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9 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
10 **COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

11 **ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER,**  
12 a California non-profit corporation

Case No. **RG10545713**

13 **Plaintiff,**

**SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT  
FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF  
AND CIVIL PENALTIES**

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15 **v.**

16 **THE HIMALAYA DRUG COMPANY**  
17 **and DOES 1-100**

[Miscellaneous Civil Complaint (42)]  
Proposition 65, Health & Safety Code  
Section 25249.5 et seq.]

18 **Defendants.**  
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21 Plaintiff Environmental Research Center hereby alleges:

22 **I**

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24 **INTRODUCTION**

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26 1. Plaintiff Environmental Research Center (hereinafter "Plaintiff" or "ERC") brings this  
27 action as a private attorney general and in the public interest pursuant to Health & Safety Code  
28 Section 25249.7 (d). This amended complaint seeks injunctive relief and civil penalties to remedy

1 The Himalaya Drug Company's ("Himalaya") failure to warn users of certain products sold by the  
2 company that they are exposed to lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer,  
3 birth defects and other reproductive harm. Based on the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic  
4 Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq) also known as  
5 "Proposition 65," businesses with ten or more employees must provide a "clear and reasonable  
6 warning" prior to exposing persons to these chemicals.  
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## 8 II

### 9 PARTIES

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11 2. Plaintiff ERC is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes, helping  
12 safeguard the public from health hazards by bringing about a reduction in the use and misuse of  
13 hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees and  
14 encouraging corporate responsibility.  
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16 3. Defendant Himalaya is a business entity that manufactures, distributes and/or sells nutritional  
17 products that expose users of these products to lead in the State of California. Himalaya is a  
18 company that employs ten or more persons.

19 4. Defendants Does I-100, are named herein under fictitious names, as their true names and  
20 capacities are unknown to Plaintiff. ERC is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that each  
21 of said Does is responsible, in some actionable manner, for the events and happenings hereinafter  
22 referred to, either through said Defendant's conduct, or through the conduct of its agents, servants or  
23 employees, or in some other manner, causing the harms alleged by ERC in this complaint. When  
24 said true names and capacities of Does are ascertained, ERC will seek leave to amend this complaint  
25 to set forth the same.  
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**III**

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

5. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to California Constitution Article VI, Section 10 because this case is a cause not given by statute to other trial courts.

6. ERC has performed any and all conditions precedent to the filing of a legal action pursuant to Proposition 65 by serving by mail Notices of Violation dated November 23, 2010 and December 23, 2010 to the Attorney General of the State of California, the state's District Attorneys, the appropriate City Attorney's and to Himalaya. A true and correct copy of the Notices of Violation is attached herein as Exhibit A. More than 60 days have passed since these Notices of Violation were mailed and no public enforcement entity has filed a complaint in this case.

7. This Court is the proper venue for the action because the causes of action have arisen in the County of Alameda where some of the violations of law have occurred. Furthermore, this Court is the proper venue under Code of Civil Procedure Section 395.5 and Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7.

**IV**

**STATUTORY BACKGROUND**

**A. Proposition 65**

8. The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 is an initiative statute passed as "Proposition 65" by an overwhelming majority vote of the people in November of 1986.

9. The warning requirement of Proposition 65 is contained in Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6, which provides:

No person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning to such individual, except as provided in Section 25249.10.

1 10. Implementing regulations for Proposition 65 provide that warnings are required for consumer  
2 product exposures. A “consumer product exposure is an exposure which results from a person’s  
3 acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer  
4 good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service.” 27 CCR Section 25601 (b).  
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6 11. Whenever a clear and reasonable warning is required under Health & Safety Code Section  
7 25249.6, the “method employed to transmit the warning must be reasonably calculated considering  
8 the alternative methods available under the circumstances, to make the warning message available  
9 prior to exposure.” 27 CCR Section 25601. The warning requirement may be satisfied by a  
10 warning that appears on a product’s label or other labeling, shelf labeling, signs, a system of signs,  
11 public advertising identifying the system and toll-free information services, or any other, system,  
12 that provides clear and reasonable warnings. Id., Section 25603.1 (a)–(d).  
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14 12. Proposition 65 establishes a procedure by which the State is to develop a list of  
15 chemicals “known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.” Health & Safety Code  
16 Section 25249.8. There is no duty to provide a clear and reasonable warning until 12-months after  
17 the chemical was published on the State list. Id., Section 25249.10(b). Lead was listed as a  
18 chemical known to the State of California to cause developmental toxicity and male and female  
19 reproductive toxicity on February 27, 1987. Lead was listed as a chemical known to the State of  
20 California to cause cancer on October 1, 1992. Title 27, Cal. Code Regs., Section 27001.  
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23 13. Proposition 65 may be enforced by any person in the public interest who provides notice  
24 sixty days before filing suit to both the violator and designated law enforcement officials. The  
25 failure of law enforcement officials to file a timely complaint enables a citizen suit to be filed  
26 pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7 (c).  
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1 14. Proposition 65 provides that any person “violating or threatening to violate” Proposition 65  
2 may be enjoined in any court of competent jurisdiction. Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7 (a).  
3 To “threaten to violate” means “to create a condition in which there is a substantial probability that a  
4 violation will occur.” Id., Section 25249.11 (e). Furthermore, violators are subject to a civil penalty  
5 of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation. Id., Section 25249.7 (b).  
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7 **V**

8 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

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10 15. Defendant Himalaya manufactures, distributes and/or sells the following products to  
11 the State of California that contain lead and expose persons to lead who ingest such products.  
12 Pursuant to the November 23, 2010 Notice of Violation, these products include Himalaya Herbal  
13 Healthcare Organic Chyavanprash; Himalaya Herbal Healthcare Mind Care Jr.; Himalaya Herbal  
14 Healthcare HeartCare; The Himalaya Drug Company Himalaya Herbal Healthcare - LeanCare 60  
15 Capsules; The Himalaya Drug Company Himalaya Pure Herbs Guggul - Cholesterol Support 60  
16 Vegetarian Capsules; The Himalaya Drug Company Himalaya Herbal Healthcare GlucoCare for  
17 Natural Blood Glucose Health 180 Vegetarian Capsules; and The Himalaya Drug Company  
18 Himalaya Herbal Healthcare Veincare - 60 Vegetarian Capsules. Pursuant to the December 23,  
19 2010 Notice of Violation, these products include The Himalaya Drug Company LeanCare 120  
20 Vegetarian Capsules; The Himalaya Drug Company CoughCare 200 mL; The Himalaya Drug  
21 Company Gotu Kola 60 Caplets; The Himalaya Drug Company Bitter Melon 60 caplets;  
22 The Himalaya Drug Company Triphala 60 Caplets; The Himalaya Drug Company Gokshura 60  
23 Caplets; The Himalaya Drug Company Bacopa 60 Caplets; The Himalaya Drug Company  
24 Arjuna 60 Caplets; The Himalaya Drug Company Garcinia 60 Caplets; The Himalaya Drug  
25 Company MenoCare 120 Vegetarian Capsules; The Himalaya Drug Company HemoCare 120  
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2 Himalaya Drug Company Andrographis 60 Caplets; The Himalaya Drug Company StressCare  
3 120 Vegetarian Capsules; The Himalaya Drug Company MenstriCare 60 Vegetarian Capsules;  
4 The Himalaya Drug Company MindCare 60 Vegetarian Capsules; and The Himalaya Drug  
5 Company DermaCare 120 Vegetarian Capsuseles. (“Covered Products”).  
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7 16. Himalaya has knowingly and intentionally exposed numerous persons to lead, without  
8 providing a Proposition 65 warning. The company has at all times relevant hereto been aware that  
9 the Covered Products contain lead and that persons using these products are exposed to the  
10 chemical. Himalaya markets the Covered Products with knowledge that consumers are being  
11 exposed to lead during normal use of the products.  
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13 17. Himalaya has failed to provide consumers of the Covered Products with a clear and  
14 reasonable warning that they are being exposed to a chemical known to the State of California to  
15 cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm.  
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17 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

18 **(Violation of Section 25249.6 of the Health and Safety Code, Failure to Provide Clear**  
19 **and Reasonable Warning under Proposition 65)**

20 18. Himalaya refers to paragraphs 1-17, inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this  
21 reference.  
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23 19. By committing the acts alleged above, Himalaya has, in the course of doing business,  
24 knowingly and intentionally exposed users of the Covered Products to lead, a chemical known to  
25 the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm without first giving  
26 clear and reasonable warning to such individuals, within the meaning of Health & Safety Code  
27 Section 25249.6.  
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1 20. Said violations render each Defendant liable for civil penalties up to \$2,500 (two  
2 thousand, five hundred dollars) per day, for each violation.

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4 21. Himalaya's continued violation of the law will irreparably harm ERC and the public  
5 interest in whose behalf Plaintiff brings this action, for which there is no adequate remedy at law.

6 **VI**

7 **PRAYER**

8 WHEREFORE Plaintiff prays for relief as follows:

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10 1. On the First Cause of Action, for civil penalties for each and every violation according to  
11 proof;
- 12 2. On the First Cause of Action, and pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7 (a), for  
13 such temporary restraining orders, preliminary and permanent injunctive orders, or other orders,  
14 prohibiting Himalaya from exposing persons to lead without providing clear and reasonable  
15 warning;
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17 3. For reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to Section 1021.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure or  
18 the substantial benefit theory;
- 19 4. For costs of suit herein; and
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21 5. For such other relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

22 Dated: March 3, 2011

23 By



24  
25 Michael Freund  
26 Attorney for Environmental Research Center



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**Re: Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 *et seq.***

Dear Addressees:

I am the Executive Director of the Environmental Research Center ("ERC") in connection with this Notice of Violations of California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, which is codified at California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 *et seq.* and also referred to as Proposition 65.

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EXHIBIT A



The name of the Company covered by this Notice that violated Proposition 65 is:

**The Himalaya Drug Company**

The products that are the subject of this Notice and the chemical in those products identified as exceeding allowable levels are:

**Organic Chyavanprash - Lead**

**Mind Care Jr. - Lead**

**HeartCare - Lead**

**The Himalaya Drug Company Himalaya Herbal Healthcare –**

**LeanCare 60 Capsules - Lead**

**The Himalaya Drug Company Himalaya Pure Herbs Guggul –**

**Cholesterol Support 60 Vegetarian Capsules - Lead**

**The Himalaya Drug Company Himalaya Herbal Healthcare GlucoCare for –**

**Natural Blood Glucose Health 180 Vegetarian Capsules - Lead**

**The Himalaya Drug Company Himalaya Herbal Healthcare Veincare –**

**60 Vegetarian Capsules - Lead**

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This letter is a Notice to The Himalaya Drug Company and the appropriate governmental authorities of the Proposition 65 violations concerning the listed products. This Notice covers all violations of Proposition 65 involving The Himalaya Drug Company currently known to ERC from the information now available. ERC may continue to investigate other products that may reveal further violations. A summary of Proposition 65, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, has been provided to the Noticed Company with a copy of this letter.

The Himalaya Drug Company has manufactured, marketed, distributed, and/or sold the listed products, which have exposed and continue to expose numerous individuals within California to the identified chemicals. The primary route of exposure to these chemicals has been through ingestion, but may have also occurred through inhalation and/or dermal contact. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to the identified chemicals. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product's label. The Himalaya Drug Company violated Proposition 65 because the Company has failed to provide an appropriate warning to persons using these products that they are being exposed to the identified chemical.

Pursuant to Section 25249.7(d) of the statute, ERC intends to file a citizen enforcement action sixty days after effective service of this Notice unless The Himalaya Drug Company agrees in an enforceable written instrument to: (1) reformulate the listed products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemicals; and (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty. Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and ERC's objectives in pursuing this Notice, ERC is interested in seeking a constructive resolution to this matter. Such resolution will avoid both further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemicals and expensive and time consuming litigation.

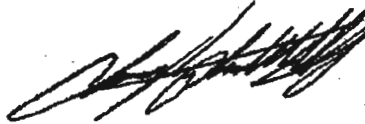
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Please direct all questions concerning this notice to ERC's attorney, Michael Freund, address: 1915 Addison Street, Berkeley, California, 94704-1101, telephone no.: 510-540-1992, e-mail: Freund1@aol.com.

Sincerely,



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Chris Heptinstall, Executive Director  
Environmental Research Center

cc: Karen Evans

Attachments

Certificate of Merit

Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to The Himalaya Drug Company and its Registered Agent for Service of Process only)

Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to AG only)

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

**Re: Environmental Research Center's Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by The Himalaya Drug Company**

I, Michael Freund, declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day Notice in which it is alleged the party identified in the Notice violated California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.
3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the Notice.
4. Based on the information obtained through those consultants, and on 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 plaintiff's case can be established and that the information did not prove that the alleged violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.
5. Along with the copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General is attached additional factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this Certificate, including the information identified in California Health & Safety Code §25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: November 23, 2010



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Michael Freund  
Attorney for Environmental Research Center

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct:

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years of age, and am not a party to the within entitled action. My business address is 306 Joy Street, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742

On November 23, 2010, I served the following documents:

**NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; "THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY"**

On the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party listed below and depositing it in a US Postal Service Office for delivery by Certified Mail:

Current President or CEO  
The Himalaya Drug Company  
10440 Westoffice Dr  
Houston, TX 77042

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(The Himalaya Drug Company's Registered  
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1209 Orange Street  
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Office of the California Attorney General  
Prop 65 Enforcement Reporting  
1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000  
Post Office Box 70550  
Oakland, CA 94612-0550

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Executed on November 23, 2010, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.



Chris Heptinstall

Service List

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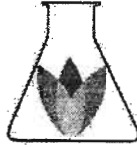
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The Himalaya Drug Company has manufactured, marketed, distributed, and/or sold the listed products, which have exposed and continue to expose numerous individuals within California to the identified chemicals. The primary route of exposure to these chemicals has been through ingestion, but may have also occurred through inhalation and/or dermal contact. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to the identified chemicals. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product's label. The Himalaya Drug Company violated Proposition 65 because the Company has failed to provide an appropriate warning to persons using these products that they are being exposed to the identified chemical.

Pursuant to Section 25249.7(d) of the statute, ERC intends to file a citizen enforcement action sixty days after effective service of this Notice unless The Himalaya Drug Company agrees in an enforceable written instrument to: (1) reformulate the listed products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemicals; and (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty. Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and ERC's objectives in pursuing this Notice, ERC is interested in seeking a constructive resolution to this matter. Such resolution will avoid both further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemicals and expensive and time consuming litigation.




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Please direct all questions concerning this notice to ERC's attorney, Michael Freund, address: 1915 Addison Street, Berkeley, California, 94704-1101, telephone no.: 510-540-1992, e-mail: [Freund1@aol.com](mailto:Freund1@aol.com).

Sincerely,



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Chris Heptinstall  
Executive Director  
Environmental Research Center

cc: Karen Evans

Attachments

Certificate of Merit

Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to The Himalaya Drug Company and its Registered Agent for Service of Process only)


Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to AG only)

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

**Re: Environmental Research Center's Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by The Himalaya Drug Company**

I, Michael Freund, declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day Notice in which it is alleged the party identified in the Notice violated California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.
3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the Notice.
4. Based on the information obtained through those consultants, and on 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 plaintiff's case can be established and that the information did not prove that the alleged violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.
5. Along with the copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General is attached additional factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this Certificate, including the information identified in California Health & Safety Code §25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.



Dated: December 23, 2010

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Michael Freund  
Attorney for Environmental Research Center

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct:

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years of age, and am not a party to the within entitled action. My business address is 306 Joy Street, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742

On December 23, 2010, I served the following documents:

**NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 *ET SEQ.*; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; “THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY”**

On the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party listed below and depositing it in a US Postal Service Office for delivery by Certified Mail:

Current President or CEO  
The Himalaya Drug Company  
10440 Westoffice Dr  
Houston, TX 77042

The Corporation Trust Company  
(The Himalaya Drug Company’s Registered  
Agent for Service of Process)  
Corporation Trust Center  
1209 Orange Street  
Wilmington, DE 19801

On December 23, 2010, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 *ET SEQ.*; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.7(d)(1)** on the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party listed below and depositing it in a US Postal Service Office for delivery by Certified Mail:

Office of the California Attorney General  
Prop 65 Enforcement Reporting  
1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000  
Post Office Box 70550  
Oakland, CA 94612-0550

On December 23, 2010, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 *ET SEQ.*; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT** on each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties on **the Service List attached hereto**, and depositing it with the U.S. Postal Service for delivery by Priority Mail.

Executed on December 23, 2010, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.



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Chris Heptinstall

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