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## LEGAL NOTICE

### If you purchased, financed, or leased a DeLaval VMS Classic, you may be included in a proposed class action settlement.

Please read the Notice carefully as your legal rights may be impacted.

A federal court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

Your legal rights are affected whether you act or don't act. Read this notice carefully.

A proposed \$55 million settlement has been reached to resolve a class action lawsuit regarding the DeLaval VMS Classic robotic milking system. To qualify for the settlement proceeds, you must have purchased, financed, or leased one or more DeLaval Voluntary Milking System ("VMS") Classic model robots in the United States beginning in 2007. This Settlement does not cover the purchase, finance, lease, or use of the DeLaval VMS V300 and any rights related to the V300 are unaffected by this Settlement. If you qualify, you may send in a claim form to get benefits, exclude yourself from the Settlement, or object to it. The United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri authorized this notice. Before any money is paid, the Court will have a hearing to decide whether to approve the Settlement.

### Who Is Included?

You are a member of the Class and affected by the Settlement if you purchased, financed, or leased one or more DeLaval VMS Classic in the United States beginning in 2007.

### What Is This Case About?

This lawsuit, *Bishop et al v. DeLaval, Inc.*, Case No. 19-cv-06129-SRB (W.D. Mo.), claimed that the DeLaval VMS Classic milking robot was defective because it failed to consistently clean, milk, and disinfect teats during the milking process. The lawsuit claimed that the VMS Classic milking robots failed to produce the milk and milk quality represented and adversely impacted cow health and milk production. DeLaval denies it did anything wrong.

### What Does the Settlement Provide?

Under the Settlement, DeLaval has agreed to pay \$55 million dollars into a Settlement Fund which will be used to pay all Class Member distributions, and any Court-approved attorneys' fees and expenses, costs and expenses of claims administration, and service awards.

**Fund A:** Fifteen percent (15%) of the Settlement Fund (after deduction for costs, expenses, service awards, and attorneys' fees awarded by the Court) will be distributed to Claimants based on their purchase of a DeLaval VMS Classic. Fund A shall be allocated to all Claimants based on the number of robots each Claimant purchased or financed. (Leased robots are not included in Fund A.)

**Fund B:** Eighty-five (85%) percent of the Settlement Fund (after deduction for costs, expenses, service awards and attorneys' fees awarded by the Court) will be distributed to Claimants who provide supporting documentation showing their lost milk production during the period in which they used the DeLaval VMS Classic.

A more detailed explanation of the Allocation Formula, including discounts to payments based on certain facts, is available on the Settlement Website. More information about the types of Claims and the information required to file them is available at the Settlement Website. The amount you may receive under the Settlement if you make a valid claim cannot be determined at this time because it depends on the number of valid claims that are received. You cannot receive any share of the Settlement Fund if you do not follow the instructions for making and make a claim.

### How Do You Ask for a Payment?

A detailed notice and Claim Form package contains everything you need. Just visit the website below to get one. To qualify for a payment, you must send in a complete and valid Claim Form, which can be submitted electronically or by mail. You must submit your Claim Form to obtain your Settlement benefits. The Claim Form must be postmarked or submitted electronically on or before **June 27, 2022**.

### What Are Your Other Options?

If you do not want to be legally bound by the Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **June 27, 2022**, or you will not be able to sue, or continue to sue, DeLaval or any Released Persons (as defined in the Settlement Agreement) for any of the claims resolved by the Settlement. To exclude yourself, you must provide all required information. If you ask to be excluded, you will not get any settlement payment, and you cannot object to the Settlement. You will not be legally bound by anything that happens in this lawsuit. If you stay in the Class but wish to object, you must do so by **June 27, 2022**. Details for excluding yourself or objecting to the Settlement can be found in the Settlement Agreement and Class Notice available on the Settlement Website.

The Court will hold a hearing in this case on **July 11, 2022**, to consider whether to approve the Settlement. At this hearing the Court will consider whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. If there are objections, the Court will consider them. The Court will listen to people who have asked to speak at the hearing. The Court may also decide how much to pay Class Counsel, reimburse them for expenses, or make service awards. After the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Settlement. You may ask to appear at the hearing, but you do not have to.

### Want More Information?

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