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16		MPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF D CIVIL PENALTIES	
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18	THE TJX COMPANIES, INC. and TARGET CORPORATION TO	IN TARGET TOXIC TORT/ENVIRONMENTAL	
19	9 Defendants.		
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21	MATEEL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION alleges as follows: INTRODUCTION		
22	1. This Complaint seeks civil penalties and an injunction to remedy the continuing		
23	failure of defendants THE TJX COMPANIES, INC. and TARGET CORPORATION (hereinafter		
24	"Defendants"), to give clear and reasonable warnings to those residents of California, who handle		
25	and use, and drink beverages stored or contained in drink dispensers, such as lemonade jars and		
26	6	water tanks, that utilize leaded brass valves, spigots and stopcocks (hereinafter referred to as	
27	7 " "" "" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	"drink dispensers"), that handling and use of and drinking from these drink dispensers causes	
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1 those residents to be exposed to lead and lead compounds, lead acetate, lead phosphate, and lead 2 subacetate (hereinafter, collectively, "lead"). The types of products to which this Complaint 3 pertains are those types listed in the Product List appended to the Proposition 65 60-Day Notice Letter that is attached to and incorporated by reference into this Complaint. Lead is known to 4 5 the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and male and female reproductive toxicity. Defendants distribute, and/or market drink dispensers. These products cause exposures to lead 6 7 and lead compounds, which are chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth 8 defects and other reproductive harm.

9 2. Defendants market, and/or distribute drink dispensers. Defendants intend that 10 residents of California handle, use and drink beverages stored or contained in the drink 11 dispensers that Defendants market, and/or distribute. When these products are handled and used 12 in their normally intended manner and when people drink beverages that has been stored in or 13 contained in these drink dispensers the drink dispensers expose people to lead. In spite of 14 knowing that residents of California were and are being exposed to this toxic heavy metal when 15 they handle, use and drink beverages contained or stored in drink dispensers, Defendants did not 16 and do not provide clear and reasonable warnings that these products cause exposure to 17 chemicals known to 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 Defendants to bring their business practices into compliance with section 25249.5 et 20 seq. 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 Defendants' 22 products. Plaintiff seeks an order that defendant identify and locate each individual person who 23 in the past has purchased drink dispensers and to provide to each such purchaser a clear and 24 reasonable warning that the drink dispensers will cause exposures to chemicals known to cause 25 birth defects.

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

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### 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 drink dispensers manufactured, distributed or marketed by Defendants and are so exposed without a clear and reasonable Proposition 65 warning.

6. Defendants are persons doing business within the meaning of Health & Safety
 Code Section 25249.11. Defendants are businesses that distribute, and/or market drink dispensers
 in California, including the City and County of San Francisco. 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.

17 7. Plaintiff brings this enforcement action against Defendants 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 June 25, 2008, which Mateel sent to California's Attorney General. 20 Substantively 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, and to each defendant. 22 Attached to the 60-Day Notice Letter sent to each defendant was a summary of Proposition 65 23 that was prepared by California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment. In 24 addition, each 60-Day Notice Letter plaintiff sent was accompanied by a Certificate of Service 25 attesting to the service of the 60-Day Notice Letter on each entity which received it. Pursuant to 26 California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(d), a Certificate of Merit attesting to the 27 reasonable and meritorious basis for the action was also sent with each 60-Day Notice Letter. 28 Factual information sufficient to establish the basis of the Certificate of Merit was enclosed with

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the 60-Day Notice letter Mateel sent to the Attorney General.

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JURISDICTION

9. 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.

9 10. This Court also has jurisdiction over Defendants because they are businesses that
10 have sufficient minimum contacts in California and within the City and County of San Francisco.
11 Defendants intentionally availed themselves of the California and San Francisco County markets
12 for drink dispensers. It is thus consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial
13 justice for the San Francisco Superior Court to exercise jurisdiction over Defendants.

14 11. Venue is proper in this Court because Defendants market theirs products in and
15 around San Francisco and thus cause people to be exposed to lead and lead compounds while
16 those people are physically present in San Francisco. Liability for Plaintiff's causes of action, or
17 some parts thereof, has accordingly arisen in San Francisco during the times relevant to this
18 Complaint and Plaintiff seeks civil penalties imposed by statute.

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Claim for Injunctive Relief)

12. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference into this First Cause of Action, as if specifically set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 11, inclusive.

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

14. To effectuate this goal, Section 25249.6 of the Health and Safety Code mandates that businesses that 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

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warning to such individual prior to the exposure.

15. 2 Since at least July 18, 2004, Defendants have engaged in conduct that violates 3 Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6 et seq. This conduct includes knowingly and 4 intentionally exposing to the above mentioned toxic chemicals, those California residents who 5 handle, use or drink beverages stored or contained in drink dispensers. The normally intended 6 use of drink dispensers causes exposure to lead and lead compounds, which are chemicals known 7 to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. Defendants 8 have not provided clear and reasonable warnings, within the meaning of Health & Safety Code 9 Sections 25249.6 and 25249.11.

10 16. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants knew that the drink dispensers they
 11 distributed or marketed were causing exposures to lead and lead compounds. Defendants
 12 intended that residents of California handle, use and drink beverages stored or contained in drink
 13 dispensers in such ways as would lead to significant exposures to these chemicals.

14 17. 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, to provide warnings to all present and future customers and 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)

18. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference into this Second Cause of Action, as if specifically set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 17, inclusive.

19. 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 without proper warning to lead and lead compounds from the handling, use of, or the drinking of beverages stored or contained in Defendants' drink dispensers.

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1	PRAYER FOR RELIEF	
2	Wherefore, plaintiff prays for judgment against DEFENDANTS, as follows:	
3	1. Pursuant to the First Cause of Action, that Defendants be enjoined, restrained,	
4	and ordered to comply with the provisions of Section 25249.6 of the California Health & Safety	
5	Code;	
6	2. Pursuant to the Second Cause of Action, that Defendants be assessed a civil	
7	penalty in an amount equal to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposed, in violation of Section	
· 8	25249.6 of the California Health & Safety Code, to lead and lead compounds as the result of	
9	Defendant's distributing or marketing of drink dispensers;	
10	3. That Defendant be ordered to identify and locate each individual who purchased	
11	drink dispensers and provide a warning to each such person that the drink dispensers the person	
12	purchased will expose that person to chemicals known to cause birth defects.	
13	4. That, pursuant to Civil Procedure Code § 1021.5, Defendant be ordered to pay to	
14	Plaintiff the attorneys fees and costs it incurred in bringing this enforcement action.	
15	5. For such other relief as this court deems just and proper.	
16	Dated: October 1, 2008 KLAMATH ENVIRONMENTAL LAW	
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19	William Verick Attorney for Plaintiff	
20	Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation	
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June 25, 2008

EDWARD G. WEIL DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL P.O. BOX 70550 OAKLAND CA 94612-0550

#### Greetings:

This office and the Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation ("Mateel") give you notice that the private companies listed 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 the brass valves or stopcocks on beverage dispensers (hereinafter "brass valved beverage dispensers"), and when they drink beverages that have flowed through the leaded brass valves/stopcocks that the listed businesses market. Specific examples of the products to which this notice pertains are listed on the attached products list. The valves or stopcocks on these brass valved beverage dispensers 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 whenever they handle the brass valves/stopcocks, such as when serving beverages from these products, when washing them, or when drinking beverages that have flowed through the brass valves/stopcocks. Lead is transferred from the brass to peoples' 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. Lead also leaches from the brass into the beverages that flow through the brass valves/stopcocks and is then drunk. These lead exposures thus occur via the dermal absorption, subcutaneous, mucous membrane, ingestion and inhalation routes. The listed companies 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 June 25, 2005, and will continue every day until the lead is removed from the brass valves/stopcocks, 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 valved beverage dispenser made outside of California, except as to workplaces the companies themselves maintain in California. Exposures constituting Proposition 65 environmental exposure violations occur both on and off the companies private business properties and in each of California's 58 counties.

Condially.

William Verick

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### SERVICE LIST

# PRODUCTS LIST

# TARGET CORPORATION

LEMONADE JAR WITH BRASS SPIGOT UPC: 023055 393330 This product description pertains not only to the specific model of the product listed, but also for all units of all models of brass valved beverage dispensers.

# THE TJX COMPANIES, INC.

JUICE JAR #524689; JUICE JAR # 524692 These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific models of the products listed, but also for all units of all models of brass valved beverage dispensers.

#### **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: June 25, 2008

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 June 25, 2008, 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 June 25, 2008, at Eureka, California.

Nicole Frank