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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE**

ADRIENNE BENSON and MARY
SIMONSON, individually and on behalf of all
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DOUBLEDOWN INTERACTIVE, LLC, a
Washington limited liability company,
INTERNATIONAL GAME TECHNOLOGY,
a Nevada corporation, and IGT, a Nevada
corporation,

Defendants.

Case No. 18-cv-0525-RSL

**ORDER GRANTING FINAL
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT**

1 THIS MATTER came before the Court on Plaintiffs’ Motion for Final Approval of Class
2 Action Settlement. The Court has considered all papers and materials submitted by the Parties in
3 support of the proposed Settlement Agreement, including Plaintiffs’ motions for preliminary and
4 final approval of the Settlement Agreement and the declarations of Class Representatives, Class
5 Counsel, and the Settlement Administrator. The Court held a Final Approval Hearing on June 1,
6 2023, at which the Court heard argument from counsel and allowed others to appear to voice
7 their support for, or objection to, the Settlement. Based on all these materials and the statements
8 at the Final Approval Hearing, the Court issues the following Order and Final Judgment:

9 **1. Settlement Terms.** All terms and definitions used herein have the same meanings
10 as set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

11 **2. Jurisdiction.** The Court has jurisdiction over the Parties, the subject matter of the
12 dispute, and all Settlement Class Members.

13 **3. Class Certification.** The Court confirms its certification for settlement purposes
14 of the following Settlement Class under Rule 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure:

15 All individuals who, in the United States (as reasonably determined by IP address
16 information, or other information furnished by Defendants and Platform Providers),
17 played the Applications on or before Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.”¹

18 **4. Class Notice.** The Class Notice given by the Settlement Administrator to the
19 Class was the best practicable notice under the circumstances and was reasonably calculated,
20 under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of the pendency of the Action,
21 their right to object to the Settlement or exclude themselves from the Settlement Class, and to
22 appear at the Final Approval Hearing. The Class Notice and the means of disseminating the
23 same, as prescribed by the Agreement, was appropriate and reasonable and constituted due,
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25 ¹ Excluded from the Settlement Class are (1) any Judge or Magistrate presiding over this Action and
26 members of their families, (2) the Defendants, Defendants’ subsidiaries, parent companies, successors, predecessors,
27 and any entity in which a Defendant or its parents has a controlling interest and their current or former officers,
directors, and employees, (3) persons who properly execute and file a timely request for exclusion from the
Settlement Class, and (4) the legal representatives, successors or assigns of any such excluded persons. Agreement
§ 1.35.

1 adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to notice. The Class Notice and the means
2 of disseminating the same satisfied all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil
3 Procedure, constitutional due process, and any other applicable law.

4 **5. Settlement Approval.** The Court hereby grants final approval to the Settlement
5 and finds that the Settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best
6 interests of the Settlement Class. The Court finds that the Settlement is within the authority of
7 the Parties and the result of extensive, arm's-length negotiations. The Parties are directed to
8 proceed with the Settlement procedures specified under the terms of the Settlement Agreement,
9 including payment and prospective relief.

10 **6. Objections or Exclusions from Settlement Class.** Class Members were given a
11 fair and reasonable opportunity to object to the Settlement. Seven class members requested to be
12 excluded pursuant to the terms of the Settlement, and the Court orders that those seven class
13 members are excluded from this settlement: Judith Both, David Deroussis, Whitney Goodman,
14 Margaret Herbst, Maria Zapico, Rita Hockman, and Michael B. Clegg. No objections have been
15 brought to the Court's attention. Aside from the seven Class Members who have been excluded
16 from the Class, this Order is binding on all Class Members and has *res judicata* and preclusive
17 effect in all pending and future lawsuits or other proceedings maintained by or on behalf of Class
18 Members with respect to the Released Claims.

19 **7. No Admission.** Neither this Final Judgment nor the fact or substance of the
20 Settlement Agreement shall be considered a concession or admission by or against Defendants or
21 any other related party, nor shall they be used against Defendants or any other released party as
22 an admission, waiver, or indication with respect to any claim, defense, or assertion or denial of
23 wrongdoing or legal liability.

24 **8. Dismissal with Prejudice.** Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement, the action
25 (including all individual claims and class claims) is hereby dismissed with prejudice on the
26 merits, without costs or attorney's fees to any Party except as provided under the terms of the
27 Settlement Agreement, this Final Judgment, and the Court's Order Granting Class Counsel's

1 Motion for Award of Attorney’s Fees and Expenses and Issuance of Incentive Awards.

2 **9. Releases.** This Order incorporates the Releases set forth in the Settlement
3 Agreement and makes them effective as of the Effective Date. All Settlement Class Members
4 who have not properly sought exclusion from the Settlement Class are hereby permanently
5 barred and enjoined from filing, commencing, prosecuting, intervening in, or participating (as
6 class members or otherwise) in any lawsuit or other action in any jurisdiction based on the
7 Released Claims, as set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

8 **10. Attorney’s Fees and Expenses; Settlement Administrator’s Costs.** Pursuant to
9 the Court’s Order Granting Class Counsel’s Motion for Award of Attorney’s Fees and Expenses
10 and Issuance of Incentive Awards, the Court (i) awards \$121,485,000 in attorney’s fees to Class
11 Counsel, and (ii) approves of the Settlement Administrator recovering up to \$3,000,000 for
12 notice and administration related fees and costs. Nothing in this order shall prevent the
13 Settlement Administrator from requesting further reimbursement, drawn exclusively from the
14 interest accrued to the common fund, in the event of an unforeseen circumstance. If the
15 Settlement Administrator’s costs are ultimately less than \$3,000,000, any remainder shall be
16 distributed to the Class.


17 **11. Incentive Awards.** Pursuant to the Court’s Order Granting Class Counsel’s
18 Motion for Award of Attorney’s Fees and Expenses and Issuance of Incentive Awards, the Court
19 awards \$7,500 to Adrienne Benson and \$7,500 to Mary Simonson for their services as Class
20 Representatives.

21 **12. Continuing Jurisdiction.** Without affecting the finality of the Final Judgment for
22 purposes of appeal, the Court retains continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over the Parties and
23 all matters relating to the Settlement Agreement, including the administration, interpretation,
24 construction, effectuation, enforcement, and consummation of the Settlement and this Order.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2023



Robert S. Lasnik
United States District Judge