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18 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

19 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
20 (Unlimited Jurisdiction)

21 MATEEL ENVIRONMENTAL
22 JUSTICE FOUNDATION,

23 Plaintiff,

24 v.

25 APACHE HOSE & BELTING COMPANY,
26 INC.; BLUE RHINO CORPORATION;
27 DEAN & DELUCA, INC.; GLENOIT, LLC;
28 PARKER-HANNIFIN CORPORATION;
ROCKLER COMPANIES, INC.

Defendants.

MATEEL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION alleges as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. This Complaint seeks civil penalties and an injunction to remedy the continuing failure of defendants APACHE HOSE & BELTING COMPANY, INC.; BLUE RHINO CORPORATION; DEAN & DELUCA, INC.; GLENOIT, LLC; PARKER-HANNIFIN

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DEPARTMENT 212

CASE NO. CGC-09-495336

COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF
AND CIVIL PENALTIES

BUSINESS TORT

1 CORPORATION; and ROCKLER COMPANIES, INC. (hereinafter “Defendants”), to give clear
2 and reasonable warnings to those residents of California, who handle and use products that
3 consist of, or which incorporate components made of, leaded brass and/or bronze (hereinafter
4 referred to as “leaded-brass products”), that handling and use of these products causes those
5 residents to be exposed to lead and lead compounds, lead acetate, lead phosphate, and lead
6 subacetate (hereinafter, collectively, “lead”). The specific types of products at issue in the
7 complaint are those listed in the Products Lists of the Proposition 65 60-Day Notice Letters that
8 are attached to this complaint and which are incorporated into this complaint. Lead is known to
9 the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and male and female reproductive toxicity.
10 Defendants manufacture, distribute, and/or market leaded-brass products. These products cause
11 exposures to lead and lead compounds, which are chemicals known to the State of California to
12 cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm.

13 2. Defendants are businesses that manufacture, market, and/or distribute leaded-
14 brass products. Defendants intend that residents of California handle and use leaded-brass
15 products that Defendants manufacture, market, and/or distribute. When these products are
16 handled and used in their normally intended manner, they expose people to lead. In spite of
17 knowing that residents of California were and are being exposed to these chemicals when they
18 handle and use leaded-brass products, Defendants did not and do not provide clear and
19 reasonable warnings that these products cause exposure to chemicals known to cause cancer,
20 birth defects and other reproductive harm.

21 3. Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7
22 to compel Defendants to bring their business practices into compliance with section 25249.5 et
23 seq. by providing a clear and reasonable warning to each individual who has been and who in the
24 future may be exposed to the above mentioned toxic chemicals from the use of Defendants’
25 products.

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

1 defendants identify and locate each individual person who in the past has purchased leaded-brass
2 products and to provide to each such purchaser a clear and reasonable warning that the leaded-
3 brass products will cause exposures to chemicals known to cause birth defects.

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5 PARTIES

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

15 6. Defendants are each a person doing business within the meaning of Health &
16 Safety Code Section 25249.11. Defendants are businesses that manufacture, distribute, and/or
17 market leaded-brass products in California, including the City and County of San Francisco.
18 Manufacture, distribution and/or marketing of these products in the City and County of San
19 Francisco and/or to people who live in San Francisco, causes people to be exposed to lead and
20 lead compounds while they are physically present in the City and County of San Francisco.

21 7. Plaintiff brings this enforcement action against Defendants pursuant to Health &
22 Safety Code Section 25249.7(d). Attached hereto and incorporated by reference are copies 60-
23 day Notice letters dated August 27, 2009; May 21, 2009; May 7, 2009; April 1, 2009; March 26,
24 2009, and December 4, 2008 which Mateel sent to California's Attorney General. Letters
25 identical in substance were sent to every District Attorney in the state, and to the City Attorneys
26 of every California city with a population greater than 750,000. On that same respective dates,
27 Mateel sent identical 60-Day Notice letters to each defendant. Attached to the 60-Day Notice
28 Letters sent to each defendant was a summary of Proposition 65 that was prepared by

1 California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment. In addition, each 60-Day
2 Notice Letter plaintiff sent was accompanied by a Certificate of Service attesting to the service of
3 the 60-Day Notice Letter on each entity which received it. Pursuant to California Health & Safety
4 Code Section 25249.7(d), a Certificate of Merit attesting to the reasonable and meritorious basis
5 for the action was also sent with each 60-Day Notice Letter. Factual information sufficient to
6 establish the basis of the Certificate of Merit was enclosed with the 60-Day Notice letters Mateel
7 sent to the Attorney General.

8 8. Defendants are all businesses that employ more than ten people.

9 JURISDICTION

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

15 10. This Court also has jurisdiction over Defendants because they are businesses that
16 have sufficient minimum contacts in California and within the City and County of San Francisco.
17 Defendants intentionally availed themselves of the California and San Francisco County markets
18 for leaded-brass products. It is thus consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial
19 justice for the San Francisco Superior Court to exercise jurisdiction over them.

20 11. Venue is proper in this Court because Defendants market their leaded-brass
21 products in and around San Francisco and thus cause people to be exposed to lead and lead
22 compounds while those people are physically present in San Francisco. Liability for Plaintiff's
23 causes of action, or some parts thereof, has accordingly arisen in San Francisco during the times
24 relevant to this Complaint and Plaintiff seeks civil penalties and forfeitures imposed by statutes.

25 FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION 26 (Claim for Injunctive Relief)

27 12. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference into this First Claim for Relief, as
28 if specifically set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 11, inclusive.

1 19. By the above described acts, Defendants are liable and should be liable pursuant
2 to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b), for a civil penalty of \$2,500.00 per day for each
3 individual exposed to lead and lead compounds from the handling or use of Defendants' leaded-
4 brass products.

5 PRAYER FOR RELIEF

6 Wherefore, plaintiff prays for judgment against DEFENDANTS, as follows:

7 A. Pursuant to the First Cause of Action, that all Defendants be enjoined, restrained,
8 and ordered to comply with the provisions of Section 25249.6 of the California Health & Safety
9 Code;

10 B. Pursuant to the Second Cause of Action, that Defendants be assessed a civil
11 penalty in an amount equal to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposed, in violation of Section
12 25249.6 of the California Health & Safety Code, to lead and lead compounds as the result of
13 Defendants' manufacturing, distributing or marketing of leaded-brass products;

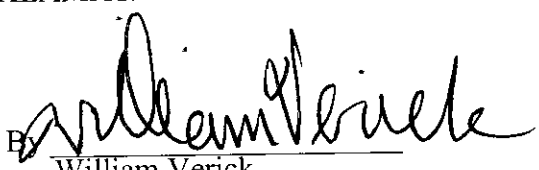
14 C. That Defendants be ordered to identify and locate each individual who purchased
15 leaded-brass products and provide a warning to each such person that the leaded-brass products
16 the person purchased will expose that person to chemicals known to cause birth defects.

17 D. That Defendants be ordered to pay Mateel's attorney's fees and costs incurred in
18 prosecuting this action.

19 E. For such other relief as this court deems just and proper.

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21 Dated: December 9, 2009

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24 BY 
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August 27, 2009

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Greetings:

This office and the Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation ("Mateel") give you notice that the private businesses 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 products that are made of, or that incorporate parts made of, brass and/or bronze (collectively "brass products"). The above referenced violations occur when California residents come into contact with brass components that can be handled in the normal or foreseeable use of equipment manufactured, sold or distributed by ORS Nasco (and the other businesses listed on the service list). These brass components are found in welding equipment, safety and security products, pneumatics, measuring and leveling tools, janitorial equipment, hand tools, products and parts used to apply paints and chemicals, HVAC parts and tools, marking tools, and maintenance, repair and operations items, corkscrews, drills and drivers, tire inflators, air hoses, welding hoses and gauges (collectively hereinafter "brass components"). Though the products on the attached list are listed with a product number or SKU, this notice pertains to all products of the same specific type, not just to those products, the specific numbers for which are listed in the product list. 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. The listed businesses 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 August 27, 2006, 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 these companies themselves maintain in California. Exposures constituting Proposition 65 environmental exposure violations occur both on and off the companies' property and in each of California's 58 counties.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W Verick", written over a horizontal line.

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PRODUCTS LIST

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NAPA SELF STORING AIR HOSE 1/4" IN X 12' - 1/4" MALE NPT 715-1510 UPC CODE: 664766 062605 This product description pertains not only to the specific model of the product listed, but also for all units of all models of hose couplers, air or gas hoses that have components or accessories that utilize brass.

COILHOUSE PNEUMATICS, INC.

MULTI-PURPOSE HOSE 1/4" ID X 12' , 1/4" MPT #R14012N UPC CODE: 029292 298308 This product description pertains not only to the specific model of the product listed, but also for all units of all models of hose couplers, air or gas hoses that have components or accessories that utilize brass.

DEAN & DELUCA, INC.

GATTORNA CLASSIC CORKSCREW-VOILA ITEM #105600 This product description pertains not only to the specific model of the product listed, but also for all units of all models of utensils that utilize brass.

GATES CORPORATION

NAPA 400S AIR HOSE 1/4" X 25' - 300 PSI H240 3215-6101 UPC CODE: 029769 35085 This product description pertains not only to the specific model of the product listed, but also for all units of all models of hose couplers, air or gas hoses that have components or accessories that utilize brass.

INNOVATIONS IN CYCLING, INC.

ULTRAFLATE PLUS CONTROLLABLE CO2 TIRE INFLATOR RM00283 REVD UPC CODE: 708162 024253 This product description pertains not only to the specific model of the product listed, but also for all units of all models of tools and/or accessories that utilize brass.

LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.

BRASS HOSE COUPLERS/ACCESSORIES:

KOBALT 1/4" NPT INDUSTRIAL COUPLER #000352 UPC CODE: 879686 001492; KOBALT 25 FT DELUXE POLYURETHANE RECOIL AIR HOSE #061497 UPC CODE: 831868 002208; KOBALT 3/8" COUPLER/PLUG KIT #177219 UPC CODE: 879686 001539; KOBALT INFLATION KIT #179681 UPC CODE: 879686 001959; TASK FORCE 16PC PNEUMATIC ACCESSORY KIT ITEM# 193551 MODEL # SGY-KIT-F UPC CODE: 879686 000617; KOBALT 1/4" FIELD REPAIRABLE INDUSTRIAL COUPLER WITH CLAMP #127962 UPC CODE: 879686 001508; KOBALT 1/4" U COUPLING #129967 UPC CODE: 879686 001485; KOBALT 3/8" X 3/8" NPT COUPLING #002271 UPC CODE: 879686 001980 TASK FORCE 16PC PNEUMATIC ACCESSORY KIT ITEM# 193551 MODEL # SGY-KIT-F UPC CODE: 879686 000617 **BRASS TOOLS:** KOBALT #8 DRILL AND DRIVER #280534 UPC CODE: 051667 800939 These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific models of the products listed, but also for all units of all models of hose couplers, tools and accessories that utilize components or accessories made of brass.

ORS NASCO, INC.

ANCHOR TWIN WELDING HOSE 3/16" X 25' UPC CODE: 604669 169285; ANCHOR TWIN WELDING HOSE 3/16" X 12.5' UPC CODE: 604669 169513; ANCHOR BRAND TWIN WELDING HOSE FOR ACETYLENE GAS 1-EA GRADE R 1/4" X 25' B-B PART# LB254 UPC CODE: 604669 168219; ANCHOR BRAND TWIN WELDING HOSE 3/16" X 12.5' B-B PART #LB123 GRADE R UPC CODE: 604669 168103; ANCHOR BRAND TWIN WELDING HOSE 3/16" X 25' B-B PART#LB253 UPC CODE: 604669 168141; ANCHOR BRAND TWIN WELDING HOSE FOR ACETYLENE GAS GRADE R, 3/16" X 50' B-B FITTINGS PART NO# LB503 UPC CODE: 604669 168172 This product description pertains not only to the specific model of the product listed, but also for all units of all models of valves " (including the valve handles) regulators, connector hoses and accessories that utilize brass fittings, and other brass fittings that are associated with the use of flammable compressed gasses.

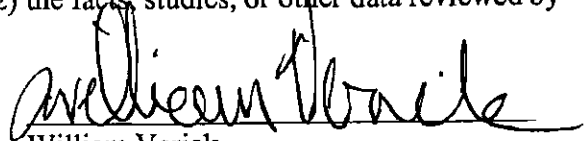
VEYANCE TECHNOLOGIES, INC./GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY/W.W. GRAINGER, INC.

DAYTON 3/8" IN X 2.5' PVC AIR WHIP HOSE RD #11AFJ1; DAYTON MULTI PURPOSE HOSE 1/4" X 25' LENGTH 1/4" FITTINGS ITEM 3JT63; SPEEDAIRE MULTI PURPOSE HOSE 1/4" X 50'- 1/4" FITTINGS ITEM 2Z010 These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific models of the products listed, but also for all units of all models of hose couplers, air or gas hoses that have components or accessories that utilize brass.

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: August 27, 2009

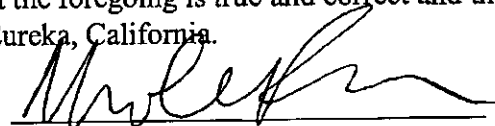

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 August 27, 2009, 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 August 27, 2009, at Eureka, California.


Nicole Frank

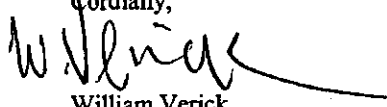


May 21, 2009

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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 brass hose nozzles, brass quick connects, and other brass sprayer nozzles and air hose fittings, all of which are made from leaded-brass, (hereinafter "brass nozzles and fittings"). The listed businesses market these products. A list of specific examples of the specific models of the types of products at issue is attached. Though the products on the attached list are listed with a product number or SKU, this notice pertains to all products of the same specific type, not just to those products, the specific numbers for which are listed in the product list. The brass nozzles and fittings that people handle 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 brass nozzles and fittings. Lead is transferred from the brass nozzles and fittings 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. 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 May, 21, 2006, and will continue every day until the lead is removed from the brass nozzles and 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 brass nozzles and fittings 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.

Cordially,

William Verick

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PRODUCT LIST

APACHE HOSE & BELTING COMPANY, INC.

PRECISEFIT PRO-SERIES PRESSURE WASHER GUN KIT #228440 UPC CODE 725559 656927;
PRECISE FIT 25' NON MARKING REPLACEMENT/EXTENSION HOSE #289039 UPC CODE:
725559 706295; PRECISE FIT EASY-LOCK QD REPLACEMENT WAND 4000 PSI #213762 UPC
CODE: 725559 656958 These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific models of the
products listed, but also for all units of all models of similar types of brass hose nozzles and accessories.

BALKAMP, INC

NAPA WATER NOZZLE HEAVY DUTY INSULATED (YELLOW) #715-1765 UPC CODE:664766
194924 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 hose nozzles and accessories.

CARQUEST PRODUCTS, INC.

GOLDEN STATE SUPPLY LLC

CARQUEST BRASS TWIST HOSE NOZZLE #50008 UPC: 796397 500086; CARQUEST FLEXIBLE
AIR HOSE NYLON-11 25' X 1/4" #31561 UPC:796397 315611;
CARQUEST INSULATED PROFESSIONAL HOSE NOZZLE #50010 UPC: 796397 500109;
CARQUEST 1/4" X 25' RUBBER AIR HOSE #31660 UPC: 796397 316601; CARQUEST 6"
ADJUSTABLE BRASS NOZZLE #50011 UPC: 796397 500116; CARQUEST DELUXE SPRAY
NOZZLE #50007 UPC:796397 500079; CARQUEST HEAVY DUTY INSULATED SPRAY NOZZLE
#50006 UPC: 796397 500062; SAFETY STRIPE 3/8" X 25' - 300 PSI AIR HOSE #27488 UPC: 072053
387247 These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific models of the products listed, but also
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DAISO CALIFORNIA LLC

PLASTIC SPRAYER WITH BRASS NOZZLE (BLUE) UPC CODE: 4947678 924398;
GARDEN HOSE NOZZLE (BLUE) K-290 UPC CODE: 4984343 319363; PLASTIC SPRAY BOTTLE
WITH BRASS NOZZLE UPC CODE: 4984343 257344; PLASTIC SPRAYER WITH BRASS NOZZLE
UPC CODE: 4984343 590236 These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific models of the
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S.M. ARNOLD, INC.

HEAVY DUTY HOSE NOZZLE #81-200 UPC CODE: 079038 812008

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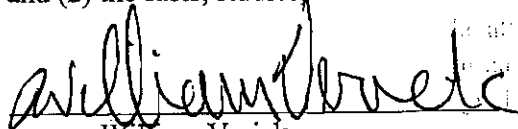
WEST MARINE, INC.

15' SELF-COILING HOSE 3/4" BRASS FITTINGS MODEL #2668648 UPC CODE: 025282 006496;
HOSE COIL WASHDOWN SYSTEMS VALUE PACKAGE 25' HOSE COIL + 7 PATTERN SPRAY
NOZZLE; HOSECOIL WASHDOWN SYSTEMS 20' COCKPIT WASHDOWN SYSTEM 3/4" BRASS
FITTINGS MODEL #HS2005U UPC CODE: 659988 101966; HOSECOIL WASHDOWN SYSTEMS
50' STANDARD SERIES (BLUE) MODEL #HS5004U UPC CODE: 659988 102239; HOSECOIL
WASHDOWN SYSTEMS 15 FT STANDARD SERIES (BLUE) MODEL HS1500U UPC CODE;
659988 101973; 15' SELF-COILING HOSE 3/4" BRASS FITTINGS MODEL #2668648 UPC CODE:
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Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Verick", written in a cursive style.

William Verick

PRODUCT LIST

COBRA PRODUCTS, INC.

MASCO CORPORATION

COBRA PRODUCTS SMALL DRAIN CLEANING BLADDER LX-00331 UPC CODE: 088712 103318 This product description pertains not only to the specific model of the product listed, but also for all units of all models of tools that have brass components.

LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.

KOBALT #8 DRILL AND DRIVER #280534 UPC CODE: 051667 800939 This product description pertains not only to the specific model of the product listed, but also for all units of all models of tools that have brass components.

ROCKLER COMPANIES, INC.

4" TRY SQUARE #55111 UPC CODE: 5038224 901242; 6" TRY/MITRE SQUARE #12938 UPC CODE: 5038224 901303; CROWN TOOLS 9" SLIDING T-BEVEL #98782 UPC CODE: 5038224 901167; CROWN TOOLS SCREW SLIDE MORTICE GAUGE UPC CODE: 5017981 001549; CROWN TOOLS 4" TRY SQUARE #55111 UPC CODE: 5038224 901242 These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific models of the products listed, but also for all units of all models of tools that have brass components.

SWANSON TOOL COMPANY

SWANSON BRASS STAIR GAUGES SG0020 HEAVY DUTY UPC CODE: 038987 000201; SWANSON 9" T-BEVEL PROFESSIONAL TS149 UPC CODE: 038987 014901; SWANSON 8 OZ BRASS PLUMB BOB PB008B UPC CODE: 038987 012082; SWANSON 6" COMBINATION SQUARE TC130 HEAVY DUTY UPC CODE: 038987 001307; SWANSON 16" COMBINATION SQUARE PROFESSIONAL TC134 UPC CODE: 038987 001345; SWANSON 12" COMBINATION SQUARE TC132 PROFESSIONAL UPC CODE: 038987 001321; SPEEDLINE 12" SPEEDLITE COMBINATION SQUARE HOMEOWNER TC131 UPC CODE: 038987 001314 These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific models of the products listed, but also for all units of all models of tools that have brass components.