must sign this Claim Form. Executors, administrators, guardians, conservators, and trustees must complete and sign this Claim Form on behalf of persons represented by them and their authority must accompany this Claim Form and their titles or capacities must be stated. The last four digits of the Social Security Number (or full Taxpayer Identification Number) and telephone number of the beneficial owner may be used in verifying the claim. Failure to provide the foregoing information could delay verification of your claim or result in rejection of the claim.

If you are acting in a representative capacity on behalf of a member of the Settlement Class (for example, as an executor, administrator, trustee, or other representative), you must submit evidence of your current authority to act on behalf of that member of the Settlement Class. Such evidence would include, for example, letters testamentary, letters of administration, or a copy of the trust documents.

One Claim Form should be submitted for each separate legal entity. Separate Claim Forms should be submitted for each separate legal entity (*e.g.*, a claim from joint owners should not include separate transactions of just one of the joint owners, and an individual should not combine his or her IRA transactions with transactions made solely in the individual's name). Conversely, a single Claim Form should be submitted on behalf of one legal entity, including all transactions made by that entity on one Claim Form, no matter how many separate accounts that entity has (*e.g.*, a corporation with multiple brokerage accounts should include all transactions made in all accounts on one Claim Form).

NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC FILES: Certain claimants with large numbers of transactions may request to, or may be requested to, submit information regarding their transactions

in electronic files. All such claimants MUST also submit a manually signed paper Claim Form listing all their transactions whether or not they also submit electronic copies. If you wish to submit your Claim Form electronically, you must contact the Claims Administrator at edata@gilardi.com to obtain the required file layout. Any file not in accordance with the required electronic filing format will be subject to rejection. Only one Claim Form should be submitted for each separate legal entity (see above) and the complete name of the beneficial owner(s) of the securities must be entered where called for. Distribution payments must be made by check or electronic payment payable to the Authorized Claimant (beneficial account owner). The third-party filer shall not be the payee of any distribution payment check or electronic distribution payment. No electronic files will be considered to have been properly submitted unless the Claims Administrator issues to the claimant a written acknowledgement of receipt and acceptance of electronically submitted data. Do not assume that your file has been received until you receive this notification.

### III. CLAIM FORM

Use Part II of this Claim Form entitled "Schedule of Transactions in Lightning Securities," to supply all required details of your transaction(s) in Lightning Securities. If you need more space or additional schedules, attach separate sheets giving all of the required information in substantially the same form. Sign and print or type your name on each additional sheet.

On the schedules, provide all of the requested information with respect to *all* of your holdings, purchases, or acquisitions and *all* of your sales of Lightning Securities, whether such transactions resulted in a profit or a loss. Failure to report all such transactions may result in the rejection of your claim.

List each transaction separately and in chronological order, by trade date, beginning with the earliest. You must accurately provide the month, day, and year of each transaction you list.

For short-sale transactions, the date of covering a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of purchase of Lightning Securities, and the date of a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of sale of Lightning Securities.

For each transaction, you must provide, together with this Claim Form, copies of stockbroker confirmation slips, stockbroker statements, or other documents adequately evidencing your transactions in Lightning Securities. If any such documents are not in your possession, please obtain a copy or equivalent documents from your broker because these documents are necessary to prove and process your claim. Failure to provide this documentation could delay verification of your claim or result in rejection of your claim. THE PARTIES DO NOT HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR TRANSACTIONS IN LIGHTNING SECURITIES.

PLEASE NOTE: As set forth in the Plan of Allocation, each Authorized Claimant shall receive his, her, or its *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund. If the prorated payment to any Authorized Claimant calculates to less than \$10.00, it will not be included in the calculation and no distribution will be made to that Authorized Claimant.

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Shafer v. Lightning eMotors, Inc., et al.

Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-02774-RMR-KAS

### PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE

Must Be Postmarked (if mailed) or Received (if submitted online) No Later Than:

\_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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REMEMBER TO ATTACH COPIES OF BROKER CONFIRMATIONS OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION OF YOUR TRANSACTIONS IN LIGHTNING SECURITIES. FAILURE TO PROVIDE THIS DOCUMENTATION COULD DELAY VERIFICATION OF YOUR CLAIM OR RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR CLAIM.

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A. Purchases of GigCapital3, Inc. Units between May 14, 2020 and May 6, 2021, inclusive:

Trade Date (MM-DD- YYYY)	Number of Units Purchased	Total Purchase Price
1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3

B. Purchases of GigCapital3, Inc. common stock between May 14, 2020 and May 6, 2021, inclusive:

Trade Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	Number of Shares Purchased	Total Purchase Price
1	1	1
2	2	2
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C. Purchases of GigCapital3, Inc. warrants between May 14, 2020 and May 6, 2021, inclusive:

Trade Date (MM-DD- YYYY)	Number of Warrants Purchased	Total Purchase Price
	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
November 12, 2021	, inclusive: <sup>2</sup>	on stock between May 7, 2021 and
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	1	1
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3	3	3
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F. Sales of GigCapital3, Inc. Units between May 14, 2020 and May 6, 2021, inclusive:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Information requested about your purchases on August 17, 2021, through and including the close of trading on November 12, 2021, is needed only in order for the Claims Administrator to confirm that you have reported all relevant transactions. Purchases during this period are not eligible for a recovery because they were made outside the Class Period.

SALES  Trade Date(s) of Shares (List Chronologically)	Number of Shares Sold	Total Sales Price (Excluding Commissions, Taxes and Fees) Proof of Please round off to Sales the nearest whole dollar Enclosed
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G. Sales of GigCapital3, Inc. warrants between May 14, 2020 and May 6, 2021, inclusive:

Trade Date(s) of Shares (List Chronologically)	Number of Shares Sold	Total Sales Price (Excluding Commissions, Taxes and Fees) Please round off to Sales the nearest whole dollar Enclose	s
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H. Sales of GigCapital3, Inc. common stock between May 14, 2020 and May 6, 2021, inclusive:

Trade Date(s) of Shares (List Chronologically)	Number of Shares Sold	Total Sales Price (Excluding Commissions, Taxes and Fees) Please round off to the nearest whole dollar	Proof of Sales Enclosed?
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I. Sales of Lightning eMotors, Inc. common stock between May 7, 2021 and November 12, 2021, inclusive:

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K. Number of shares of GigCapital3, Inc. common stock held at the close of trading on March 15, 2021:

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L. Number of shares of GigCapital3, Inc. common stock held at the close of trading on May 6, 2021:

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M. Number of shares of Lightning eMotors, Inc. common stock held at the close of trading on August 16, 2021:

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N. Number of Lightning eMotors, Inc. warrants held at the close of trading on August 16, 2021:

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O. Number of shares of Lightning eMotors, Inc. common stock held at the close of trading on November 12, 2021:

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P. Number of shares of Lightning eMotors, Inc. warrants held at the close of trading on November 12, 2021:

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If you require additional space, attach extra schedules in the same format as above. Signand print your name on each additional page.

YOU MUST READ AND SIGN THE RELEASE ON PAGE\_\_\_. FAILURE TO SIGN THE RELEASE MAY RESULT IN A DELAY IN PROCESSING OR THE REJECTION OF YOUR CLAIM.

### IV. SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION OF COURT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I (We) submit this Claim Form under the terms of the Stipulation described in the Notice. I (We) also submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of Colorado with respect to my (our) claim as a member of the Settlement Class and for purposes of enforcing the releases set forth herein. I (We) further acknowledge that I am (we are) bound by and subject to the terms of the Stipulation and any judgment that may be entered in the Actions, including the releases and the covenants set forth herein. I (We) agree to furnish additional information to the Claims Administrator to support this claim if requested to do so. I (We) have not submitted any other claim covering the same purchases, acquisitions, or sales of Lightning Securities during the Class Period and know of no other Person having done so on my (our) behalf.

### V. RELEASES

- 1. I (We) hereby acknowledge full and complete satisfaction of, and do hereby fully, finally, and forever waive, compromise, settle, discharge, extinguish, and release from the "Released Claims" (as defined below) each and all of the "Released Defendant Parties" (as defined below).
- 2. "Released Claims" means any and all claims (including "Unknown Claims," as defined below), demands, losses, rights, damages, and causes of action of any nature and description whatsoever, whether in law or in equity, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, fixed or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, that have been or could have been asserted in either of the Actions or could in the future be asserted in any forum, whether foreign or domestic, whether arising under federal, state, local, territorial, common, or foreign law, whether class or individual in nature, by Federal Plaintiffs, State Plaintiff, or any member of the Settlement Class, or their successors, assigns, executors, administrators, representatives, attorneys, and agents, in their capacities as such, whether brought directly or indirectly against any of the Released Defendant Parties, that (a) arise out of, are based on, or relate in any way to any of the allegations, acts, transactions, facts, events, matters, occurrences, statements, representations, misrepresentations, or omissions involved, set forth, alleged or referred to, in either of the Actions, or which could have been alleged in the Actions, and (b) arise out of, are based on, or relate to the purchase, acquisition, or redemption of any Lightning Securities during the Class Period. "Released Claims" does not, however, include claims to enforce the Settlement, nor does it include any claims that have been or may be brought derivatively on behalf of any entity Defendant.
- 3. "Released Defendants' Claims" means all claims (including, but not limited to, Unknown Claims as defined below), demands, losses, rights, and causes of actions of any nature

whatsoever by the Released Defendant Parties or any of them against Plaintiffs, Settlement Class Members, or Plaintiffs' Counsel, which arise or relate in any way to the institution, prosecution, assertion, settlement, or resolution of either of the Actions (except for any claims to enforce the Settlement).

- 4. "Released Defendant Parties" means: (i) Defendants; (ii) each Individual Defendant's Immediate Family Members; (iii) each entity Defendant's respective past and present general partners, limited partners, principals, shareholders, foundations, joint venturers, members, officers, directors, managers, managing members, managing directors, supervisors, employees, contractors, consultants, auditors, accountants, advisors (including, without limitation, financial and investment advisors), investment bankers, representatives, fiduciaries, insurers, reinsurers, trustees, trusts, trustors, trust beneficiaries, agents, attorneys, professionals, predecessors, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, and any controlling person thereof, in their capacities as such; and (iv) any entity in which a Defendant has a controlling interest.
- 5. "Unknown Claims" means: (i) any and all Released Claims of every nature and description against the Released Defendant Parties that any Plaintiff or Settlement Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in their, his, her, or its favor at the time of the release which, if known by such Person, might have affected their, his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement and release of the Released Defendant Parties, or might have affected such party's decision(s) with respect to this Settlement or the releases of the Released Defendant Parties; and (ii) any claims against the Released Plaintiff Parties that any Released Defendant Party does not know or suspect to exist in their, his, her, or its favor, which if known by such party, might have affected their, his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement and release of the Released Plaintiff

Parties. With respect to any and all Released Claims and Released Defendants' Claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, each Plaintiff and each Defendant shall expressly waive, and each Settlement Class Member shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Judgment shall have waived, any and all provisions, rights, and benefits of Cal. Civ. Code §1542, which provides:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY:

and any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any federal, state, local, territorial, common, or foreign law, which is or has an effect which is similar, analogous, comparable, or equivalent to Cal. Civ. Code §1542. Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members may hereafter discover facts, legal theories, or authorities in addition to or different from those which he, she, or it now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims, but Plaintiffs shall expressly, fully, finally, and forever settle and release, and each Settlement Class Member, upon the Effective Date, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever settled and released, any and all Released Claims, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, reckless, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law, or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts, legal theories, or authorities. Plaintiffs and Defendants acknowledge, and Settlement Class Members shall be deemed

to have acknowledged, that the inclusion of "Unknown Claims" in the definition of Released Claims and Released Defendants' Claims was separately bargained for and was a material element of the Settlement.

- 6. These releases shall be of no force or effect unless and until the Court approves the Stipulation and the Settlement becomes effective on the Effective Date.
- 7. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have not assigned or transferred or purported to assign or transfer, voluntarily or involuntarily, any claim or matter released pursuant to this release or any other part or portion thereof.
- 8. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have included information about all of my (our) purchases, acquisitions, and sales of Lightning Securities during the Class Period and the number of shares of GigCapital3, Inc. common stock held by me (us) at the close of trading on March 15, 2021 and May 6, 2021, and the number of Lightning eMotors, Inc. warrants and shares of common stock at the close of trading on August 16, 2021 and November 12, 2021.
- 9. (We) declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing information supplied by the undersigned is true and correct.

Executed this day of(Month	n/Year) in in (City/State/Country)
(Sign your name here)	(Sign your name here)
(Type or print your name here)	(Type or print your name here)
(Capacity of person(s) signing, e.g., Beneficial Purchaser, Executor or Administrator)	(Capacity of person(s) signing, e.g., Beneficial Purchaser, Executor or Administrator)

### ACCURATE CLAIMS PROCESSING TAKES A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

#### Reminder Checklist:

- 1. Please sign the above release and declaration.
- If this Claim is being made on behalf of Joint Claimants, then both must sign.
- Remember to attach copies of supporting documentation, if available.
- 4. Do not send originals of certificates.
- Keep a copy of your claim form and all supporting documentation for your records.
- If you desire an acknowledgment of receipt of your claim form please send it Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested.
- If you move, please send your new address to the address below.
- Do not use red pen or highlighter on the Proof of Claim and Release form or supporting documentation.

THIS CLAIM FORM MUS	T BE SUBMITTED ONLINE OR MAILED NO LATER
THAN	, 2024, ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

Lightning eMotors Securities Settlement
Claims Administrator
c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
P.O. Box 301170
Los Angeles, CA 90030-1170
www.LightningeMotorsSecuritiesSettlement.com

## **EXHIBIT A-3**

### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-02774-RMR-KAS (consolidated with 1:21-cv-3215-RMR-KAS)

JOHNNY R. SHAFER, DAVID P. SARRO, KEVIN L. TYE, JESS Q. WILLIAMS, JUSTIN COHEN,

Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

LIGHTNING EMOTORS, INC.,
TIMOTHY R. REESER,
TERESA P. COVINGTON,
GIGACQUISITIONS3 LLC,
GIGCAPITAL GLOBAL,
AVI S. KATZ,
RALUCA DINU,
NEIL MIOTTO
GIGFOUNDERS LLC
BRAD WEIGHTMAN,
ANDREA BETTI-BERUTTO,
PETER WANG,
JOHN J. MIKULSKY, and
ROBERT FENWICK-SMITH,

Defendants.

### IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

RICHARD DELMAN,	)
Plaintiff,	)
v.	) C.A. No. 2021-0679-LWW
GIGACQUISITIONS3, LLC, AVI KATZ, RALUCA DINU, NEIL MIOTTO, JOHN MIKULSKY, ANDREA BETTI-BERUTTO, and PETER WANG,	) ) ) )

Defendants. )

### SUMMARY NOTICE OF PENDENCY AND PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

### **EXHIBIT A-3**

### TO: ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WHO:

- (i) PURCHASED OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES ISSUED PURSUANT TO GIGCAPITAL3, INC.'S FORM S-1 REGISTRATION STATEMENT DECLARED EFFECTIVE ON MAY 5, 2020 WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, AS AMENDED BY POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1, FILED ON MAY 13, 2020;
- (ii) ALL STOCKHOLDERS OF GIGCAPITAL3, INC. AS OF THE MARCH 15, 2021 RECORD DATE THAT WERE ENTITLED TO VOTE ON GIGCAPITAL3, INC.'S PROPOSED TRANSACTION TO ACQUIRE LIGHTNING SYSTEMS;
- (iii) PURCHASED OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED GIGCAPITAL3, INC. OR LIGHTNING EMOTORS SECURITIES DURING THE PERIOD FROM MAY 18, 2020 THROUGH AUGUST 16, 2021, INCLUSIVE, AND WERE DAMAGED THEREBY; OR
- (iv) WERE RECORD AND BENEFICIAL HOLDERS OF GIGCAPITAL3, INC. COMMON STOCK WHO HELD SUCH STOCK DURING THE TIME PERIOD FROM THE RECORD DATE (MARCH 15, 2021) THROUGH THE CLOSING DATE (MAY 6, 2021) (THE "SETTLEMENT CLASS" OR "SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBERS")

#### AND ARE NOT OTHERWISE EXCLUDED FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS.

THIS NOTICE WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE COURT. IT IS NOT JUNK MAIL, AN ADVERTISEMENT, OR SOLICITATION FROM A LAWYER.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AND IN ITS ENTIRETY. YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY PROCEEDINGS IN THE LITIGATION. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE A SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER, YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO SHARE IN THE PROCEEDS OF THE SETTLEMENT DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE. TO CLAIM YOUR SHARE OF THE SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS, YOU MUST SUBMIT A VALID PROOF OF

CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM ("PROOF OF CLAIM") **POSTMARKED OR SUBMITTED ONLINE ON OR BEFORE** \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a hearing will be held on , 2024, at : .m. MST, before the Honorable Regina M. Rodriguez, U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado, Alfred A. Arraj United States Courthouse, 901 19th Street, Denver, CO 80294, to determine whether: (1) the proposed settlement (the "Settlement") of the action pending in the United District Court for the District of Colorado styled as Shafer v. Lightning eMotors, Inc., et al., No. 1:21-cv-02774-RMR-KAS (the "Federal Action"), as well as the action pending in the Delaware Court of Chancery styled as Delman v. GigAcquisitions3, LLC, et al., C.A. No. 2021-0679-LWW (the "State Action," and together with the Federal Action, the "Actions") as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement dated July 1, 2024 ("Stipulation")<sup>1</sup> for \$13,350,000 in cash should be approved by the Court as fair, reasonable, and adequate; (2) the Judgment as provided under the Stipulation should be entered with prejudice; (3) to award Plaintiffs' Counsel attorneys' fees and expenses out of the Settlement Fund (as defined in the Notice of: (I) Proposed Settlement and Plan of Allocation; (II) Settlement Hearing; and (III) Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses ("Notice"), which is discussed below), and, if so, in what amount; (4) to award Plaintiffs for representing the Settlement Class out of the Settlement Fund and, if so, in what amount; and (5) the Plan of Allocation should be approved by the Court as fair, reasonable, and adequate.

This Summary Notice relates to a proposed settlement of claims in two pending class actions brought by investors in GigCapital3, Inc. and/or Lightning eMotors, Inc. securities. The Federal

The Stipulation can be viewed and/or obtained at www.LightningeMotorsSecuritiesSettlement.com. All capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the Stipulation.

Action alleges that Defendants violated the federal securities laws by engaging in a fraudulent scheme, including by making false and misleading statements and omissions regarding, among other things, Lightning eMotors' growth and revenue projections, supply chain capabilities, and ability to scale during the Class Period. The Federal Action alleges that Defendants' misrepresentations and omissions artificially inflated the prices of Lightning Securities during the Class Period, resulting in damage to Settlement Class Members when the truth was revealed. The State Action alleges that certain Defendants violated Delaware state law by impairing GigCapital3 shareholders' redemption rights, including through proxy solicitation materials containing false and misleading misrepresentations and omissions, resulting in damage to Settlement Class Members. Defendants deny each and every claim and contention alleged in the Actions and deny any misconduct or wrongdoing whatsoever.

IF YOU PURCHASED OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED GIGCAPITAL3 OR LIGHTNING EMOTORS SECURITIES FROM MAY 18, 2020 THROUGH AND INCLUDING AUGUST 16, 2021, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE SETTLEMENT OF THE FEDERAL ACTION AND THE STATE ACTION.

To share in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, you must establish your rights by submitting a Proof of Claim and Release form ("Proof of Claim") by mail (**postmarked no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024**) or electronically (**no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024**). Your failure to submit your Proof of Claim by \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024, will subject your claim to rejection and preclude your receiving any of the recovery in connection with the Settlement of the Federal Action and the State Action. If you are a member of the Settlement Class and do not request exclusion therefrom as instructed, you will be bound by the Settlement and any judgment and release entered in the Federal

Action and the State Action, including, but not limited to, the Judgment, whether or not you submit a Proof of Claim.

If you have not received a copy of the Notice, which more completely describes the Settlement and your rights thereunder (including your right to object to the Settlement), and a Proof of Claim, you may obtain these documents, as well as a copy of the Stipulation (which, among other things, contains definitions for the defined terms used in this Summary Notice) and other settlement documents, online at www.LightningeMotorsSecuritiesSettlement.com, or by writing to:

Lightning eMotors Securities Settlement
Claims Administrator
c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
P.O. Box 301170
Los Angeles, CA 90030-1170

Inquiries should NOT be directed to Defendants, the Court, or the Clerk of the Court.

Inquiries, other than requests for the Notice or for a Proof of Claim, may be made to:

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 SETTLEMENT CLASS WILL BE BOUND BY THE SETTLEMENT EVEN IF THEY DO NOT SUBMIT A TIMELY PROOF OF CLAIM.

## **EXHIBIT B**

### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-02774-RMR-KAS
Consolidated with 1:21-cv-3215-RMR-KAS

JOHNNY R. SHAFER, DAVID P. SARRO, KEVIN L. TYE, JESS Q. WILLIAMS, JUSTIN COHEN,

Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

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LIGHTNING EMOTORS, INC., TIMOTHY R. REESER, TERESA P. COVINGTON, GIGACQUISITIONS3 LLC, GIGCAPITAL GLOBAL, AVI S. KATZ, RALUCA DINU, NEIL MIOTTO GIGFOUNDERS LLC BRAD WEIGHTMAN, ANDREA BETTI-BERUTTO, PETER WANG, JOHN J. MIKULSKY, and ROBERT FENWICK-SMITH,

Defendants.

# [PROPOSED] FINAL JUDGMENT APPROVING CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT EXHIBIT B

WHEREAS, the Court is advised that the Parties,<sup>1</sup> through their counsel, have agreed, subject to Court approval following notice to the Settlement Class and a hearing, to settle the above-captioned action ("Federal Action") and the action pending in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware styled as *Delman v. GigAcquisitions3, LLC, et al.*, C.A. No. 2021-0679-LWW ("State Action," together with the Federal Action, the "Actions") upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement dated July 1, 2024 (the "Stipulation" or "Settlement");

WHEREAS, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024, this Court held a hearing to determine: (i) whether the proposed Settlement of the Actions on the terms and conditions provided for in the Stipulation are fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class and should be approved by the Court; (ii) whether the Settlement Class should be finally certified for settlement purposes; (iii) whether a Judgment, as provided in ¶9.1 of the Stipulation, should be entered; (iv) whether the proposed Plan of Allocation should be approved; (v) whether and in what amount to award Plaintiffs' Counsel fees and costs, charges, and expenses; and (vi) whether and in what amount to award Plaintiffs their costs and expenses in representing the Settlement Class;

As used herein, the term "Parties" means: (a) lead plaintiffs David P. Sarro, Kevin L. Tye, and Jess Q. Williams (the "Federal Plaintiffs"); (b) Richard Delman (the "State Plaintiff," and together with Federal Plaintiffs, the "Plaintiffs"); (c) Defendants Lightning eMotors, Inc. f/k/a GigCapital3, Inc. ("Lightning" or "Lightning eMotors"), Teresa P. Covington, Robert Fenwick-Smith, and Timothy R. Reeser (collectively with Lightning, the "Lightning Defendants"); and (d) Defendants GigAcquisitions3, LLC, Avi S. Katz, Raluca Dinu, Neil Miotto, John J. Mikulsky, Andrea Betti-Berutto, and Peter Wang (collectively, the "State Defendants"), and Defendants GigFounders, LLC, GigCapital Global, and Brad Weightman (collectively, with the State Defendants, the "GigCapital3 Defendants," and with the Lightning Defendants, the "Defendants").

WHEREAS, the Court has considered all matters submitted to it at the hearing and otherwise;

WHEREAS, it appears that a notice of the hearing, substantially in the form approved by the Court on , 2024 (the "Notice"), was provided to all individuals and entities, reasonably identifiable, who: (i) purchased or otherwise acquired publicly traded securities issued pursuant to GigCapital3, Inc.'s Form S-1 Registration Statement declared effective on May 5, 2020 with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as amended by Post-Effective Amendment No. 1, filed on May 13, 2020; (ii) were stockholders of GigCapital3, Inc. as of the March 15, 2021 Record Date that were entitled to vote on GigCapital3's proposed transaction to acquire Lightning Systems; (iii) purchased or otherwise acquired Lightning eMotors Securities during the period from May 18, 2020 through August 16, 2021, inclusive, and were damaged thereby (the "Federal Class"); or (iv) were stockholders of GigCapital3 during the time period from the Record Date through the Closing Date (the "State Class") (together, the "Settlement Class" or "Settlement Class") Members"), as shown by the records provided to and compiled by the Claims Administrator in connection with its providing of the Notice, at the respective addresses set forth in such records, and that a Summary Notice of the hearing, substantially in the form approved by the Court on , 2024, was published pursuant to the Order Granting Preliminary Approval Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(1) and Permitting Notice to the Settlement Class ("Preliminary Approval Order") as set forth in the Declaration of , and the Supplemental Declaration of \_\_\_\_\_;

WHEREAS, the Court has considered and determined the fairness and reasonableness of the award of attorneys' fees and costs, charges, and expenses requested by Plaintiffs' Counsel and the request for an award pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(4) in connection with Plaintiffs' representation of the Settlement Class; and

WHEREAS, all capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein having the meanings set forth and defined in the Stipulation.

### NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Federal Action and over all of the Parties and all Settlement Class Members for purposes of the Settlement.
- 2. This Judgment incorporates and makes a part hereof the Stipulation filed with the Court on July 2, 2024.
  - 3. The Court finds, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and (b)(3), that:
- (a) the Settlement Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable;
  - (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class;
  - (c) the claims of Plaintiffs are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class;
- (d) Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel have fairly and adequately protected the interests of the Settlement Class;
- (e) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy, considering: (i) the interests of the members of the Settlement Class in individually controlling the prosecution of the separate actions; (ii) the extent and nature of any litigation concerning the controversy already commenced by

members of the Settlement Class; (iii) the desirability or undesirability of concentrating the litigation of these claims in this particular forum; and (iv) the difficulties likely to be encountered in the management of the Actions;

- (f) that the Federal Action is hereby certified (in connection with Settlement only) as a class action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23, on behalf of a Settlement Class consisting of: the Federal Class and the State Class. Excluded from the Settlement Class (the "Excluded Persons") are: (i) Defendants; (ii) the officers and directors of Lightning eMotors during the Class Period, as well as their Immediate Family Members and their legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns; (iii) any entity in which Defendants have or had a controlling interest; (iv) the PIPE Investor and Convertible Note Investors as defined in Lightning eMotors' Form S-1 and incorporated Proxy Statement dated March 26, 2021, filed with the SEC; and (v) with respect to the State Class, the underwriters in GigCapital3's IPO, who were Nomura Securities International, Inc., Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. and Odeon Capital Group LLC and holders of GigCapital3 common stock who exercised their right to redeem all of their shares in connection with the Business Combination. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are those Persons who timely and validly requested exclusion therefrom in accordance with the requirements set forth by the Court. [No persons or entities have requested exclusion from the Settlement Class] [Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a list of the persons and entities who requested exclusion from the Settlement Class and are hereby excluded from the Settlement Class]; and
- (g) Plaintiffs are hereby certified as Class Representatives, and Plaintiffs'Counsel are certified as Class Counsel. The Court concludes that Class Representatives

and Class Counsel have fairly and adequately represented the Settlement Class both in terms of litigating the Actions and for purposes of entering into and implementing the Settlement and have satisfied the requirements of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a)(4) and 23(g), respectively.

- 4. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, the Court hereby approves the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation and finds that:
- (a) in light of the benefits to the Settlement Class and the complexity and expense of further litigation, the Stipulation and the Settlement described therein, are, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate and in the best interest of the Settlement Class;
- (b) Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel have adequately represented the Settlement Class;
  - (c) there was no collusion in connection with the Stipulation;
- (d) the Stipulation was the product of informed, arm's-length negotiations among competent, able counsel;
- (e) the relief provided for the Settlement Class is adequate, having taken into account: (i) the costs, risks, and delay of trial and appeal; (ii) the effectiveness of any proposed method of distributing relief to the Settlement Class, including the method of processing Settlement Class Members' Claims; (iii) the terms of any proposed award of attorneys' fees, including timing of payment; (iv) the proposed awards to Plaintiffs for their representation of the Settlement Class; and (v) any agreement required to be identified under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e)(3);

- (f) the proposed Plan of Allocation treats Settlement Class Members equitably relative to each other; and
- (g) the record is sufficiently developed and complete for the Parties to have adequately evaluated and considered their positions.
- 5. Accordingly, the Court authorizes and directs implementation and performance of all the terms and provisions of the Stipulation, as well as the terms and provisions hereof. Except as to any individual claim of those Persons who have validly and timely requested exclusion from the Settlement Class (identified in Exhibit 1 attached hereto), the Court hereby dismisses the Federal Action and all Released Claims with prejudice. The Parties are to bear their own costs, except as and to the extent provided in the Stipulation and herein.
- 6. The releases as set forth in ¶2.2 of the Stipulation (the "Releases"), together with the definitions contained in ¶¶1.1-1.38 relating thereto, are expressly incorporated herein in all respects. The Releases are effective as of the Effective Date.
- 7. Upon the Effective Date, and as provided in ¶1.6 of the Stipulation, Plaintiffs shall, and each and every Released Plaintiff Party shall be deemed to have, and by operation of this Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever waived, released, relinquished, discharged, and dismissed with prejudice each and every one of the Released Claims (including, without limitation, Unknown Claims) against each and every one of the Released Defendant Parties with prejudice, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from asserting, commencing, instituting, prosecuting, continuing to prosecute, or maintaining in any court of law or equity, arbitration tribunal, or administrative forum any

and all of the Released Claims against any and all of the Released Defendant Parties, whether or not such Released Plaintiff Parties execute and deliver the Proof of Claim and Release or share in the Net Settlement Fund. Plaintiffs and each Released Plaintiff Party are bound by this Judgment, including, without limitation, the release of claims as set forth in ¶1.26 of the Stipulation. The Released Claims are hereby compromised, settled, released, discharged, and dismissed as against the Released Defendant Parties on the merits and with prejudice by virtue of the proceedings herein and this Judgment. Released Claims expressly exclude claims: (i) related to the enforcement of the Settlement; (ii) that have been or may be brought derivatively on behalf of any Defendant; or (iii) of any person or entity who or which requested exclusion from the Settlement Class, as identified in Exhibit 1 hereto.

- 8. Upon the Effective Date, and as provided in ¶1.27 of the Stipulation, each of the Released Defendant Parties shall be deemed to have, and by operation of this Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged all Released Defendants' Claims (including, without limitations, Unknown Claims) against the Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class, and Plaintiffs' Counsel. Claims to enforce the terms of the Stipulation are not released.
- 9. The dissemination of the Notice and the publication of the Summary Notice were implemented in accordance with the Notice Order.
- 10. The form and manner of the notice provided to the Settlement Class is hereby determined to have been the best notice practicable under the circumstances, including individual notice to Settlement Class Members who could be identified through reasonable

effort, and to have been given in full compliance with each of the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23, the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 ("PSLRA"), due process, and all other applicable laws and rules, and it is further determined that all members of the Settlement Class are bound by this Judgment. No Settlement Class Member is relieved from the terms of the Settlement, including the Releases provided for therein, based upon the contention or proof that such Settlement Class Member failed to receive actual or adequate notice. A full opportunity has been offered to Settlement Class Members to object to the proposed Settlement and to participate in the hearing thereon. The Court further finds that the notice provisions of the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. §1715, were fully discharged and that the statutory waiting period has elapsed. Thus, it is hereby determined that all members of the Settlement Class are bound by this Order and Final Judgment[, except those persons listed on Exhibit 1 to this Judgment].

- 11. [There have been no objections to the Settlement.] [In the event objections are filed: The Court has considered each of the objections to the Settlement submitted in the Actions pursuant to Rule 23(e)(5) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The Court finds and concludes that each of the objections is without merit, and they are hereby overruled.]
- 12. Any Plan of Allocation submitted by Plaintiffs' Counsel or any order entered regarding any attorneys' fee, expense application, or awards to Plaintiffs shall in no way disturb or affect this Judgment and shall be considered separate from this Judgment. Separate orders shall be entered regarding approval of the Plan of Allocation, Plaintiffs'

Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses, and Plaintiffs' request for an award pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(4).

- 13. Any appeal or any challenge affecting solely the approval of: (a) the Plan of Allocation submitted by Plaintiffs' Counsel, (b) this Court's approval regarding any attorneys' fee and expense applications, and/or (c) this Court's approval regarding any award pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(4) shall in no way disturb or affect the finality of the other provisions of this Judgment nor the Effective Date of the Settlement.
- 14. Neither this Judgment, the Stipulation nor the Settlement contained therein, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of the Stipulation or the Settlement: (a) is, or may be deemed to be, or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, the validity of any Released Claim, or of any liability, negligence, fault, or other wrongdoing of the Released Defendant Parties, or (b) is, or may be deemed to be, or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, any fault or omission of the Released Defendant Parties in any civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal. Defendants, Plaintiffs, Settlement Class Members, Released Plaintiff Parties, and/or Released Defendant Parties may file the Stipulation and/or this Judgment in any other action in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, injunction, good faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction, or any theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim.

- 15. The Court finds that Defendants have satisfied their financial obligations under the Stipulation by paying or causing to be paid \$13.35 million to the Settlement Fund, in accordance with ¶3.1 of the Stipulation.
- 16. Without affecting the finality of this Judgment in any way, this Court hereby retains continuing jurisdiction over Defendants, Plaintiffs, and Settlement Class Members for all matters relating to the administration, interpretation, effectuation, or enforcement of the Stipulation and this Judgment, including administering and distributing Settlement proceeds to the Settlement Class Members.
- 17. The Court finds that during the course of the Actions, the Parties and their respective counsel at all times complied with the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11.
- 18. In the event that the Settlement does not become effective in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, or the Effective Date does not occur, or in the event that the Settlement Fund, or any portion thereof, is returned to Defendants, then this Judgment shall be rendered null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Stipulation and shall be vacated and may not be introduced as evidence or reflected in any action or proceeding by any person or entity. In such event, all orders entered and releases delivered in connection herewith shall be null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Stipulation, and the Parties shall revert to their respective positions in the Actions as of May 1, 2024, as provided in the Stipulation.
- 19. The Parties are hereby authorized, without further approval of the Court, to unanimously agree to and adopt in writing amendments, modifications, and expansions of

the Stipulation, provided that such amendments, modifications, and expansions of the

Stipulation are not materially inconsistent with this Judgment, and do not materially limit the

rights of the Settlement Class Members under the Stipulation.

20. Without further order of the Court, the Parties may agree to reasonable

extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Stipulation.

21. The Federal Action and all of the claims asserted against Defendants in the

Actions by Plaintiffs and the other Settlement Class Members and all Released Claims are

hereby dismissed with prejudice. The Parties are to bear their own costs, except as

otherwise provided in the Stipulation.

22. There is no reason for delay in the entry of this Judgment and the Court

expressly directs immediate entry of this Judgment by the Clerk of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED:	
	THE HONORABLE REGINA M. RODRIGUEZ
	UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE