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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO (Unlimited Jurisdiction)

MATEEL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION,

CASE NO.

CGC-05-440721

Plaintiff.

v.

COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND CIVIL PENALTIES

BABY TREND, INC., J&B IMPORTERS, INC.; and DOES 1 through 100 inclusive,

Defendants.

TOXIC TORT/ENVIRONMENTAL

MATEEL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION alleges as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. This Complaint seeks civil penalties and an injunction to remedy the continuing failure of defendants BABY TREND, INC., J&B IMPORTERS, INC., and DOES 1 through 100 inclusive (hereinafter "Defendants"), to give clear and reasonable warnings to those residents of California, who handle and use locks, lock or security cables, and brake and derailleur cables that are coated with polyvinyl chloride ("PVC") plastic that contains lead, or products that

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incorporate such PVC locks and cables (hereinafter collectively referred to as "PVC-Coated Cable Products"), that handling and use of these products causes those residents to be exposed to lead and lead compounds, lead acetate, lead phosphate, and lead subacetate (hereinafter, collectively, "lead"). Lead is known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and male and female reproductive toxicity. Defendants manufacture, distribute, and/or market PVC-Coated Cable Products. These products cause exposures to lead and lead compounds, which are chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm.

- 2. Defendants are businesses that manufacture, distribute, and/or market PVC-Coated Cable Products. Defendants intend that residents of California handle and use PVC-Coated Cable Products that Defendants manufacture, market, and/or distribute. When these products are handled and used in their normally intended manner, they expose people to lead. In spite of knowing that residents of California were and are being exposed to these chemicals when they handle and use PVC-Coated Cable Products, Defendants did not and do not provide clear and reasonable warnings that these products cause exposure to chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm.
- 3. Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7 to compel Defendants to bring their business practices into compliance with section 25249.5 et seq. by providing a clear and reasonable warning to each individual who has been and who in the future may be exposed to the above mentioned toxic chemicals from the use of Defendants' PVC-Coated Cable Products.
- 4. In addition to injunctive relief, plaintiff seeks civil penalties to remedy the Defendants' failure to provide clear and reasonable warnings regarding exposure to chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. Plaintiff also seeks an order that Defendants identify and locate each individual person who in the past has purchased PVC-Coated Cable Products and to provide to each such purchaser a clear and reasonable warning that the PVC-Coated Cable Products causes and will continue to cause exposures to chemicals known to cause birth defects.

PARTIES

- 5. Plaintiff MATEEL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION ("Mateel") is a non-profit organization dedicated to, among other causes, the protection of the environment, promotion of human health, environmental education, and consumer rights. Mateel is based in Eureka, California, and is incorporated under the laws of the State of California. Mateel is a "person" pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25118. Mateel brings this enforcement action in the public interest pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d). Residents of California are regularly exposed to lead and lead compounds from PVC-Coated Cable Products manufactured, distributed or marketed by Defendants and are so exposed without a clear and reasonable Proposition 65 warning.
- 6. Defendants are each a person doing business within the meaning of Health & Safety Code Section 25249.11. Defendants are businesses that manufacture, distribute, and/or market PVC-Coated Cable Productsin California, including the City and County of San Francisco. Manufacture, distribution and/or marketing of these products in the City and County of San Francisco and/or to people who live in San Francisco, causes people to be exposed to lead and lead compounds while they are physically present in the City and County of San Francisco.
- 7. Mateel is unaware of the true names or capacities of the Defendants sued herein under the fictitious names DOES 1 through 100, inclusive. Defendants DOES 1 through 100 inclusive are therefore sued herein pursuant to Cal. Code Civ. Proc. §474. When Mateel learns their identities, it will amend the complaint.
- 8. Plaintiff brings this enforcement action against Defendants pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(d). Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is a copy of a 60-day Notice letter dated January 31, 2005 which Mateel sent to California's Attorney General. Substantially identical letters were sent to every District Attorney in the state, and to the City Attorneys of every California city with a population greater than 750,000. On that same date, Mateel sent identical 60-Day Notice letters to each defendant. Attached to the 60-Day Notice Letters sent to each defendant was a summary of Proposition 65 that was prepared by California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment. In addition, each 60-Day

Notice Letter plaintiff sent was accompanied by a Certificate of Service attesting to the service of the 60-Day Notice Letter on each entity which received it. Pursuant to California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(d), a Certificate of Merit attesting to the reasonable and meritorious basis for the action was also sent with each 60-Day Notice Letter. Factual information sufficient to establish the basis of the Certificate of Merit was enclosed with the 60-Day Notice letter Mateel sent to the Attorney General.

9. Defendants are all businesses that employ more than ten people.

JURISDICTION

- 10. The Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7. California Constitution Article VI, Section 10 grants the Superior Court "original jurisdiction in all causes except those given by statute to other trial courts." Chapter 6.6 of the Health & Safety Code, which contains the statutes under which this action is brought, does not grant jurisdiction to any other trial court.
- 11. This Court also has jurisdiction over Defendants because they are businesses that have sufficient minimum contacts in California and within the City and County of San Francisco. Defendants intentionally availed themselves of the California and San Francisco County markets for PVC-Coated Cable Products. It is thus consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice for the San Francisco Superior Court to exercise jurisdiction over them.
- 12. Venue is proper in this Court because Defendants market their products in and around San Francisco and thus cause people to be exposed to lead and lead compounds while those people are physically present in San Francisco. Liability for Plaintiff's causes of action, or some parts thereof, has accordingly arisen in San Francisco during the times relevant to this Complaint and Plaintiff seeks civil penalties imposed by statutes.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Claim for Injunctive Relief)

13. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference into this First Cause of Action, as if specifically set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 12, inclusive.

- 14. The People of the State of California have declared by referendum under Proposition 65 (California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 et seq.) their right "[t]o be informed about exposures to chemicals that cause cancer, birth defects, and reproductive harm."
- 15. To effectuate this goal, Section 25249.6 of the Health and Safety Code mandates that persons who, in the course of doing business, knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer or birth defects must first provide a clear and reasonable warning to such individual prior to the exposure.
- 16. Since at least January 31, 2002, Defendants have engaged in conduct that violates Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6 et seq. This conduct includes knowingly and intentionally exposing to the above mentioned toxic chemicals, those California residents who handle and use PVC-Coated Cable Products. The normally intended use of PVC-Coated Cable Products causes exposure to lead and lead compounds, which are chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. Defendants have not provided clear and reasonable warnings, within the meaning of Health & Safety Code Sections 25249.6 and 25249.11.
- 17. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants knew that the PVC-Coated Cable Products they manufacture, distribute or market cause exposures to lead and lead compounds. Defendants intend that residents of California handle and use PVC-Coated Cable Products in such ways as would lead to significant exposures to these chemicals.
- 18. By the above described acts, Defendants have violated Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 and are therefore subject to an injunction ordering them to stop violating Proposition 65 and requiring them to provide warnings to their past customers who purchased defendants' products without receiving a clear and reasonable warning.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (Claim for Civil Penalties)

19. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference into this Second Cause of Action, as if specifically set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 18, inclusive.

20. By the above described acts, Defendants are liable and should be liable pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b), for a civil penalty of \$2,500.00 per day for each individual exposed to lead and lead compounds from the handling or use of Defendants' PVC-Coated Cable Products.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants, as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to the First Cause of Action, that all Defendants be enjoined, restrained, and ordered to comply with the provisions of Section 25249.6 of the California Health & Safety Code:
- 2. Pursuant to the Second Cause of Action, that Defendants be assessed a civil penalty in an amount equal to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposed, in violation of Section 25249.6 of the California Health & Safety Code, to lead and lead compounds as the result of Defendants' manufacturing, distributing or marketing of bicycles and tricycles that have Leaded Handlebars;
- 3. That Defendants be ordered to identify and locate each individual who purchased PVC-Coated Cable Products and provide a warning to each such person that the PVC-Coated Cable Products the person purchased will expose that person to chemicals known to cause birth defects.
 - 4. For such other relief as this court deems just and proper.

Dated: April 14, 2005

KLAMATH ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER

Attorney for Plaintiff

Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation

COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTION AND CIVIL PENALTIES



January 31, 2005

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Greetings:

This office and the Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation ("Mateel") give you notice that the private businesses on the attached service list have been, are, will be and threaten to be in violation of Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6. Both this office and Mateel are private enforcers of Proposition 65, both may be contacted at the below listed address and telephone number, and I am a responsible individual at both Mateel and this office. The above referenced violations occur when California residents come into contact with locks, lock or security cables, and brake and derailleur cables (installed on bicycles or sold after-market as spare parts) that are coated with polyvinyl chloride plastic ("PVC") (collectively hereinafter "cables"). The PVC plastic used to coat these cables contains lead and lead compounds ("lead"), chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. California residents are exposed to lead when they handle these cables while locking and unlocking their bikes, or when using their bikes. Lead in the PVC plastic is transferred from the plastic to their hands and to other parts of their skin. This lead is then absorbed through the skin, taken into cuts and abrasions, absorbed through mucous membranes, and transferred from the skin to the mouth via oral contact either directly with the plastic, from oral contact with the lead-contaminated skin, and when lead is transferred from contaminated skin to cigarettes and food and the contaminated cigarettes and food are smoked and/or eaten. These lead exposures thus occur via the dermal absorption, subcutaneous, mucus membrane, ingestion and inhalation routes. The listed businesses did not and do not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before they expose them to lead. These violations have occurred every day since at least January 31, 2004, and will continue every day until the lead is removed from PVC used to coat the cables or until clear and reasonable warnings are given. The above-referenced violations are alleged for occupational exposures as well as for consumer and environmental exposures. We do not, however, allege occupational exposure violations as to any locks or cables made outside of California, except as to workplaces these companies themselves maintain in California. Exposures constituting Proposition 65 environmental exposure violations occur in every county of the State and occur both on and off the property of the aforementioned private businesses.

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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

I, William Verick, hereby declare: This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notices have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings. I am the attorney for the noticing party. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action. Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on all other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiffs' case can be established and the information did not prove that the alleged violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute. The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the person(s) consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: January 31, 2005

William Verick

This notice alleges the violation of Proposition 65 with respect to occupational exposures governed by the California State Plan for Occupational Safety and Health. The State Plan incorporates the provisions of Proposition 65, as approved by Federal OSHA on June 6, 1997. This approval specifically placed certain conditions on Proposition 65, including that it does not apply to the conduct of manufacturers occurring outside the State of California. The approval also provides that an employer may use the means of compliances in the general hazard communication requirements to comply with Proposition 65. It also requires that supplemental enforcement is subject to the supervision of the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Accordingly, any settlement, civil complaint, or substantive court orders in this matter must be submitted to the Attorney General.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Alison Nichols, declare:

If called, I could and would testify as follows: I am over eighteen. My business address is 424 First Street, Eureka, California, 95501. On January 31, 2005, I caused the attached 60-DAY NOTICE LETTER, or a letter identical in substance, to be served by U.S. Mail on those public enforcement agencies listed on the attached SERVICE LIST; in addition on the same date and by U.S. Mail I caused the attached 60-DAY NOTICE LETTER and PROPOSITION 65: A SUMMARY to be sent by Certified U.S. Mail to the private business entities also listed on the attached SERVICE LIST. I deposited copies of these documents in envelopes, postage pre-paid, with the U.S. Postal Service on the day on which the mail is collected. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on January 31, 2005, at Eureka, California.

ALISON NICHOLS

PRODUCT LIST

COMPANY NAME	PRODUCT
BABY TREND, INC.	EXPEDITION JOGGING STROLLER UPC: 090014 007294
	ROYCE UNION COMPONENTS 6' VINYL COATED CABLE AND COMBINATION PADLOCK - MODEL 6250-5
	BIKE GEAR COMPONENTS 6' VINYL COATED CABLE - MODEL 6212-5
J&B IMPORTERS, INC.	BIKE GEAR COMPONENTS BRAKE CABLE SET - MODEL 6992-2