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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. RG10553800

13 **Plaintiff,**

**FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR
14 INJUNCTIVE AND DECLARATORY
15 RELIEF AND CIVIL PENALTIES**

16 **v.**

17 **SYMMETRY CORPORATION and
18 DOES 1-100**

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

19 **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 enforcer and in the public interest pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section
28 25249.7 (d). This amended complaint seeks injunctive and declaratory relief and civil penalties to

1 remedy Symmetry Corporation's ("Symmetry") failure to warn users of certain products sold by
2 the company that they are exposed to lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause
3 cancer, 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 Symmetry 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. These products are
18 Botanicals Male Balance; Botanicals BotanaCleanse Formula 1; Botanicals BotanaCleanse
19 Formula 2; Symmetry Future Star Citrus Flavored; Symmetry Corp. Thermobalance; Symmetry
20 Botanicals Clarity; Symmetry Botanicals OptiBreathe; Symmetry Lipo-Sorb; Symmetry Corp.
21 CarbLess; Symmetry Corp. WOW Smoothie; and Symmetry Corp. Ultra Vitality NutraPack.
22 ("Covered Products"). Symmetry is a company that employs ten or more persons.

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

6 JURISDICTION AND VENUE

7 5. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to California Constitution Article VI, Section 10 because
8 this case is a cause not given by statute to other trial courts.
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10 6. ERC has performed any and all conditions precedent to the filing of a legal action pursuant to
11 Proposition 65 by serving by mail Notices of Violation, dated June 29, 2010, November 5, 2010,
12 December 23, 2010 and June 1, 2011 to the Attorney General of the State of California, the
13 state's District Attorneys, the appropriate City Attorney's and to Symmetry. A true and correct
14 copy of these Notices is attached herein as Exhibit A. More than 60 days have passed since these
15 Notices were mailed and no public enforcement entity has filed a complaint in this case.
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17 7. This Court is the proper venue for the action because the causes of action have arisen in
18 Alameda where some of the violations of law have occurred. Furthermore, this Court is the proper
19 venue under Code of Civil Procedure Section 395.5 and Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7.
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21 IV

22 STATUTORY BACKGROUND

23 A. Proposition 65

24 8. The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 is an initiative statute passed as
25 "Proposition 65" by an overwhelming majority vote of the people in November of 1986.
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27 9. The warning requirement of Proposition 65 is contained in Health & Safety Code Section
28 25249.6, which provides:

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

4 10. Implementing regulations for Proposition 65 provide that warnings are required for consumer
5 product exposures. A “consumer product exposure is an exposure which results from a person’s
6 acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer
7 good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service.” 27 CCR Section 25601 (b).

8 11. Whenever a clear and reasonable warning is required under Health & Safety Code Section
9 25249.6, the “method employed to transmit the warning must be reasonably calculated considering
10 the alternative methods available under the circumstances, to make the warning message available
11 prior to exposure.” 27 CCR Section 25601. The warning requirement may be satisfied by a
12 warning that appears on a product’s label or other labeling, shelf labeling, signs, a system of signs,
13 public advertising identifying the system and toll-free information services, or any other, system,
14 that provides clear and reasonable warnings. Id., Section 25603.1 (a) – (d).

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17 12. Proposition 65 establishes a procedure by which the State is to develop a list of
18 chemicals “known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.” Health & Safety Code
19 Section 25249.8. There is no duty to provide a clear and reasonable warning until 12-months after
20 the chemical was published on the State list. Id., Section 25249.10 (b). Lead was listed as a
21 chemical known to the State of California to cause developmental toxicity and male and female
22 reproductive toxicity on February 27, 1987. Lead was listed as a chemical known to the State of
23 California to cause cancer on October 1, 1992. Title 27, Cal. Code Regs., Section 27001.

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25 13. Proposition 65 may be enforced by any person in the public interest who provides notice
26 sixty days before filing suit to both the violator and designated law enforcement officials. The
27 failure of law enforcement officials to file a timely complaint enables a citizen suit to be filed
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1 pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7 (c).

2 14. Proposition 65 provides that any person “violating or threatening to violate” Proposition 65
3 may be enjoined in any court of competent jurisdiction. Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7 (a).
4 To “threaten to violate” means “to create a condition in which there is a substantial probability that a
5 violation will occur.” Id., Section 25249.11 (e). Furthermore, violators are subject to a civil penalty
6 of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation. Id., Section 25249.7 (b).
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8 **V**

9 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

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11 15. Defendant Symmetry manufactures, distributes and/or sells the Covered Products to the
12 State of California. These products contain lead.

13 16. Symmetry has knowingly and intentionally exposed numerous persons to lead, without
14 providing a Proposition 65 warning. The company has at all times relevant hereto been aware that
15 the Covered Products contain lead and that persons using these products are exposed to the
16 chemical. Symmetry markets the Covered Products with knowledge that consumers are being
17 exposed to lead during normal use of the product.
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19 17. Symmetry has failed to provide consumers of the Covered Products with a clear and
20 reasonable warning that they are being exposed to a chemical known to the State of California to
21 cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm.
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23 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

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

26 18. Symmetry refers to paragraphs 1-17, inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this
27 reference.
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1 19. By committing the acts alleged above, Symmetry has, in the course of doing business,
2 knowingly and intentionally exposed users of the Covered Products to lead, a chemical known to
3 the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm without first giving
4 clear and reasonable warning to such individuals, within the meaning of Health & Safety Code
5 Section 25249.6.
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7 20. Said violations render each Defendant liable for civil penalties up to \$2,500 (two
8 thousand, five hundred dollars) per day, for each violation.
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10 21. Symmetry's continued violation of the law will irreparably harm ERC and the public
11 interest in whose behalf Plaintiff brings this action, for which there is no adequate remedy at law.
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13 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

14 **(Declaratory Relief)**

15 22. ERC refers to paragraphs 1-21, inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.

16 23. There exists an actual controversy relating to the legal rights and duties of the parties, within
17 the meaning of Code of Civil Procedure Section 1060, between Plaintiff and Defendant concerning:

18 a) whether Symmetry has exposed individuals to a chemical known to the State of California
19 to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm without providing clear and reasonable
20 warning.
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22 VI

23 **PRAYER**

24 WHEREFORE Plaintiff prays for relief as follows:

25 1. On the First Cause of Action, for civil penalties for each and every violation according to
26 proof;
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1 2. On the First Cause of Action, and pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7 (a), for
2 such temporary restraining orders, preliminary and permanent injunctive orders, or other orders,
3 prohibiting Symmetry from exposing persons to lead without providing clear and reasonable
4 warning;
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6 3. On the Second Cause of Action, for a declaratory judgment pursuant to Code of Civil
7 Procedure Section 1060 declaring:

8 a. that Symmetry has exposed individuals to a chemical known to the State of California to
9 cause, birth defects and other reproductive harm without providing clear and reasonable warning;
10 and
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12 4. On all Causes of Action, for reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to Section 1021.5 of the Code
13 of Civil Procedure or the substantial benefit theory;

14 5. For costs of suit herein; and

15 6. For such other relief as the Court may deem just and proper.
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17 Dated: April 20, 2012

18 By



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21 Michael Freund
22 Attorney for Environmental Research Center
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June 29, 2010

Re: Notice of Violation Against Symmetry Corporation for Violation of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6

Dear Prosecutors:

I represent the Environmental Research Center ("ERC"), a non-profit California corporation whose mission is to safeguard the public from health hazards that impact families, workers and the environment. ERC is dedicated to reducing the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees and encouraging corporate responsibility. ERC is located at 5694 Mission Center Road, # 199, San Diego, CA 92108. Through this Notice of Violation, ERC seeks to reduce exposure to the public from lead contained in the named products manufactured and distributed by Symmetry Corporation.

This letter constitutes notification that Symmetry Corporation, located at 420 S. Hillview Drive, Milpitas, CA 95035 has violated the warning requirement of Proposition 65, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (commencing with section 25249.5 of the Health and Safety Code).

In particular, this company has manufactured and distributed products which have exposed and continue to expose numerous individuals within California to lead. Lead was listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity, and male and female reproductive toxicity on February 27, 1987. Lead was listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a carcinogen on October 1, 1992. The time period of these violations commenced one year after the listed dates above. The primary route of exposure has been oral through ingestion.

Symmetry Corporation is exposing people to lead from the following products: Symmetry Botanicals Male Balance; Symmetry Botanicals New Attitude Energy Tonic; Symmetry Botanicals Botanacleanse Formula One; and Symmetry Botanicals Botanacleanse Formula Two; and Symmetry Botanicals Botanacleanse Formula Three.

Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to certain listed chemicals. Symmetry Corporation is in violation of Proposition 65 because the company failed to provide a warning to persons using their products that they are being exposed to lead. (22 C.C.R. section 12601.) While in the course of doing business, the company is knowingly and intentionally exposing people to lead, without first providing clear and reasonable warning. (Health and Safety Code section 25249.6.) The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product's label. 22 C.C.R. section 12601 (b)(1) (A).

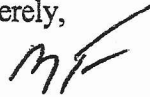
Proposition 65 requires that notice and intent to sue be given to a violator 60-days before the

suit is filed. With this letter, ERC gives notice of the alleged violation to the noticed party and the appropriate governmental authorities. This notice covers all violations of Proposition 65 that are currently known to ERC from 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, and referenced as Appendix A, has been provided to the noticed party.

Based on the allegations set forth in this Notice, ERC intends to file a citizen enforcement action against Symmetry Corporation unless the company agrees in an enforceable written instrument to: (1) reformulate these products so as to eliminate further lead exposures; and (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty. Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and my client's objectives in pursuing this Notice, ERC will focus its efforts in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter. Such resolution will avoid both further unwarned consumer exposures to lead and expensive and time-consuming litigation.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MF' with a stylized flourish.

Michael Freund

cc: Chris Heptinstall, ERC
Karen Evans, ERC

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7 (d)

I, Michael Freund hereby declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the Notice of Violation in which it is alleged that the party identified in the Notice has violated Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
2. I am the attorney for the noticing party Environmental Research Center ("ERC"). ERC is dedicated to reducing the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees and encouraging corporate responsibility. The Notice of Violation alleges that the party identified has exposed persons in California to lead from products that it manufactures and distributes. Please refer to the Notice of Violation for additional details regarding the alleged violations.
3. 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 alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action. In particular, I have consulted with the laboratory that conducted the testing to determine the concentration of lead in the products identified in the Notice of Violation and I have relied on the testing results. The testing was conducted by a reputable testing laboratory with substantial experience in testing for lead. These facts, studies or other data derived through this investigation overwhelmingly demonstrate that the party identified in the Notice of Violation exposes persons to lead through oral exposure (ingestion).
4. Based on my consultation with the laboratory, the results of the laboratory testing, as well as published studies on lead, it is clear that there is sufficient evidence that human

exposures exist from exposure to the products from the noticed party. Furthermore, as a result of the above, I have concluded that 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 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. The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the California Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health & Safety Code Section 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: June 27, 2010



Michael Freund
Attorney for Environmental Research Center

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County of Alameda. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within entitled action; my business address is 1915 Addison Street, Berkeley, California 94704. On June 29, 2010 I served the within:

Notice of Violation and Certificate of Merit (Supporting documentation pursuant to 11 CCR section 3102 sent to Attorney General only)

on the parties in said action, by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the United States Post Office mail box in Oakland, California to said parties addressed as follows:

See Attached Service List

I, Michael Freund, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on June 29, 2010 at Berkeley, California.



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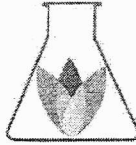
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November 5, 2010

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

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VIA PRIORITY MAIL

District Attorneys of All California Counties
and Select City Attorneys
(See Attached Certificate of Service)

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.

ERC is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by bringing about a reduction in the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility.

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

Symmetry Corporation

November 5, 2010

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

Symmetry Future Star Citrus Flavored - Lead
Symmetry Corp. Thermobalance - Lead
Symmetry Botanicals Clarity - Lead
Symmetry Botanicals OptiBreathe - Lead

On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed lead as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity, and male and female reproductive toxicity. On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed lead as chemical known to cause cancer.

This letter is a Notice to Symmetry Corporation and the appropriate governmental authorities of the Proposition 65 violations concerning the listed products. This Notice covers all violations of Proposition 65 involving Symmetry Corporation 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.

Symmetry Corporation 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. Symmetry Corporation 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 Symmetry Corporation 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.

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,



Chris Heptinstall, Executive Director
Environmental Research Center

Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code §25249.5 *et seq.*

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cc: Karen Evans

Attachments

Certificate of Merit

Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to Symmetry Corporation 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 Symmetry Corporation

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 5, 2010



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 5, 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
Symmetry Corporation
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Milpitas, CA 95035

Steven M. Kole
(Symmetry Corporation's Registered Agent
for Service of Process)
420 S. Hillview Drive
Milpitas, CA 95035

On November 5, 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
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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.

ERC is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by bringing about a reduction in the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility.

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

Symmetry Corporation

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

Symmetry Lipo-Sorb 80 Caplets - Lead

On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed lead as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity, and male and female reproductive toxicity. On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed lead as chemical known to cause cancer.

This letter is a Notice to Symmetry Corporation and the appropriate governmental authorities of the Proposition 65 violations concerning the listed products. This Notice covers all violations of Proposition 65 involving Symmetry Corporation 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.

Symmetry Corporation 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. Symmetry Corporation 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 Symmetry Corporation 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.

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,



Chris Heptinstall
Executive Director
Environmental Research Center

cc: Karen Evans

Attachments

- Certificate of Merit
- Certificate of Service
- OEHHA Summary (to Symmetry Corporation 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 Symmetry Corporation

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

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:

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