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13	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
14	COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO	
15	(Unlimited Jurisdiction)	
16	MATEEL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION,	CASE NO. CGC-11-512062
17	Plaintiff,	COLOR ADIM DOD NAME CONTROL
18	v.	COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND CIVIL PENALTIES
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20	BANNER EQUIPMENT CO.; DANBY PRODUCTS, INC.; DANBY PRODUCTS LIMITED; GODINGER SILVER ART LTD.; THE WASSERSTROM COMPANY	TOXIC TORT/ENVIRONMENTAL
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22	and WILBUR CURTIS CO., INC. Defendants.	
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25	MATEEL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION alleges as follows: <u>INTRODUCTION</u>	
26	1. This Complaint seeks civil penalties and an injunction to remedy the continuing	
27	failure of defendants BANNER EQUIPMENT CO.; DANBY PRODUCTS, INC.; DANBY	
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20	PRODUCTS LIMITED; GODINGER SILVER ART LTD.; THE WASSERSTROM	
	COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTION AND CIVIL PENALTIES	1

COMPANY and WILBUR CURTIS CO., INC. (hereinafter "Defendants"), to give clear and reasonable warnings to those residents of California, who handle and use, and drink beverages stored in or served from drink dispensers, such as beer kegs, that utilize valves, nozzles, faucets, spigots and stopcocks made from lead-containing alloys (hereinafter referred to as "drink dispensers"), that handling and use of and drinking from these drink dispensers 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 Lists appended to the Proposition 65 Notice of Violation Letters that are 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 drink dispensers. 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 drink dispensers. Defendants intend that residents of California handle, use and drink beverages stored in, contained in or served from the drink dispensers that Defendants market, and/or distribute. When these products are handled and used in their normally intended manner and when people drink beverages that have been stored in or served from these drink dispensers, the drink dispensers expose people to lead. In spite of knowing that residents of California were and are being exposed to this toxic heavy metal when they handle, use and drink beverages contained in or served from drink dispensers, 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 lead from the use of Defendants' products. Plaintiff seeks an order that defendants identify and locate each individual person who in the past has purchased drink dispensers and to provide to each such purchaser a clear and reasonable warning that the drink

dispensers 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 Defendants 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 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.
- 7. Plaintiff brings this enforcement action against Defendants pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(d). Attached hereto and incorporated by reference are a copies of the Notices of Violation dated, March 13, 2010, March 24, 2011 and April 7, 2011 which Mateel sent to California's Attorney General. A substantively identical letter was 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 Notice of Violation 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 Notice of Violation plaintiff sent was accompanied

by a Certificate of Service attesting to the service of the Notice of Violation 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 Notice of Violation. Factual information sufficient to establish the basis of the Certificates of Merit was enclosed with each Notice of Violation letter Mateel sent to the Attorney General.

8. Each defendant 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 businesses that have 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 drink dispensers. 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 drink dispensers around San Francisco and thus cause people to be exposed to lead and lead compounds while those people are physically present in San Francisco. Liability for Plaintiff's causes of action, or some parts thereof, has accordingly arisen in San Francisco 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."

- 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 warning to such individual prior to the exposure.
- 15. Since at least three years prior to the Notice of Violation Letters, Defendants have engaged in conduct that violates Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6 et seq. This conduct includes knowingly and intentionally exposing to lead, those California residents who handle, use or drink beverages stored in or served from drink dispensers. The normally intended use of drink dispensers 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 drink dispensers they distributed or marketed were causing exposures to lead and lead compounds. Defendants intended that residents of California handle, use and drink beverages stored in, contained in or served from drink dispensers in such ways as would lead to significant exposures to these chemicals.
- 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 in, contained in or served from Defendants' drink dispensers.

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 drink dispensers;
- 3. That Defendants be ordered to identify and locate each individual who purchased drink dispensers and provide a warning to each such person that the drink dispensers 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: June 23, 2011

KLAMATH ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER

William Verick

Attorney for Plaintiff

Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation



March 13, 2010

PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCEMENT REPORTING ATTENTION: PROP 65 COORDINATOR 1515 CLAY STREET, SUITE 2000 P.O. BOX 70550 OAKLAND CA 94612-0550

Greetings,

This office and the Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation ("Mateel") give you notice that Godinger Silver Art LTD (hereinafter "Godinger") 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 the brass valves, taps, faucets and stopcocks (hereinafter collectively "brass valves") that are made in whole or in part of brass or other metal alloys containing lead, on beverage dispensers such as coffee urns, and beverage servers, (hereinafter "beverage dispensers"), and when they drink beverages that have flowed through the lead bearing brass valves that your company markets. A specific example of the product to which this notice pertains is: SILVER PLATED 25 CUPS COFFEE URN STYLE #5090. These products also utilize leaded solder to fasten parts of these products together. This product description pertains not only to the specific model of the product listed, but also for all units of all models of drink dispensers with leaded valves. The brass valves on these beverage dispensers are made from brass or other metal alloys containing 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, such as when serving beverages from these products, when washing them, or when drinking beverages that have flowed through them Lead is transferred from the brass valves 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 valves into the beverages that flow through them and is then drunk. Lead also leaches from the solder, which is exposed where there are plating defects. This lead thus leaches into the food and beverages that are stored in or served from these products. These lead exposures thus occur via the dermal absorption, subcutaneous, mucous membrane, ingestion and inhalation routes. Godinger did not and does not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before it expose them to lead. These violations have occurred every day since at least May 13, 2007, and will continue every day until the lead is removed from the brass valves 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 Godinger itself maintains in California. Exposures constituting Proposition 65 environmental exposure violations occur both on and off Godinger's private business properties and in each of California's 58 counties.

SERVICE LIST

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY COUNTY OF YOLO 301 SECOND STREET WOODLAND, CA 95695

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

ARNOLD GODINGER, PRESIDENT GODINGER SILVER ART LTD. 6315 TRAFFIC AVE RIDGEWOOD, NY 11385

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 13, 2010

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 May 13, 2010, 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 13, 2010, at Eureka, California.

Nicole Frank



March 24, 2011

PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCEMENT REPORTING ATTENTION: PROP 65 COORDINATOR 1515 CLAY STREET, SUITE 2000 P.O. BOX 70550 OAKLAND CA 94612-0550

Greetings,

This office and the Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation ("Mateel") give you notice that Danby Products, Inc. and Danby Products Limited (hereinafter "Danby") 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 the brass valves, stopcocks or beer taps ("taps") on beverage dispensers (hereinafter "brass valved beverage dispensers"), and when they drink beverages that have flowed through the leaded brass valves, stopcocks or taps that Danby markets. Specific examples of the products to which this notice pertains are: DANBY CHILL 'N TAP KEGERATOR DKC146SLDB SERIAL# 0210100100627UPC CODE: 067638 902038; DKC445 FAUCET ONLY DTF500; DKC COUPLER DKC645BLS DTC300 Though a specific model or UPC number may be given as an example, this notice pertains to all similar types of brass valved beverage dispenser products. The valves, stopcocks or taps 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 or taps, such as when serving beverages from these products, when washing them, or when drinking beverages that have flowed through the brass valves, stopcocks, or taps. 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 or taps and is then drunk. These lead exposures thus occur via the dermal absorption, subcutaneous, mucous membrane, ingestion and inhalation routes. Danby 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 March 24, 2008, and will continue every day until the lead is removed from the brass valves, stopcocks or taps, 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 Danby itself maintains in California. This notice does not allege any environmental exposure violations.

William Verick

Cordially

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Nicole Frank

SERVICE LIST

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April 7, 2011

PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCEMENT REPORTING ATTENTION: PROP 65 COORDINATOR 1515 CLAY STREET, SUITE 2000 P.O. BOX 70550 OAKLAND CA 94612-0550

Greetings:

This office and the Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation ("Mateel") give you notice that the companies on the attached service list have been, are 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 use or come into contact with the brass valves, taps, faucets and stopcocks (hereinafter collectively "brass valves") that are made in whole or in part of brass or other metal alloys containing lead, which these companies market. These brass valves are used on beverage servers and dispensers such as coffee urns, beer kegs and iced tea and lemonade jars (hereinafter "beverage dispensers"). Specific examples of the products to which this notice pertains are listed on the attached Product List. While a specific product description or UPC code may be given, this notice pertains not only to the specific models of the products listed, but also for all units of all models of drink dispensers with leaded valves. The brass valves on these beverage dispensers are made from brass or other leaded copper alloys containing lead, which contain lead and lead compounds ("lead"). Lead and lead compounds are chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. California residents are exposed to lead whenever they handle the brass valves, such as when serving beverages from these products, when washing them, or when drinking beverages that have flowed through them. Lead is transferred from the brass valves 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 valves into the beverages and/or food that are stored in or served from these beverage servers and dispensers. People then drink this lead-contaminated food and/or beverages, causing oral exposure to lead. 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 California residents to lead. These violations have occurred every day since at least April 7, 2008, and will continue every day until the lead is removed from the brass beverage dispensers or until clear and reasonable warnings are given. These violations are alleged for occupational and consumer product exposures. We do not allege occupational exposure violations as to any brass beverage dispensers made outside of California, except as to workplaces these companies themselves maintain in California. This notice does not allege any environmental exposure violations.

William Verick

SERVICE LIST

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PRODUCT LIST

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BANNER EQUIPMENT KEG TAP 2013-10 AMERICAN SANKEY ULTRA TAP This product description pertains not only to the specific model of the product listed, but also for all units of all models of drink dispensers with leaded valves.

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THE WASSERSTROM COMPANY

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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

I, William Verick, hereby declare: This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached notice(s) of violation 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: April 7, 2011

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 April 7, 2011, I caused the attached NOTICE OF VIOLATION 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 NOTICE OF VIOLATION 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 April 7, 2011, at Eureka, California.

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