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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 Individually and on  
11 Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 UNICYCIVE THERAPEUTICS, INC.,  
15 SHALABH GUPTA, and JOHN TOWNSEND,

16 Defendants.  
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Case No.

CLASS ACTION

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE  
FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

18 Plaintiff (“Plaintiff”), individually and on behalf of all others similarly  
19 situated, by Plaintiff’s undersigned attorneys, for Plaintiff’s complaint against Defendants, alleges  
20 the following based upon personal knowledge as to Plaintiff and Plaintiff’s own acts, and  
21 information and belief as to all other matters, based upon, *inter alia*, the investigation conducted  
22 by and through Plaintiff’s attorneys, which included, among other things, a review of the  
23 Defendants’ public documents, conference calls and announcements made by Defendants, United  
24 States (“U.S.”) Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) filings, wire and press releases  
25 published by and regarding Unicycive Therapeutics, Inc. (“Unicycive” or the “Company”),  
26 analysts’ reports and advisories about the Company, and information readily obtainable on the  
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1 Internet. Plaintiff believes that substantial, additional evidentiary support will exist for the  
2 allegations set forth herein after a reasonable opportunity for discovery.

### 3 NATURE OF THE ACTION

4 1. This is a federal securities class action on behalf of a class consisting of all persons  
5 and entities other than Defendants that purchased or otherwise acquired Unicycive securities  
6 between March 29, 2024 and June 27, 2025, both dates inclusive (the “Class Period”), seeking to  
7 recover damages caused by Defendants’ violations of the federal securities laws and to pursue  
8 remedies under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange  
9 Act”) and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, against the Company and certain of its top  
10 officials.  
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12 2. Unicycive is a clinical-stage biotechnology company that identifies, develops, and  
13 commercializes therapies to address unmet medical needs in the U.S. The Company is  
14 developing, among other therapies, oxylanthanum carbonate (“OLC”), a purported next-  
15 generation phosphate binder for the treatment of hyperphosphatemia in chronic kidney disease  
16 (“CKD”) patients on dialysis.  
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18 3. At all relevant times, Defendants consistently touted the prospects of a New Drug  
19 Application (“NDA”) for OLC for the treatment of hyperphosphatemia in CKD patients on  
20 dialysis (the “OLC NDA”), assuring investors and analysts of the Company’s readiness and  
21 ability to satisfy the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s (“FDA”), *inter alia*, manufacturing  
22 compliance requirements.  
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24 4. In September 2024, Unicycive announced that it had submitted the OLC NDA to  
25 the FDA.

26 5. Throughout the Class Period, Defendants made materially false and misleading  
27 statements regarding the Company’s business, operations, and compliance policies. Specifically,  
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1 Defendants made false and/or misleading statements and/or failed to disclose that: (i) Unicycive’s  
2 readiness and ability to satisfy the FDA’s manufacturing compliance requirements was  
3 overstated; (ii) the OLC NDA’s regulatory prospects were likewise overstated; and (iii) as a result,  
4 Defendants’ public statements were materially false and misleading at all relevant times.

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6 6. On June 10, 2025, Unicycive issued a press release “announc[ing] an update on its  
7 [NDA] for [OLC] to treat hyperphosphatemia in patients with [CKD] on dialysis.” Therein, the  
8 Company disclosed that the FDA “had identified deficiencies in cGMP [current good  
9 manufacturing practice] compliance at a third-party manufacturing vendor”—specifically, a  
10 third-party subcontractor of Unicycive’s contract development and manufacturing organization  
11 (“CDMO”)—“following an FDA inspection” and that, “given the identified deficiencies, any  
12 label discussions between the FDA and the Company are precluded.”

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14 7. On this news, Unicycive’s stock price fell \$3.68 per share, or **40.89%**, to close at  
15 \$5.32 per share on June 10, 2025.

16 8. Then, on June 30, 2025, Unicycive issued a press release announcing that the FDA  
17 had issued a Complete Response Letter (“CRL”) for the OLC NDA, citing the previously  
18 identified cGMP deficiencies at the third-party subcontractor of its CDMO.

19 9. On this news, Unicycive’s stock price<sup>1</sup> fell \$2.03 per share, or **29.85%**, to close at  
20 \$4.77 per share on June 30, 2025.

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22 10. As a result of Defendants’ wrongful acts and omissions, and the precipitous  
23 decline in the market value of the Company’s securities, Plaintiff and other Class members have  
24 suffered significant losses and damages.

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27 <sup>1</sup> On June 18, 2025, Unicycive effectuated a 1-for-10 reverse stock split, and the Company’s  
28 common stock began trading on a split-adjusted basis on June 20, 2025.





1 developing, among other therapies, OLC, a purported next-generation phosphate binder for the  
2 treatment of hyperphosphatemia in CKD patients on dialysis.

3 23. At all relevant times, Defendants consistently touted the prospects of an NDA for  
4 OLC for the treatment of hyperphosphatemia in CKD patients on dialysis, assuring investors and  
5 analysts of the Company’s readiness and ability to satisfy the FDA’s, *inter alia*, manufacturing  
6 compliance requirements.  
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8 **Materially False and Misleading Statements Issued During the Class Period**

9 24. The Class Period begins on March 29, 2024. On March 28, 2024, during after-  
10 market hours, Unicycive issued a press release announcing its full year (“FY”) 2023 financial  
11 results and business updates. The press release quoted Defendant Gupta as stating, in relevant  
12 part:  
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14 The completion of enrollment in our pivotal OLC clinical trial was a critical  
15 achievement as we believe the novel characteristics of [OLC] will show its potential  
16 as a best-in-class product to treat hyperphosphatemia for patients with [CKD] on  
17 dialysis. Positive results from the trial *will* provide the basis to file a[n NDA] with  
the [FDA], and we remain on track with topline data expected from the trial towards  
the latter part of the second quarter of this year and plan to file the NDA shortly  
thereafter.

18 (Emphasis added.)

19 25. The same day, also during after-market hours, Unicycive filed an annual report on  
20 Form 10-K with the SEC, reporting the Company’s financial and operating results for its FY  
21 ended December 31, 2023 (the “2023 10-K”). The 2023 10-K provided generic, boilerplate  
22 representations regarding risks related to “noncompliance with regulatory standards and  
23 requirements,” including cGMP-related requirements, while stating that the Company has  
24 “manufacturing standards . . . established” and “[e]xecutive management . . . [with] considerable  
25 product launch experience” and “expertise in the biopharmaceutical industry,” thereby  
26 downplaying these risks.  
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1           26.     Indeed, the 2023 10-K stated that “[w]e plan to continue to use third-party service  
2 providers, including contract manufacturing organizations, . . . to manufacture and supply the  
3 materials to be used during the development and commercialization of our product candidates[,]”  
4 thereby indicating the sufficiency of those third-party service providers for manufacturing  
5 purposes.  
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7           27.     Appended as exhibits to the 2023 10-K were signed certifications pursuant to the  
8 Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (“SOX”), wherein the Individual Defendants certified, in relevant  
9 part, that the 2023 10-K “does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state  
10 a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which  
11 such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report[.]”  
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13           28.     On May 13, 2024, Unicycive filed a quarterly report on Form 10-Q with the SEC,  
14 reporting the Company’s financial and operating results for its first quarter ended March 31, 2024  
15 (the “1Q24 10-Q”). The 1Q24 10-Q contained the same statements as referenced in ¶ 26, *supra*,  
16 indicating the sufficiency of Unicycive’s third-party service providers for manufacturing  
17 purposes.  
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19           29.     Appended as exhibits to the 1Q24 10-Q were substantively the same SOX  
20 certifications as referenced in ¶ 27, *supra*, signed by the Individual Defendants.  
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22           30.     On June 25, 2024, Unicycive hosted a conference call with analysts and investors  
23 to discuss purported positive results from a clinical trial evaluating OLC, which the Company  
24 planned to submit as part of the OLC NDA. During the call, a Brookline Capital Markets analyst  
25 asked, “in terms of manufacturing, where do you stand and what are the next steps in terms of  
26 buildout of the commercial team?” In response, Defendant Gupta stated, in relevant part:

27           With regard to manufacturing, we are very, very much ready and have tested,  
28           validated batches at multi hundreds of kilograms level. So we are ready, we are  
              scaling up our manufacturing process. There is no problem. We are ready to launch

1 mid next year. So from manufacturing part, we have been working on these years  
2 to be able to scale up.

3 31. On August 14, 2024, Unicycive issued a press release announcing its second  
4 quarter 2024 financial results and business updates. The press release quoted Defendant Gupta  
5 as stating, in relevant part:

6 Achieving successful results from our [OLC] pivotal trial was a significant  
7 milestone for the company and brings us one step closer to becoming a commercial  
8 organization . . . . [W]e believe that we have completed all the necessary  
9 requirements from this pivotal clinical trial to fulfill the FDA's requests. We remain  
10 on track to submit our NDA by the end of this month, and we maintain a high degree  
11 of confidence in the potential for OLC to be a best-in-class commercial product, if  
12 approved.

13 32. The same day, Unicycive filed a quarterly report on Form 10-Q with the SEC,  
14 reporting the Company's financial and operating results for its second quarter ended June 30,  
15 2024 (the "2Q24 10-Q"). The 2Q24 10-Q contained the same statements as referenced in ¶ 26,  
16 *supra*, indicating the sufficiency of Unicycive's third-party service providers for manufacturing  
17 purposes.

18 33. Appended as exhibits to the 2Q24 10-Q were substantively the same SOX  
19 certifications as referenced in ¶ 27, *supra*, signed by the Individual Defendants.

20 34. On September 3, 2024, Unicycive issued a press release announcing that it had  
21 submitted the OLC NDA to the FDA. The press release stated that "specifications and practices  
22 related to chemistry, manufacturing and controls" supported the OLC NDA package, and quoted  
23 Defendant Gupta as stating, in relevant part:

24 We believe our data support a differentiated and best-in-class therapy that will  
25 maintain phosphate control while reducing the onerous pill burden patients  
26 currently have to manage. Over the last several months, our team has worked  
27 diligently to reach this milestone, and we are now preparing to launch OLC, if  
28 approved.

35. On November 11, 2024, Unicycive issued a press release touting that "the [FDA]  
has accepted the [NDA] for [OLC] and has set a Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) target

1 action date of June 28, 2025.” This press release, too, stated that “chemistry, manufacturing and  
2 controls (CMC) data” supported the OLC NDA package, and quoted Defendant Gupta as stating,  
3 in relevant part:

4 We are thrilled with the FDA acceptance of our first NDA, a significant milestone  
5 towards our efforts to bring this important treatment option to patients with kidney  
6 disease if approved . . . . With our NDA now under review, we are preparing to  
commercialize and launch OLC in the second half of 2025, if approved.

7 36. On November 13, 2024, Unicycive issued a press release announcing its third  
8 quarter 2024 financial results and business updates. The press release quoted Defendant Gupta  
9 as stating, in relevant part:

10 We are pleased with the tremendous progress we have made over the last several  
11 months highlighted by the acceptance of our [OLC NDA] which may result in the  
12 potential approval of our first drug in 2025 . . . . With the NDA acceptance now  
13 behind us, we are actively preparing to commercialize OLC with the goal of  
bringing this innovative new treatment to market in the second half of 2025.

14 37. The same day, Unicycive filed a quarterly report on Form 10-Q with the SEC,  
15 reporting the Company’s financial and operating results for its third quarter ended September 30,  
16 2024 (the “3Q24 10-Q”). The 3Q24 10-Q contained the same statements as referenced in ¶ 26,  
17 *supra*, indicating the sufficiency of Unicycive’s third-party service providers for manufacturing  
18 purposes.

19 38. Appended as exhibits to the 3Q24 10-Q were substantively the same SOX  
20 certifications as referenced in ¶ 27, *supra*, signed by the Individual Defendants.

21 39. On March 31, 2025, Unicycive issued a press release announcing its FY 2024  
22 financial results and business updates. The press release quoted Defendant Gupta as stating, in  
23 relevant part:

24 2025 is positioned to be a transformational year for Unicycive, with the near-term  
25 potential for FDA approval and commercial launch of [OLC] . . . . We continue to  
26 actively prepare to launch OLC, including . . . preparing our commercial  
27 infrastructure to rapidly make OLC available to patients upon approval.

1           40.     The same day, Unicycive filed an annual report on Form 10-K with the SEC,  
2 reporting the Company’s financial and operating results for its FY ended December 31, 2024 (the  
3 “2024 10-K”). The 2024 10-K continued to provide generic, boilerplate representations regarding  
4 risks related to “noncompliance with regulatory standards and requirements,” including cGMP-  
5 related requirements, while stating that the Company has “manufacturing standards . . .  
6 established” and “[e]xecutive management . . . [with] considerable product launch experience”  
7 and “expertise in the biopharmaceutical industry,” thereby downplaying these risks.  
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9           41.     In addition, the 2024 10-K contained the same statements as referenced in ¶ 26,  
10 *supra*, indicating the sufficiency of Unicycive’s third-party service providers for manufacturing  
11 purposes.  
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13           42.     The 2024 10-K also stated that “chemistry, manufacturing and controls (CMC)  
14 data” supported the OLC NDA package.  
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16           43.     Appended as exhibits to the 2024 10-K were substantively the same SOX  
17 certifications as referenced in ¶ 27, *supra*, signed by the Individual Defendants.  
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19           44.     On May 14, 2025, Unicycive issued a press release announcing its first quarter  
20 2025 financial results and business updates. The press release quoted Defendant Gupta as stating,  
21 in relevant part:  
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23           We are making incredible strides as we prepare for the potential FDA approval of  
24 [OLC] so we can bring this treatment to people with [CKD] on dialysis as  
25 efficiently as possible . . . . We remain dedicated to bolstering our commercial  
26 infrastructure as we strive to deliver a much-needed solution to patients and  
27 healthcare providers.  
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          45.     The same day, Unicycive filed a quarterly report on Form 10-Q with the SEC,  
reporting the Company’s financial and operating results for its first quarter ended March 31, 2025  
(the “1Q25 10-Q”). The 1Q25 10-Q contained the same statements as referenced in ¶ 26, *supra*,

1 indicating the sufficiency of Unicycive’s third-party service providers for manufacturing  
2 purposes.

3 46. Appended as exhibits to the 1Q25 10-Q were substantively the same SOX  
4 certifications as referenced in ¶ 27, *supra*, signed by the Individual Defendants.

5 47. The statements referenced in ¶¶ 24-46 were materially false and misleading  
6 because Defendants made false and/or misleading statements, as well as failed to disclose material  
7 adverse facts about the Company’s business, operations, and compliance policies. Specifically,  
8 Defendants made false and/or misleading statements and/or failed to disclose that: (i) Unicycive’s  
9 readiness and ability to satisfy the FDA’s manufacturing compliance requirements was  
10 overstated; (ii) the OLC NDA’s regulatory prospects were likewise overstated; and (iii) as a result,  
11 Defendants’ public statements were materially false and misleading at all relevant times.  
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13 48. In addition, Defendants violated Item 303 of SEC Regulation S-K, 17 C.F.R. §  
14 229.303(b)(2)(ii) (“Item 303”), which required Unicycive to “[d]escribe any known trends or  
15 uncertainties that have had or that are reasonably likely to have a material favorable or  
16 unfavorable impact on net sales or revenues or income from continuing operations.” Defendants  
17 failed to disclose, *inter alia*, Unicycive’s true readiness and ability (or lack thereof) to satisfy the  
18 FDA’s manufacturing compliance requirements, as well as the OLC NDA’s true regulatory  
19 prospects. Defendants’ failure to disclose these issues violated Item 303 because these issues  
20 represented known trends or uncertainties that were likely to have a material unfavorable impact  
21 on the Company’s business and financial results.  
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### 24 **The Truth Emerges**

25 49. On June 10, 2025, during pre-market hours, Unicycive issued a press release  
26 “announc[ing] an update on its [NDA] for [OLC] to treat hyperphosphatemia in patients with  
27 [CKD] on dialysis.” The press release stated, in relevant part:  
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1 The FDA communicated to the Company that it had identified deficiencies in  
2 cGMP compliance at a third-party manufacturing vendor (one of its CDMO's third-  
3 party subcontractors and not its Drug Substance vendor) following an FDA  
inspection.

4 The FDA indicated that, given the identified deficiencies, any label discussions  
5 between the FDA and the Company are precluded. The Company has responded to  
6 all FDA information requests and expects a final decision from the FDA by the  
PDUFA action date of June 28, 2025.

7 50. On this news, Unicycive's stock price fell \$3.68 per share, or **40.89%**, to close at  
8 \$5.32 per share on June 10, 2025.

9 51. Then, on June 30, 2025, during pre-market hours, Unicycive issued a press release  
10 announcing that the FDA had issued a CRL for the OLC NDA, which "cited deficiencies  
11 previously identified at a third-party manufacturing vendor [purportedly] unrelated to [OLC.]"

12 The press release stated, in relevant part:

13 [T]he [FDA] has issued a CRL for its [NDA] for OLC to treat hyperphosphatemia  
14 in patients with [CKD] on dialysis.

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16 After submitting the NDA, and as a part of the application review and routine  
17 information requests, the FDA notified Unicycive that a third-party manufacturing  
18 vendor of its main [CDMO] was cited for deficiencies following a cGMP  
inspection.

19 52. On this news, Unicycive's stock price fell \$2.03 per share, or **29.85%**, to close at  
20 \$4.77 per share on June 30, 2025.

21 53. As a result of Defendants' wrongful acts and omissions, and the precipitous  
22 decline in the market value of the Company's securities, Plaintiff and other Class members have  
23 suffered significant losses and damages.  
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25 **SCIENTER ALLEGATIONS**

26 54. During the Class Period, Defendants had both the motive and opportunity to  
27 commit fraud. They also had actual knowledge of the misleading nature of the statements they  
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1 made, or acted in reckless disregard of the true information known to them at the time. In so  
2 doing, Defendants participated in a scheme to defraud and committed acts, practices, and  
3 participated in a course of business that operated as a fraud or deceit on purchasers of the  
4 Company's securities during the Class Period.

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6 **PLAINTIFF'S CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

7 55. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil  
8 Procedure 23(a) and (b)(3) on behalf of a Class, consisting of all those who purchased or otherwise  
9 acquired Unicycive securities during the Class Period (the "Class"); and were damaged upon the  
10 revelation of the alleged corrective disclosures. Excluded from the Class are Defendants herein,  
11 the officers and directors of the Company, at all relevant times, members of their immediate  
12 families and their legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns and any entity in which  
13 Defendants have or had a controlling interest.

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15 56. The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members is  
16 impracticable. Throughout the Class Period, Unicycive securities were actively traded on the  
17 NASDAQ. While the exact number of Class members is unknown to Plaintiff at this time and  
18 can be ascertained only through appropriate discovery, Plaintiff believes that there are hundreds  
19 or thousands of members in the proposed Class. Record owners and other members of the Class  
20 may be identified from records maintained by Unicycive or its transfer agent and may be notified  
21 of the pendency of this action by mail, using the form of notice similar to that customarily used  
22 in securities class actions.

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24 57. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Class as all  
25 members of the Class are similarly affected by Defendants' wrongful conduct in violation of  
26 federal law that is complained of herein.

1           58. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of the Class  
2 and has retained counsel competent and experienced in class and securities litigation. Plaintiff  
3 has no interests antagonistic to or in conflict with those of the Class.

4           59. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Class and  
5 predominate over any questions solely affecting individual members of the Class. Among the  
6 questions of law and fact common to the Class are:  
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- 8           • whether the federal securities laws were violated by Defendants' acts as alleged  
9 herein;
- 10           • whether statements made by Defendants to the investing public during the Class  
11 Period misrepresented material facts about the business, operations and  
12 management of Unicycive;
- 13           • whether the Individual Defendants caused Unicycive to issue false and  
14 misleading financial statements during the Class Period;
- 15           • whether Defendants acted knowingly or recklessly in issuing false and  
16 misleading financial statements;
- 17           • whether the prices of Unicycive securities during the Class Period were  
18 artificially inflated because of the Defendants' conduct complained of herein;  
19 and
- 20           • whether the members of the Class have sustained damages and, if so, what is the  
21 proper measure of damages.

22           60. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient  
23 adjudication of this controversy since joinder of all members is impracticable. Furthermore, as  
24 the damages suffered by individual Class members may be relatively small, the expense and  
25 burden of individual litigation make it impossible for members of the Class to individually redress  
26 the wrongs done to them. There will be no difficulty in the management of this action as a class  
27 action.

28           61. Plaintiff will rely, in part, upon the presumption of reliance established by the  
fraud-on-the-market doctrine in that:

- 1 • Defendants made public misrepresentations or failed to disclose material facts during the Class Period;
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- 3 • the omissions and misrepresentations were material;
- 4 • Unicycive securities are traded in an efficient market;
- 5 • the Company's shares were liquid and traded with moderate to heavy volume during the Class Period;
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- 7 • the Company traded on the NASDAQ and was covered by multiple analysts;
- 8 • the misrepresentations and omissions alleged would tend to induce a reasonable investor to misjudge the value of the Company's securities; and
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- 10 • Plaintiff and members of the Class purchased, acquired and/or sold Unicycive securities between the time the Defendants failed to disclose or misrepresented material facts and the time the true facts were disclosed, without knowledge of the omitted or misrepresented facts.
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13 62. Based upon the foregoing, Plaintiff and the members of the Class are entitled to a  
14 presumption of reliance upon the integrity of the market.

15 63. Alternatively, Plaintiff and the members of the Class are entitled to the  
16 presumption of reliance established by the Supreme Court in *Affiliated Ute Citizens of the State*  
17 *of Utah v. United States*, 406 U.S. 128, 92 S. Ct. 2430 (1972), as Defendants omitted material  
18 information in their Class Period statements in violation of a duty to disclose such information,  
19 as detailed above.

### 21 COUNT I

#### 22 **(Violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 Promulgated Thereunder** 23 **Against All Defendants)**

24 64. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation contained above as if  
25 fully set forth herein.

26 65. This Count is asserted against Defendants and is based upon Section 10(b) of the  
27 Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder by the SEC.

1           66.     During the Class Period, Defendants engaged in a plan, scheme, conspiracy and  
2 course of conduct, pursuant to which they knowingly or recklessly engaged in acts, transactions,  
3 practices and courses of business which operated as a fraud and deceit upon Plaintiff and the other  
4 members of the Class; made various untrue statements of material facts and omitted to state  
5 material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under  
6 which they were made, not misleading; and employed devices, schemes and artifices to defraud  
7 in connection with the purchase and sale of securities. Such scheme was intended to, and,  
8 throughout the Class Period, did: (i) deceive the investing public, including Plaintiff and other  
9 Class members, as alleged herein; (ii) artificially inflate and maintain the market price of  
10 Unicycive securities; and (iii) cause Plaintiff and other members of the Class to purchase or  
11 otherwise acquire Unicycive securities and options at artificially inflated prices. In furtherance  
12 of this unlawful scheme, plan and course of conduct, Defendants, and each of them, took the  
13 actions set forth herein.  
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16           67.     Pursuant to the above plan, scheme, conspiracy and course of conduct, each of the  
17 Defendants participated directly or indirectly in the preparation and/or issuance of the quarterly  
18 and annual reports, SEC filings, press releases and other statements and documents described  
19 above, including statements made to securities analysts and the media that were designed to  
20 influence the market for Unicycive securities. Such reports, filings, releases and statements were  
21 materially false and misleading in that they failed to disclose material adverse information and  
22 misrepresented the truth about Unicycive's finances and business prospects.  
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24           68.     By virtue of their positions at Unicycive, Defendants had actual knowledge of  
25 the materially false and misleading statements and material omissions alleged herein and intended  
26 thereby to deceive Plaintiff and the other members of the Class, or, in the alternative, Defendants  
27 acted with reckless disregard for the truth in that they failed or refused to ascertain and disclose  
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1 such facts as would reveal the materially false and misleading nature of the statements made,  
2 although such facts were readily available to Defendants. Said acts and omissions of Defendants  
3 were committed willfully or with reckless disregard for the truth. In addition, each Defendant  
4 knew or recklessly disregarded that material facts were being misrepresented or omitted as  
5 described above.

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7 69. Information showing that Defendants acted knowingly or with reckless disregard  
8 for the truth is peculiarly within Defendants' knowledge and control. As the senior managers  
9 and/or directors of Unicycive, the Individual Defendants had knowledge of the details of  
10 Unicycive's internal affairs.

11 70. The Individual Defendants are liable both directly and indirectly for the wrongs  
12 complained of herein. Because of their positions of control and authority, the Individual  
13 Defendants were able to and did, directly or indirectly, control the content of the statements of  
14 Unicycive. As officers and/or directors of a publicly-held company, the Individual Defendants  
15 had a duty to disseminate timely, accurate, and truthful information with respect to Unicycive's  
16 businesses, operations, future financial condition and future prospects. As a result of the  
17 dissemination of the aforementioned false and misleading reports, releases and public statements,  
18 the market price of Unicycive securities was artificially inflated throughout the Class Period. In  
19 ignorance of the adverse facts concerning Unicycive's business and financial condition which  
20 were concealed by Defendants, Plaintiff and the other members of the Class purchased or  
21 otherwise acquired Unicycive securities at artificially inflated prices and relied upon the price of  
22 the securities, the integrity of the market for the securities and/or upon statements disseminated  
23 by Defendants, and were damaged thereby.

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26 71. During the Class Period, Unicycive securities were traded on an active and  
27 efficient market. Plaintiff and the other members of the Class, relying on the materially false and  
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1 conduct of Unicycive’s business affairs. Because of their senior positions, they knew the adverse  
2 non-public information about Unicycive’s misstatement of income and expenses and false  
3 financial statements.

4 76. As officers and/or directors of a publicly owned company, the Individual  
5 Defendants had a duty to disseminate accurate and truthful information with respect to  
6 Unicycive’s financial condition and results of operations, and to correct promptly any public  
7 statements issued by Unicycive which had become materially false or misleading.  
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9 77. Because of their positions of control and authority as senior officers, the Individual  
10 Defendants were able to, and did, control the contents of the various reports, press releases and  
11 public filings which Unicycive disseminated in the marketplace during the Class Period  
12 concerning Unicycive’s results of operations. Throughout the Class Period, the Individual  
13 Defendants exercised their power and authority to cause Unicycive to engage in the wrongful acts  
14 complained of herein. The Individual Defendants, therefore, were “controlling persons” of  
15 Unicycive within the meaning of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. In this capacity, they  
16 participated in the unlawful conduct alleged which artificially inflated the market price of  
17 Unicycive securities.  
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19 78. Each of the Individual Defendants, therefore, acted as a controlling person of  
20 Unicycive. By reason of their senior management positions and/or being directors of Unicycive,  
21 each of the Individual Defendants had the power to direct the actions of, and exercised the same  
22 to cause, Unicycive to engage in the unlawful acts and conduct complained of herein. Each of  
23 the Individual Defendants exercised control over the general operations of Unicycive and  
24 possessed the power to control the specific activities which comprise the primary violations about  
25 which Plaintiff and the other members of the Class complain.  
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