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12 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
13 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
14 (Unlimited Jurisdiction)

15 MATEEL ENVIRONMENTAL
16 JUSTICE FOUNDATION,

17 Plaintiff,
18 v.

19 ACE HARDWARE CORPORATION,
20 Defendant.

CASE NO. **CGC-08-471446**

COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF
AND CIVIL PENALTIES

21 _____ / TOXIC TORT/ENVIRONMENTAL

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23 MATEEL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION alleges as follows:

24 INTRODUCTION

25 1. This Complaint seeks civil penalties and an injunction to remedy the continuing
26 failure of defendant ACE HARDWARE CORPORATION (hereinafter "Defendant"), to give clear
27 and reasonable warnings to those residents of California, who handle and use propane torches
28 and propane torch accessories made of brass and bronze alloys which contain lead (collectively

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1 hereinafter "Leaded Brass Propane Torches"). The handling and use of these products causes
2 those residents to be exposed to lead and lead compounds, lead acetate, lead phosphate, and lead
3 subacetate (hereinafter, collectively, "lead"). The types of products to which this Complaint
4 pertains are those types listed in the Proposition 65 60-Day Notice Letter that is attached to and
5 incorporated by reference into this Complaint. Lead is known to the State of California to cause
6 cancer, birth defects and male and female reproductive toxicity. Defendant manufactures,
7 distributes, and/or markets Leaded Brass Propane Torches. These products cause exposures to
8 lead and lead compounds, which are chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer,
9 birth defects and other reproductive harm.

10 2. Defendant is a businesses that manufactures, markets, and/or distributes Leaded
11 Brass Propane Torches. Defendant intends that residents of California handle and use Leaded
12 Brass Propane Torches that Defendant manufactures, markets, and/or distributes. When these
13 products are handled and used in their normally intended manner, they expose people to lead. In
14 spite of knowing that residents of California were and are being exposed to these chemicals
15 when they handle and use Leaded Brass Propane Torches, Defendant did not and does not
16 provide clear and reasonable warnings that these products cause exposure to chemicals known to
17 cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm.

18 3. Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7
19 to compel Defendant to bring its business practices into compliance with section 25249.5 et seq.
20 by providing a clear and reasonable warning to each individual who has been and who in the
21 future may be exposed to the above mentioned toxic chemicals from the use of Defendant's
22 products. Plaintiff seeks an order that defendant identify and locate each individual person who
23 in the past has purchased Leaded Brass Propane Torches and to provide to each such purchaser a
24 clear and reasonable warning that the Leaded Brass Propane Torches will cause exposures to
25 chemicals known to cause birth defects.

26 4. In addition to injunctive relief, plaintiff seeks civil penalties to remedy the failure
27 of Defendant to provide clear and reasonable warnings regarding exposure to chemicals known
28 to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm.

1 PARTIES

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

11 6. Defendant is a person doing business within the meaning of Health & Safety
12 Code Section 25249.11. Defendant is a business that manufactures, distributes, and/or markets
13 Leaded Brass Propane Torches in California, including the City and County of San Francisco.
14 Manufacture, distribution and/or marketing of these products in the City and County of San
15 Francisco and/or to people who live in San Francisco, causes people to be exposed to lead and
16 lead compounds while they are physically present in the City and County of San Francisco.

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

1 basis of the Certificate of Merit was enclosed with the 60-Day Notice letter Mateel sent to the
2 Attorney General.

3 9. Defendant is a business that employs more than ten people.

4 JURISDICTION

5 10. The Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to California Health & Safety
6 Code Section 25249.7. California Constitution Article VI, Section 10 grants the Superior Court
7 "original jurisdiction in all causes except those given by statute to other trial courts." Chapter
8 6.6 of the Health & Safety Code, which contains the statutes under which this action is brought,
9 does not grant jurisdiction to any other trial court.

10 11. This Court also has jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant is a business
11 that has sufficient minimum contacts in California and within the City and County of San
12 Francisco. Defendant intentionally avails itself of the California and San Francisco County
13 markets for Leaded Brass Propane Torches. It is thus consistent with traditional notions of fair
14 play and substantial justice for the San Francisco Superior Court to exercise jurisdiction over
15 Defendant.

16 12. Venue is proper in this Court because Defendant markets its products in and
17 around San Francisco and thus causes people to be exposed to lead and lead compounds while
18 those people are physically present in San Francisco. Liability for Plaintiff's causes of action, or
19 some parts thereof, has accordingly arisen in San Francisco during the times relevant to this
20 Complaint and Plaintiff seeks civil penalties and forfeitures imposed by statutes.

21 FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
22 (Claim for Injunctive Relief)

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

25 14. The People of the State of California have declared by referendum under
26 Proposition 65 (California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 et seq.) their right "[t]o be informed
27 about exposures to chemicals that cause cancer, birth defects, and reproductive harm."

28 15. To effectuate this goal, Section 25249.6 of the Health and Safety Code mandates

1 that persons who, in the course of doing business, knowingly and intentionally expose any
2 individual to a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer or birth defects must
3 first provide a clear and reasonable warning to such individual prior to the exposure.

4 16. Since at least July 18, 2004, Defendant has engaged in conduct that violates
5 Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6 et seq. This conduct includes knowingly and
6 intentionally exposing to the above mentioned toxic chemicals, those California residents who
7 handle and use Leaded Brass Propane Torches. The normally intended use of Leaded Brass
8 Propane Torches causes exposure to lead and lead compounds, which are chemicals known to
9 the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. Defendant
10 has not provided clear and reasonable warnings, within the meaning of Health & Safety Code
11 Sections 25249.6 and 25249.11.

12 17. At all times relevant to this action, Defendant knew that the Leaded Brass
13 Propane Torches they manufactured, distributed or marketed was causing exposures to lead and
14 lead compounds. Defendant intended that residents of California handle and use Leaded Brass
15 Propane Torches in such ways as would lead to significant exposures to these chemicals.

16 18. By the above described acts, Defendant has violated Cal. Health & Safety Code
17 § 25249.6 and is therefore subject to an injunction ordering them to stop violating Proposition 65
18 and requiring them to provide warnings to their past customers who purchased defendant's
19 products without receiving a clear and reasonable warning.

20 SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
21 (Claim for Civil Penalties)

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

24 20. By the above described acts, Defendant is liable and should be liable pursuant to
25 Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b), for a civil penalty of \$2,500.00 per day for each individual
26 exposed without proper warning to lead and lead compounds from the handling or use of
27 Defendant's Leaded Brass Propane Torches.

28 PRAYER FOR RELIEF

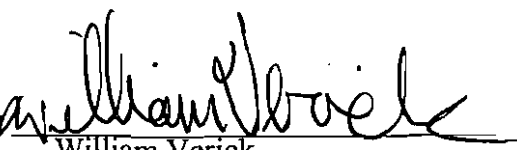
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Wherefore, plaintiff prays for judgment against DEFENDANT, as follows:

1. Pursuant to the First Cause of Action, that Defendant 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 Defendant 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 Defendant's manufacturing, distributing or marketing of Leaded Brass Propane Torches;
3. That Defendant be ordered to identify and locate each individual who purchased Leaded Brass Propane Torches and provide a warning to each such person that the Leaded Brass Propane Torches the person purchased will expose that person to chemicals known to cause birth defects.
4. That, pursuant to Civil Procedure Code § 1021.5, Defendant be ordered to pay to Plaintiff the attorneys fees and costs it incurred in bringing this enforcement action.
5. For such other relief as this court deems just and proper.

Dated: January 17, 2008

Klamath Environmental Law Center

By 
William Verick
Attorney for Plaintiff
Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation



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July 18, 2007

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Greetings:

This office and the Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation ("Mateel") give you notice that Ace Hardware 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 products that are made of, or incorporate parts made of, brass and/or bronze (collectively "brass products"). A specific example of which is the ACE INSTANT ON/OFF PROPANE TORCH #26002 UPC: 082901 260028 This notice pertains to all products of the same specific type, not just to those products, the specific numbers for which are listed here. The brass products are made in whole, or in part, 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 whenever they handle these brass products, such as when buying them, when handling them, or when using them. Lead is transferred from the brass products 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 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, mucous membrane, ingestion and inhalation routes. Ace Hardware 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 July 18, 2004, and will continue every day until the lead is removed from the brass products, 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 brass products made outside of California, except as to workplaces Ace Hardware Corporation itself maintains in California. Exposures constituting Proposition 65 environmental exposure violations occur both on and off Ace Hardware Corporation's property and in each of California's 58 counties.

Cordially,

William Verick

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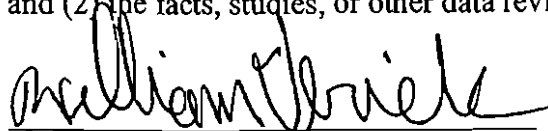
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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

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: July 18, 2007



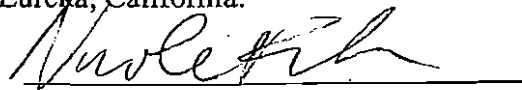
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This notice alleges the violation of Proposition 65 with respect to occupational exposures governed by the California State Plan for Occupational Safety and Health. The State Plan incorporates the provisions of Proposition 65, as approved by Federal 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.

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 July 18, 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 July 18, 2007, at Eureka, California.



Nicole Frank