UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

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Civil No. 18-1776 (JRT/HB)

DIRECT PURCHASER PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT WITH SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.

This Document Relates to:

Direct Purchaser Plaintiff Action

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT

Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs respectfully write to the Court to provide notice that Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs have reached an agreement with Defendant Smithfield Foods, Inc. ("Smithfield," and, together with Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs, the "Parties") to settle all claims against Smithfield. This agreement is subject to the Court's approval pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23. Consistent with the Parties' agreement, Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs will move for preliminary – and, ultimately, final – approval of a proposed settlement in the near future. Date: June 29, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, <u>Brian D. Clark</u>, depose and state that I have served a copy of Notice of Settlement upon all counsel of record via the United States Court for the District of Minnesota ECF Document Filing System on June 29, 2021.

> By: /s/. Brian D. Clark Brian D. Clark