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11	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
12	COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
13	(Unlimited Jurisdiction)
14	MATEEL ENVIRONMENTAL CASE NO.
15	JUSTICE FOUNDATION,
16	Plaintiff, COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF
17	v. AND CIVIL PENALTIES
18	JT SPORTS, LLC; HOLLOW POINT, INC.;
19	KINGMAN INTERNATIONAL TOXIC TORT/ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION: PURSUIT MARKETING.
20	INC.,
21	Defendants. /
22	MATEEL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION alleges as follows:
23	INTRODUCTION
24	1. This Complaint seeks civil penalties and an injunction to remedy the continuing
25	failure of defendants JT SPORTS, LLC; HOLLOW POINT, INC.; KINGMAN
26	INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION; PURSUIT MARKETING, INC. (hereinaster
27 28	"Defendants"), to give clear and reasonable warnings to those residents of California, who handle
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and use paintball guns, carbon dioxide cartridges and carbon dioxide cartridge adapters – all of which incorporate or utilize leaded brass fittings and other leaded brass parts, (hereinafter referred to as "Leaded Brass Paintball Guns and Accessories"), 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"). The types of products to which this Complaint 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 the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and male and female reproductive toxicity. Defendants distribute, and/or market Leaded Brass Paintball Guns and Accessories. 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 market, and/or distribute Leaded Brass Paintball Guns and Accessories. Defendants intend that residents of California handle and use Leaded Brass Paintball Guns and Accessories that Defendants 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 Leaded Brass Paintball Guns and Accessories, 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' products. Plaintiff seeks an order that Defendants identify and locate each individual person who in the past has purchased Leaded Brass Paintball Guns and Accessories and to provide to each such purchaser a clear and reasonable warning that the Leaded Brass Paintball Guns and Accessories will cause exposures to chemicals known to cause birth defects.
  - 4. In addition to injunctive relief, plaintiff seeks civil penalties to remedy the failure

of Defendantss to provide clear and reasonable warnings regarding exposure to chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm.

#### **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 Leaded Brass Paintball Guns and Accessories 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 Leaded Brass Paintball Guns and Accessories in California, including San Francisco County. Distribution and/or marketing of these products in San Francisco County, and/or to people who live in San Francisco County, causes people to be exposed to lead and lead compounds while they are physically present in San Francisco County.
- 7. 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 December 18, 2008, which Mateel sent to California's Attorney General. Substantively 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, and to each Defendant. Attached to the 60-Day Notice Letter 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.

Defendants employs more than ten people.

#### **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.
- 10. This Court also has jurisdiction over Defendants because they are each a business that has 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 Leaded Brass Paintball Guns and Accessories. It is thus consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice for the San Francisco Superior Court to exercise jurisdiction over Defendants.
- 11. Venue is proper in this Court because Defendants market their products in and around San Francisco County and thus cause people to be exposed to lead and lead compounds while those people are physically present in San Francisco County. Liability for Plaintiff's causes of action, or some parts thereof, has accordingly arisen in San Francisco County during the times relevant to this 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 et seq.) their right "[t]o be informed about exposures to chemicals that cause cancer, birth defects, and reproductive harm."

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

- 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 Leaded Brass Paintball Guns and Accessories. The normally intended use of Leaded Brass Paintball Guns and Accessories 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.
- 16. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants knew that the Leaded Brass Paintball Guns and Accessories they distributed or marketed were causing exposures to lead and lead compounds. Defendants intended that residents of California handle and use Leaded Brass Paintball Guns and Accessories in such ways as would lead to significant exposures to these chemicals.
- 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 or use of Defendants' Leaded Brass Paintball Guns and Accessories.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

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

- 1. Pursuant to the First Cause of Action, that 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' distributing or marketing of Leaded Brass Paintball Guns and Accessories;
- 3. That Defendants be ordered to identify and locate each individual who purchased Leaded Brass Paintball Guns and Accessories and provide a warning to each such person that the Leaded Brass Paintball Guns and Accessories the person purchased will expose that person to chemicals known to cause birth defects.
- 4. That, pursuant to Civil Procedure Code § 1021.5, Defendants 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: February 26, 2009

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December 18, 2008

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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 CO(2) cartridges and adapters for attaching CO(2) cartridges to paintball guns. Specific examples of the specific types of products at issue are listed on the Product List. Though specific model and UPC numbers are given as examples, this notice pertains to all similar types of brass components. 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, mucous membrane, ingestion and inhalation routes. The listed companies did not and do not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before it exposes them to lead. These violations have occurred every day since at least December 18, 2005, 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 the listed companies themselves maintain in California. Exposures constituting Proposition 65 environmental exposure violations occur both on and off the listed companies' properties and in each of California's 58 counties.

Cordially,

William Verick

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY COUNTY OF EL DORADO 515 MAIN ST. PLACERVILLE, CA 95667

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY COUNTY OF FRESNO 2220 TULARE ST #1000 FRESNO, CA 93721

#### SERVICE LIST

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY COUNTY OF GLENN P.O. BOX 430 WILLOWS, CA 95988

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 5TH ST. EUREKA, CA 95501

COUNTY OF IMPERIAL COURTHOUSE, FLOOR 2 939 W. MAIN ST EL CENTRO, CA 92243

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY COUNTY OF INYO P.O. DRAWER D INDEPENDENCE, CA 93526

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY COUNTY OF LAKE 255 N. FORBES ST # 424 LAKEPORT, CA 95453

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE 4075 MAIN ST. RIVERSIDE, CA 92501

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO 850 BRYANT ST #322 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94103

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUÍN 222 E. WEBER AVE #202 STOCKTON, CA 95202

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER #450-SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA 93408

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA 1112 SANTA BARBARA ST. SANTA BARBARA, CA 93101

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY COUNTY OF STANISLAUS 1100 LST #200 MODESTO, CA 95354

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY COUNTY OF SUTTER 1160 CIVIC CENTER BLVD. FA YUBA CITY, CA 95993

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WEAVERVILLE, CA 96093

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY COUNTY OF YUBA 215 5TH ST. MARYSVILLE, CA 95901

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#### PRODUCT LIST

#### HOLLOW POINT, INC.

PURSUIT MARKETING, INC.

PMI PURE ENERGY 12 OZ CO2 ALUMINUM CYLINDER ITEM #40112UPC: 789625 41125 This product description pertains not only to the specific model of the product listed, but also for all units of all models of similar types of brass components.

#### KINGMAN INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

SPYDER 12OZ CO2 TANK (BLACK) ITEM# JA1203 UPC: 696737 004246 This product description pertains not only to the specific model of the product listed, but also for all units of all models of similar types of brass components.

#### JT SPORTS, LLC

STRYKER 24 OZ CO2 #142926-000 UPC: 835924 13924 This product description pertains not only to the specific model of the product listed, but also for all units of all models of similar types of brass components.

### **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: December 18, 2008

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, 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 December 18, 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 December 18, 2008, at Eyreka, California.

Nicole Frank