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## DRAIN AND ACID WASH DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

*Draining and/or acid wash treatment of a swimming pool's finish are maintenance procedures that may be needed periodically throughout the life of a swimming pool. Since these procedures involve draining the swimming pool and applying chemicals to the plaster, there are certain risks involved not normally associated with day-to-day maintenance procedures, and which are not within the control of the pool service technician. The purpose of this statement is to provide you with additional information concerning these procedures and to inform you of some of the risks involved, and of what the typical results of such procedures are.*

### **DRAINING**

Periodic draining of swimming pool water is a maintenance practice that is performed to remove water that has become hard or laden with excessive minerals, or to perform needed repairs to a pool. Normally, removal of water from a pool causes no problems. However, there are a few things that can happen of which you should be aware. When the water is removed, the pool may rise out of the ground, a condition often times caused by hydrostatic pressure (too much moisture in the soil). Once exposed to the air, tile may fall off of the pool; the plaster can shrink, expand, crack, blister, flake, or pop off, etc. These problems do not normally occur, and are beyond the control of the person who drained the water. However, the possibility of these problems can be reduced by neither draining the pool during the wetter times of the year nor leaving the pool empty for more than 48 hours before refilling during hot or dry weather. Repairs that require the draining of a pool should be made as quickly as possible and the pool refilled as soon as possible.

### **ACID WASHING / ACID TREATMENTS**

The decision to use acid procedures to remove stains and mineral build-up from a pool's surface should be very carefully considered. Under most circumstances, staining or mineral build-up takes many months or years to accumulate. While acid treatments are recognized as a common procedure for removal, there are several problems that may occur. The process of applying acid to plaster surfaces may cause the surface to etch, (become rough or expose the aggregate in the plaster mix). To what degree this occurs depends on the concentration of the acid, the temperament of the stain being removed, and the quality and condition of the plaster itself. In some cases cracking, thinning, or delaminating of the tile and plaster could be a preexisting condition and is beyond the control of the service technician that is performing the acid wash. Consideration should be given to the experience and recommendation of the technician; if you have any doubts, seek a second opinion.

An even color, or smooth texture after an acid wash procedure, is an unrealistic expectation. The stains most likely took a long period of time to develop, and could be deeply embedded into the plaster material. At best the consumer can expect the pool's appearance to look brighter than before, with some stains remaining. Sanding will aid in the restoration of the pool's surface texture.

**By signing below you are acknowledging that you have read and understand the risks and other information disclosed above, that the above-listed problems may occur, and that the complete removal of all stains is neither guaranteed nor represented.**

Customer name			
Address			
City, State, Zip			
Signature			Date