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AMENDMENT TO COMPLAINT

# SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

GGC 05-445237

GIANTCEUTICAL INC., BIOCALTH INTERNATIONAL (S.F.)

CASE NUMBER

JULIE CHOI, KIT LAU AND Plaintiff Does 1 through 1000

Plaintiff(s)

Defendant(s)

Upon filing the complaint herein, plaintiff(s) being ignorant of the true name of a defendant, and having designated said defendant in the complaint by the fictitious name of: **DOE 14** 

and having discovered the true name of the said defendant to be: CHUNG CHOU CITY, INC #4

hereby amends the complaint by inserting such true name in place and stead of such incorrect name wherever it appears in said complaint.

DATED: February 15, 2006

THOMAS H. CLARKE, JR Attorney(s) for plaintiff(s)

CORPORATION, JIE J. WEN (aka JACKSON WEN), and

vs. Defendant DOES 1 through 200

#### INCORRECT NAME [SEC. 473 (a)(1) C.C.P]

Plaintiff(s) having designated a defendant in the complaint by the incorrect name of

and having discovered the true name of the said defendant to be

hereby amends the complaint by inserting such true name in place and stead of such incorrect name wherever it appears in said complaint.

Attorney(s) for plaintiff(s)

#### **ORDER**

Proper cause appearing, the above amendment to the complaint is allowed.

Dated:

Judge

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CASE NAME: JULIE CHOI, et al. v. GIANTCEUTICAL INC., et al. **ACTION NO.:** CGC 05-445237 I am a citizen of the United States. My business address is 201 Spear Street, Suite 1000, San Francisco, CA 94105. I am employed in the County of San Francisco where this service occurs. I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within cause. I am readily familiar with my employer's normal business practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the U.S. Postal Service, and that practice is that correspondence is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service the same day as the day of collection in the ordinary course of business. On the date set forth below, following ordinary business practice, I served a true copy of CHUNG CHOU CITY. INC. #4 NAMED AS DOE DEFENDANT 14 AND (BY MAIL) I caused such envelope(s) with postage thereon fully prepaid to be (State) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California

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November 1, 2005

# NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CONSUMERS LEGAL REMEDIES ACT AND DEMAND FOR REMEDY

[Sections 1780 et seq. California Civil Code] VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Xue Fen Feng, President Chung Chou City, Inc. #4 10959 North Wolfe Road Cupertino, CA 95014

Dear Ms. Feng:

You are hereby notified that on or about the last three years, in carrying out the terms of one or more transactions that you entered into with California consumers who purchased your Biocalth® Calcium L-threonate® Dietary Supplement through you and your various business enterprises, you violated the provisions of the California Consumers Legal Remedies Act (California Civil Code §§ 1750 et seq.) by alleging that your product, the Biocalth® Calcium Lthreonate® Dietary Supplement, was "Made in U.S.A." (or words that conveyed a similar meaning as to the geographic origin of the Dietary Supplement), when in fact its geographic origin is not as claimed. The practice was committed in violation of the Consumers Legal Remedies Act, as proscribed by Section 1770(4) of the Civil Code.

You further violated the Consumers Legal Remedies Act by representing the Dietary Supplement as having the following characteristics, uses, and benefits when in fact the Dietary Supplement does not, in violation of Section 1770(5) of the Civil Code:

- Being in compliance with Proposition 65 (due to the absence of the required Proposition 65 warning).
- Curing or mitigating the adverse effects of lumbar pain.
- Curing or mitigating the adverse effects of night cramps.
- Curing or mitigating the adverse effects of wrist joint pain.
- Curing or mitigating the adverse effects of leg weakness.
- Curing or mitigating the adverse effects of stiff joints.
- Curing or mitigating the adverse effects of cartilage related diseases.



#### THIRTY-DAY NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CLRA

- Curing bone fractures and enhancing collagen production.
- Not interfering with any prescription medications.
- Improving "bone mechanics".
- Providing a "natural way" for "bone formation and remodeling".
- Curing or mitigating the adverse effects of sciatic nerve pain and disc hernia.
- Claiming that the Dietary Product was not available more recently in the U.S. because of the time-consuming process of the U.S. patent system.
- Boosting energy levels.
- Without more, preventing osteoporosis in post-menopausal women.

As a result of these violations, demand is hereby made that within 30 days after receipt of this notice you correct the misrepresentations made as to the origin of the Dietary Supplement, add a Proposition 65 warning to your Dietary Supplement Packaging as required by law, delete all untruthful and misleading claims made in your advertising and on your web site, and notify all customers over the last three years that you will refund their purchase price in full.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. Clarke, Jr.

Attorneys for Ms. Julie Choi and Ms. Kit Lau

THC/njl

cc:

Ms. Xue Fen Feng 151 Great Circle Drive Mill Valley, CA 94941

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<ul> <li>Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.</li> <li>Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.</li> <li>Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.</li> </ul>	A. Signature  X	
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Chung Chou City, Inc. #4 10959 North Wolfe Road		
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October 31, 2005

### SIXTY-DAY NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Xue Fen Feng, President Chung Chou City, Inc. #4 10959 North Wolfe Road Cupertino, CA 95014

Dear Ms. Feng:

California's Proposition 65 (which can be found at Sections 25249.6 et seq. of the Health & Safety Code) is designed to promote awareness of potential exposures to toxic chemicals and improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer products or produced by industrial activities. Attached to this letter is a copy of "Proposition 65: A Summary", which has been prepared by the State of California, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"). OEHHA may be contacted at 916-445-6900. OEHHA's web site pertaining to Proposition 65 may be found at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65.html.

Ropers, Majeski, Kohn & Bentley ("RMKB") and Ms. Julie Choi and Ms. Kit Lau ("Plaintiff") hereby give you notice that Chung Chou City, Inc. #4 has been, is currently, and threatens to be in violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6; this sixty-day notice is sent to you in compliance with § 25249.7(d) California Health & Safety Code. Both RMKB and Plaintiffs are private enforcers of Proposition 65, as provided by California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d). You may contact both RMKB and Plaintiffs at the above listed address and telephone number; I am counsel for and represent Plaintiffs in this matter.

The above-referenced violations occur when California consumers purchase and ingest your Biocalth® Calcium L-threonate® Dietary Supplement ("Tablets"). The Tablets contain lead and lead compounds ("lead"), chemicals known to the State of California to cause reproductive toxicity. California residents are exposed to lead when they ingest the Tablets. This lead is then absorbed into the body through the gastrointestinal tract wherein it causes the harm noted.

Your business did not and does not provide California consumers with clear and reasonable warnings before it exposes them to lead, as required by Health & Safety Code §

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25249.6. These violations have occurred every day for at least the last four years, and will continue every day until the lead is removed from the Tablets or until clear and reasonable warnings are given. The Proposition 65 violations noted herein occur in each of California's 58 counties, or in such Counties as your Tablets are sold or consumed.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. Clarke, Jr.

THC/njl

cc: Ms. Xue Fen Feng

151 Great Circle Drive Mill Valley, CA 94941

# CERTIFICATE OF MERIT Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

- I, Thomas H. Clarke, Jr., hereby declare:
- 1. 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 & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
- 2. I am the attorney for the noticing parties.
- 3. 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 alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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 & Safety Code Section 25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Thomas H. Clarke, Jr.

Dated: November 1, 2005

SF/185182.1/THC

# Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment California Environmental Protection Agency

# The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary

The following summary has been prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, the lead agency for the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (commonly known as "Proposition 65"). A copy of this summary must be included as an attachment to any notice of violation served upon an alleged violator of the Act. The summary provides basic information about the provisions of the law, and is intended to serve only as a convenient source of general information. It is not intended to provide authoritative guidance on the meaning or application of the law. The reader is directed to the statute and its implementing regulations (see citations below) for further information.

Proposition 65 appears in California law as Health & Safety Code Sections 25249.5 through 25249.13. Regulations that provide more specific guidance on compliance, and that specify procedures to be followed by the State in carrying out certain aspects of the law, are found in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 12000 through 14000.

# WHAT DOES PROPOSITION 65 REQUIRE?

The "Governor's List." Proposition 65 requires the Governor to publish a list of chemicals that are known to the State of California to cause cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm. This list must be updated at least once a year. Over 735 chemical listings have been included as of November 16, 2001. Only those chemicals that are on the list are regulated under this law. Businesses that produce, use, release or otherwise engage in activities involving those chemicals must comply with the following:

Clear and reasonable warnings. A business is required to warn a person before "knowingly and intentionally" exposing that person to a listed chemical. The warning given must be "clear and reasonable." This means that the warning must: (1) clearly make known that the chemical involved is known to cause cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm; and (2) be given in such a way that it will effectively reach the person before he or she is exposed. Exposures are exempt from the warning requirement if they occur less than twelve months after the date of listing of the chemical.

Prohibition from discharges into drinking water. A business must not knowingly discharge or release a listed chemical into water or onto land where it passes or probably will pass into a source of drinking water. Discharges are exempt from this requirement if they occur less than twenty months after the date of listing of the chemical.

## DOES PROPOSITION 65 PROVIDE ANY EXEMPTIONS?

Yes. The law exempts:

Governmental agencies and public water utilities. All agencies of the federal, State or local government, as well as entities operating public water systems, are exempt.

Businesses with nine or fewer employees. Neither the warning requirement nor the discharge prohibition applies to a business that employs a total of nine or fewer employees.

Exposures that pose no significant risk of cancer. For chemicals that are listed as known to the State to cause cancer ("carcinogens"), a warning is not required if the business can demonstrate that the exposure occurs at a level that poses "no significant risk." This means that the exposure is calculated to result in not more than one excess case of cancer in 100,000 individuals exposed over a 70-year lifetime. The Proposition 65 regulations identify specific "no significant risk" levels for more than 250 listed carcinogens.

Exposures that will produce no observable reproductive effect at 1,000 times the level in question. For chemicals known to the State to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm ("reproductive toxicants"), a warning is not required if the business can demonstrate that the exposure will produce no observable effect, even at 1,000 times the level in question. In other words, the level of exposure must be below the "no observable effect level (NOEL)," divided by a 1,000-fold safety or uncertainty factor. The "no observable effect level" is the highest dose level which has not been associated with an observable adverse reproductive or developmental effect.

Discharges that do not result in a "significant amount" of the listed chemical entering into any source of drinking water. The prohibition from discharges into drinking water does not apply if the discharger is able to demonstrate that a "significant amount" of the listed chemical has not, does not, or will not enter any drinking water source, and that the discharge complies with all other applicable laws, regulations, permits, requirements, or orders. A "significant amount" means any detectable amount, except an amount that would meet the "no significant risk" or "no observable effect" test if an individual were exposed to such an amount in drinking water.

#### HOW IS PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCED?

Enforcement is carried out through civil lawsuits. These lawsuits may be brought by the Attorney General, any district attorney, or certain city attorneys (those in cities with a population exceeding 750,000). Lawsuits may also be brought by private parties acting in the public interest, but only after providing notice of the alleged violation to the Attorney General, the appropriate district attorney and city attorney, and the business accused of the violation. The notice must provide adequate information to allow the recipient to assess the nature of the alleged violation. A notice must comply with the information and procedural requirements specified in regulations (Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 12903). A private party may not pursue an enforcement action directly under Proposition 65 if one of the governmental officials noted above initiates an action within sixty days of the notice.

A business found to be in violation of Proposition 65 is subject to civil penalties of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation. In addition, the business may be ordered by a court of law to stop committing the violation.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION...

Contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900.

# Ropers Majeski Kohn & Bentley A Professional Corporation San Francisco

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On the date set forth below, following ordinary business practice, I served a true copy of the foregoing document(s) described as:

- Sixty-Day Notice of Violation;
- Certificate of Merit;
- The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary
- (BY MAIL) I caused such envelope(s) with postage thereon fully prepaid to be placed in the United States mail at San Francisco, California.

Xue Fen Feng, President	Edward G. Weil	
Chung Chou City, Inc. #4		
10959 North Wolfe Road	Wolfe Road Office of the Attorney Genera	
Cupertino, CA 95014	Oakland, CA 94612-0550	

Offices of the City Attorneys and Offices of the District Attorneys on the attached Service List

(State) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed on November 1, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

Norma-Jean Lee

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