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10 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
11 COUNTY OF ALAMEDA  
12 (Unlimited Jurisdiction)

13 MATEEL ENVIRONMENTAL  
14 JUSTICE FOUNDATION,

15 Plaintiff,

16 v.

17 CROSMAN CORPORATION,

18 Defendant.  
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CASE NO.

RG 07355984

COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF  
AND CIVIL PENALTIES

TOXIC TORT/ENVIRONMENTAL

20 MATEEL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION alleges as follows:

21 INTRODUCTION

22 1. This Complaint seeks civil penalties and an injunction to remedy the continuing  
23 failure of defendant CROSMAN CORPORATION (hereinafter "Defendant"), to give clear and  
24 reasonable warnings to those residents of California, who handle and use paintball guns, carbon  
25 dioxide cartridges and carbon dioxide cartridge adapters – all of which incorporate or utilize  
26 leaded brass fittings and other leaded brass parts, (hereinafter referred to as "Leaded Brass  
27 Paintball Guns and Accessories"), that handling and use of these products causes those residents  
28 to be exposed to lead and lead compounds, lead acetate, lead phosphate, and lead subacetate

ENDORSED  
FILED  
ALAMEDA COUNTY  
NOV 13 2007  
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
By BARBARA J. COVINE Deputy



1 is a non-profit organization dedicated to, among other causes, the protection of the environment,  
2 promotion of human health, environmental education, and consumer rights. Mateel is based in  
3 Eureka, California, and is incorporated under the laws of the State of California. Mateel is a  
4 "person" pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25118. Mateel brings this enforcement  
5 action in the public interest pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d). Residents of  
6 California are regularly exposed to lead and lead compounds from Leaded Brass Paintball Guns  
7 and Accessories manufactured, distributed or marketed by Defendants and are so exposed  
8 without a clear and reasonable Proposition 65 warning.

9         6. Defendant is a person doing business within the meaning of Health & Safety Code  
10 Section 25249.11. Defendant is a businesses that distributes, and/or markets Leaded Brass  
11 Paintball Guns and Accessories in California, including Alameda County. Distribution and/or  
12 marketing of these products in Alameda County, and/or to people who live in Alameda County,  
13 causes people to be exposed to lead and lead compounds while they are physically present in  
14 Alameda County.

15         7. Plaintiff brings this enforcement action against Defendant pursuant to Health &  
16 Safety Code Section 25249.7(d). Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is a copy of a  
17 60-day Notice letter, dated May 10, 2007, which Mateel sent to California's Attorney General.  
18 Substantively identical letters were sent to every District Attorney in the state, and to the City  
19 Attorneys of every California city with a population greater than 750,000, and to defendant.  
20 Attached to the 60-Day Notice Letter sent to defendant was a summary of Proposition 65 that  
21 was prepared by California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment. In addition,  
22 each 60-Day Notice Letter plaintiff sent was accompanied by a Certificate of Service attesting to  
23 the service of the 60-Day Notice Letter on each entity which received it. Pursuant to California  
24 Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(d), a Certificate of Merit attesting to the reasonable and  
25 meritorious basis for the action was also sent with each 60-Day Notice Letter. Factual  
26 information sufficient to establish the basis of the Certificate of Merit was enclosed with the 60-  
27 Day Notice letter Mateel sent to the Attorney General.

28         8. Defendant employs more than ten people.





1 ordered to comply with the provisions of Section 25249.6 of the California Health & Safety  
2 Code;

3 2. Pursuant to the Second Cause of Action, that Defendant be assessed a civil  
4 penalty in an amount equal to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposed, in violation of Section  
5 25249.6 of the California Health & Safety Code, to lead and lead compounds as the result of  
6 Defendant's distributing or marketing of Leaded Brass Paintball Guns and Accessories;

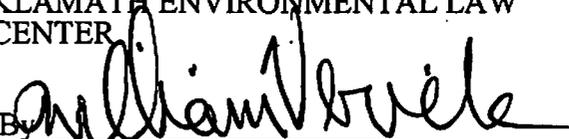
7 3. That Defendant be ordered to identify and locate each individual who purchased  
8 Leaded Brass Paintball Guns and Accessories and provide a warning to each such person that the  
9 Leaded Brass Paintball Guns and Accessories the person purchased will expose that person to  
10 chemicals known to cause birth defects.

11 4. That, pursuant to Civil Procedure Code § 1021.5, Defendant be ordered to pay to  
12 Plaintiff the attorneys fees and costs it incurred in bringing this enforcement action.

13 5. For such other relief as this court deems just and proper.

14 Dated: November 5, 2007

15 KLAMATH ENVIRONMENTAL LAW  
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17 By 

18 William Verick  
19 Attorney for Plaintiff  
20 Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation  
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May 10, 2007

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Greetings:

This office and the Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation ("Mateel") give you notice that Crosman Corporation has been, is, will be and threatens 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 CO(2) cartridges and adapters for attaching CO(2) cartridges to paintball guns. Specific examples of the specific types of products at issue are: Gameface Paintball Ready-to-Use Pre-Filled CO(2) Cartridge, UPC 833035 000673 and Air Source Paintball Adapter #CA424-536. The fittings that people handle to attach and remove the CO(2) cartridges are made from leaded brass, which contains lead and lead compounds ("lead"), which are chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. California residents are exposed to lead when they handle these fittings while using them to attach and remove CO(2) cartridges from their paintball guns. Lead is transferred from the brass fittings 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 brass, 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. Crosman Corporation did not and does not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before it exposes them to lead. These violations have occurred every day since at least May 10, 2004, and will continue every day until the lead is removed from the brass fittings, 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 of the products at issue that are made outside of California, except as to workplaces Crosman itself maintains in California. Exposures constituting Proposition 65 environmental exposure violations occur both on and off Crosman Corporation's property and in each of California's 58 counties.

Cordially,

William Verick

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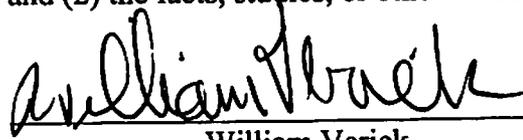
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**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

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: May 10, 2007

  
William Verick

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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.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Nicole Frank, 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 May 10, 2007, 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 May 10, 2007, at Eureka, California.

  
Nicole Frank