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1. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Men's Special

1	2. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Complete Concentrates Bilberry
2	3. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Complete Concentrates Chastetree
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4	4. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Candida Formula #1
5	5. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Gallbladder Care
6	6. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Candida Liver Care
7	7. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Complete Concentrates Rhodiola
8	Rosea
9	8. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. BloodToner
10	9. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Digestive Enzyme
11	10. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Complete Concentrates Red Clover
12	11. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Brain Care Blend
13	12. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. SPK Formula
14	13. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Thyroid Care
15	14. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. VYR-33 Defense
16	15. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Women's Gold
17	16. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. X 40
18	17. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Candida Formula #2
19	18. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Enzymes
20	19. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Chem X
21	20. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Healthy Gut
22	21. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Female Balance
23	22. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Eye Formula
24	23. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. HPX Formula
25	24. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Sinus Blend
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26. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Olive Leaf
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28. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Turmeric
29. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Kolester
30. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Metal X
31. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Liver Formula
32. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. INF Blend
33. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Ruma Care
34. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. PA Formula

35. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Rascal

36. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Pollution X

State¹ of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm.

- Lead (hereinafter, the "LISTED CHEMICAL") is a substance known to the
- 3. The use and/or handling of the PRODUCTS causes exposures to the LISTED CHEMICAL at levels requiring a "clear and reasonable warning" under California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, Health & Safety Code ("H&S Code") §25249.5, et seq. (also known as "Proposition 65"). DEFENDANT has failed to provide the health hazard warnings required by Proposition 65.
- 4. DEFENDANT's past sales and continued manufacturing, packaging, distributing, marketing and/or sales of the PRODUCTS without the required health hazard warnings, cause individuals to be involuntarily and unwittingly exposed to levels of the LISTED CHEMICAL that violate Proposition 65.
- 5. PLAINTIFF seeks injunctive relief enjoining DEFENDANT from the continued manufacturing, packaging, distributing, marketing and/or sales of the PRODUCTS in

¹ All statutory and regulatory references herein are to California law, unless otherwise specified.

California without provision of clear and reasonable warnings regarding the risks of cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm posed by exposure to the LISTED CHEMICAL through the use and/or handling of the PRODUCTS. PLAINTIFF seeks an injunctive order compelling DEFENDANT to bring its business practices into compliance with Proposition 65 by providing a clear and reasonable warning to each individual who has been and who in the future may be exposed to the LISTED CHEMICAL from the use of the PRODUCTS. PLAINTIFF also seeks an order compelling DEFENDANT to identify and locate each individual person who in the past has purchased the PRODUCTS, and to provide to each such purchaser a clear and reasonable warning that the use of the PRODUCTS will cause exposures to the LISTED CHEMICAL.

6. In addition to injunctive relief, PLAINTIFF seeks an assessment of civil penalties up to the maximum civil penalty of \$2,500 per day per exposure authorized by Proposition 65 to remedy DEFENDANT's failure to provide clear and reasonable warnings regarding exposures to the LISTED CHEMICAL.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 7. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to California Constitution Article VI, Section 10, which grants the Superior Court "original jurisdiction in all causes except those given by statute to other trial courts." The statute under which this action is brought does not specify any other basis for jurisdiction.
- 8. This Court has jurisdiction over DEFENDANT because, based on information and belief, DEFENDANT is a business having sufficient minimum contacts with California, or otherwise intentionally availing itself of the California market through the distribution and sale of the PRODUCTS in the State of California to render the exercise of jurisdiction over it by the California courts consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.
- 9. Venue in this action is proper in the Alameda Superior Court because the DEFENDANT has violated California law in the County of Alameda.

- 10. On August 29, 2014, PLAINTIFF sent a 60-Day Notice of Proposition 65 ("Notice") violations to the requisite public enforcement agencies, and to DEFENDANT. The Notice was issued pursuant to, and in compliance with, the requirements of H&S Code §25249.7(d) and the statute's implementing regulations regarding the notice of the violations to be given to certain public enforcement agencies and to the violators. The Notice included, *inter alia*, the following information: the name, address, and telephone number of the noticing individuals; the name of the alleged violator; the statute violated; the approximate time period during which violations occurred; and descriptions of the violations, including the chemical involved, the routes of toxic exposure, and the specific product or type of product causing the violations, and was issued as follows:
 - a. DEFENDANT was provided a copy of the Notice by Certified Mail.
 - b. DEFENDANT was provided a copy of a document entitled "The Safe
 Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A
 Summary," which is also known as Appendix A to Title 27 of CCR §25903.
 - c. The California Attorney General was provided a copy of the Notice via online submission.
 - d. The California Attorney General was provided with a Certificate of Merit by the attorney for the noticing parties, stating that there is a reasonable and meritorious case for this action, and attaching factual information sufficient to establish a basis for the certificate, including the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons, pursuant to H&S Code §25249.7(h) (2).
- 11. At least 60-days have elapsed since PLAINTIFF sent the NOTICE to DEFENDANT. The appropriate public enforcement agencies have failed to commence and diligently prosecute a cause of action under H&S Code §25249.5, et seq. against DEFENDANT based on the allegations contained herein.

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- 12. PLAINTIFF is a non-profit corporation organized under California's Corporation Law. ERC is dedicated to, among other causes, reducing the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic substances, consumer protection, worker safety, and corporate responsibility.
- 13. ERC is a person within the meaning of H&S Code §25118 and brings this enforcement action in the public interest pursuant to H&S Code §25249.7(d).
- 14. DEFENDANT KROEGER HERB PRODUCTS CO., INC. is a corporation organized under the State of Colorado's Corporation Law and is a person doing business within the meaning of H&S Code §25249.11.
- 15. DEFENDANT has manufactured, packaged, distributed, marketed and /or sold the PRODUCTS for sale or use in California and the County of Alameda. ERC is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that DEFENDANT continues to manufacture, package, distribute, market and/or sell the PRODUCTS for sale or use in California and in Alameda County.

STATUTORY BACKGROUND

- 16. The People of the State of California have declared in Proposition 65 their right "[t]o be informed about exposures to chemicals that cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm." (Section 1(b) of Initiative Measure, Proposition 65).
- 17. To effect this goal, Proposition 65 requires that individuals be provided with a "clear and reasonable warning" before being exposed to substances listed by the State of California as causing cancer or reproductive toxicity. H&S Code §25249.6 states, in pertinent part:

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....

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- 18. "'Knowingly' refers only to knowledge of the fact that a discharge of, release of, or exposure to a chemical listed pursuant to Section 25249.8(a) of the Act is occurring. No knowledge that the discharge, release or exposure is unlawful is required." (27 California Code of Regulations ("CCR") § 25102(n).)
- 19. Proposition 65 provides that any person "violating or threatening to violate" the statute may be enjoined in a court of competent jurisdiction. (H&S Code §25249.7). The phrase "threatening to violate" is defined to mean creating "a condition in which there is a substantial likelihood that a violation will occur." (H&S Code §25249.11(e)). Violators are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation of the Act. (H&S Code §25249.7.)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 20. On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed the chemical lead as a chemical known to cause reproductive toxicity. Lead became subject to the warning requirement one year later and was therefore subject to the "clear and reasonable" warning requirements of Proposition 65 beginning on February 27, 1988. (27 CCR § 25000, et seq.; H&S Code §25249.5, et seq.). Due to the high toxicity of lead, the maximum allowable dose level for lead is 0.5 ug/day (micrograms a day) for reproductive toxicity. (27 CCR § 25805(b).)
- 21. On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed the chemicals lead and lead compounds as chemicals known to cause cancer. Lead and lead compounds became subject to the warning requirement one year later and were therefore subject to the "clear and reasonable" warning requirements of Proposition 65 beginning on October 1, 1993 (27 CCR § 25000, et seq.; H&S Code §25249.6 et seq.). Due to the carcinogenicity of lead, the no significant risk level for lead is 15 ug/day (micrograms a day). (27 CCR § 25705(b)(1).)
- 22. To test DEFENDANT's PRODUCTS for lead, PLAINTIFF hired a well-respected and accredited testing laboratory. The results of testing undertaken by PLAINTIFF of DEFENDANT's PRODUCTS show that the PRODUCTS tested were in violation of the 0.5

ug/day "safe harbor" daily dose limit set forth in Proposition 65's regulations. Very significant is the fact that people are being exposed to lead through ingestion as opposed to other not as harmful methods of exposure such as dermal exposure. Ingestion of lead produces much higher exposure levels and health risks than does dermal exposure to this chemical.

- 23. At all times relevant to this action, DEFENDANT, therefore, has knowingly and intentionally exposed the users and/or handlers of the PRODUCTS to the LISTED CHEMICAL without first giving a clear and reasonable warning to such individuals.
- 24. The PRODUCTS have allegedly been sold by DEFENDANT for use in California since at least August 29, 2011. The PRODUCTS continue to be distributed and sold in California without the requisite warning information.
- 25. On August 29, 2014, ERC served DEFENDANT and each of the appropriate public enforcement agencies with a Proposition 65 Notice, a document entitled "Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5" that provided DEFENDANT and the public enforcement agencies with notice that DEFENDANT was in violation of Proposition 65 for failing to warn purchasers and individuals using the PRODUCTS that the use of the PRODUCTS exposes them to lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity (a true and copy of the 60-Day Notice is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated by reference).
- 26. As a proximate result of acts by DEFENDANT, as a person in the course of doing business within the meaning of Health & Safety Code §25249.11, individuals throughout the State of California, including in the County of Alameda, have been exposed to the LISTED CHEMICAL without a clear and reasonable warning. The individuals subject to the illegal exposures include normal and foreseeable users of the PRODUCTS, as well as all other persons exposed to the PRODUCTS.

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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Injunctive Relief for Violations of Health and Safety Code § 25249.5, et seq. concerning the PRODUCTS described in the August 29, 2014, Prop. 65 Notice)

Against DEFENDANT

- 27. PLAINTIFF re-alleges and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 26, inclusive, as if specifically set forth herein.
- 28. By committing the acts alleged in this Complaint, DEFENDANT, at all times relevant to this action, and continuing through the present, has violated H&S Code §25249.6 by, in the course of doing business, knowingly and intentionally exposing individuals who use or handle the PRODUCTS set forth in the Notice to the LISTED CHEMICAL, without first providing a clear and reasonable warning to such individuals pursuant to H&S Code §§ 25249.6 and 25249.11(f).
- 29. By the above-described acts, DEFENDANT has violated H&S Code § 25249.6 and is therefore subject to an injunction ordering DEFENDANT to stop violating Proposition 65, to provide warnings to all present and future customers, and to provide warnings to DEFENDANT's past customers who purchased or used the PRODUCTS without receiving a clear and reasonable warning.
- 30. An action for injunctive relief under Proposition 65 is specifically authorized by Health & Safety Code §25249.7(a).
- 31. Continuing commission by DEFENDANT of the acts alleged above will irreparably harm the citizens of the State of California, for which harm they have no plain, speedy, or adequate remedy at law.

Wherefore, PLAINTIFF prays for judgment against DEFENDANT, as set forth hereafter.

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SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Civil Penalties for Violations of Health and Safety Code § 25249.5, et seq. concerning the PRODUCTS described in PLAINTIFF's NOTICE)

Against DEFENDANT

- 32. PLAINTIFF re-alleges and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 31, inclusive, as if specifically set forth herein.
- 33. By committing the acts alleged in this Complaint, DEFENDANT at all times relevant to this action, and continuing through the present, has violated H&S Code §25249.6 by, in the course of doing business, knowingly and intentionally exposing individuals who use or handle the PRODUCTS set forth in the Notice to the LISTED CHEMICAL, without first providing a clear and reasonable warning to such individuals pursuant to H&S Code §§ 25249.6 and 25249.11(f).
- 34. By the above-described acts, DEFENDANT is liable, pursuant to H&S Code \$25249.7(b), for a civil penalty of \$2,500 per day per violation for each unlawful exposure to the LISTED CHEMICAL from the PRODUCTS.

Wherefore, PLAINTIFF prays for judgment against DEFENDANT, as set forth hereafter.

THE NEED FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

- 35. PLAINTIFF re-alleges and incorporates by this reference Paragraphs 1 through 34, as if set forth below.
- 36. By committing the acts alleged in this Complaint, DEFENDANT has caused irreparable harm for which there is no plain, speedy or adequate remedy at law. In the absence of equitable relief, DEFENDANT will continue to create a substantial risk of irreparable injury by continuing to cause consumers to be involuntarily and unwittingly exposed to the LISTED CHEMICAL through the use and/or handling of the PRODUCTS.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, PLAINTIFF accordingly prays for the following relief:

- A. a preliminary and permanent injunction, pursuant to H&S Code §25249.7(b), enjoining DEFENDANT, its agents, employees, assigns and all persons acting in concert or participating with DEFENDANT, from distributing or selling the PRODUCTS in California without first providing a clear and reasonable warning, within the meaning of Proposition 65, that the users and/or handlers of the PRODUCTS are exposed to the LISTED CHEMICAL;
- B. an injunctive order, pursuant to H&S Code §25249.7(b), compelling DEFENDANT to identify and locate each individual who has purchased the PRODUCTS since November 4, 2011, and to provide a warning to such person that the use of the PRODUCTS will expose the user to chemicals known to birth defects and other reproductive harm;
- C. an assessment of civil penalties pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(b), against DEFENDANT in the amount of \$2,500 per day for each violation of Proposition 65;
- D. an award to PLAINTIFF of its reasonable attorney's fees and costs of suit pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure §1021.5, as PLAINTIFF shall specify in further application to the Court; and,
 - E. such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

DATED: 2/13/15

LOZEAU | DRURY LLP

Richard T. Drury Rebecca L. Davis Attorneys for Plaintiff

Environmental Research Center, Inc.

Exhibit A



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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Current CEO or President Kroeger Herb Products Co., Inc. 805 Walnut Street Boulder, CO 80302

Thomas M. Brown (Kroeger Herb Products Co., Inc.'s Registered Agent for Service of Process) 805 Walnut Street Boulder, CO 80302

VIA PRIORITY MAIL

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

VIA ONLINE SUBMISSION

Office of the California Attorney General

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

Dear Addressees:

I represent 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 (hereinafter the "Violator") is:

Kroeger Herb Products Co., Inc.

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

- 1. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Men's Special Lead
- 2. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Complete Concentrates Bilberry Lead
- 3. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Complete Concentrates Chastetree Berry Lead
- 4. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Candida Formula #1- Lead
- 5. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Gallbladder Care Lead
- 6. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Candida Liver Care Lead
- 7. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Complete Concentrates Rhodiola Rosea Lead
- 8. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. BloodToner Lead
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- 34. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. PA Formula Lead
- 35. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Rascal Lead
- 36. Kroeger Herb Products Co. Inc. Pollution X 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 and lead compounds as chemicals known to cause cancer.

This letter is a notice to the Violator and the appropriate governmental authorities of the Proposition 65 violations concerning the listed products. This notice covers all violations of Proposition 65 involving the Violator 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, is enclosed with the copy of this letter to the Violator.

The Violator has manufactured, marketed, distributed, and/or sold the listed products, which have exposed and continue to expose numerous individuals within California to the identified chemical, lead. The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the purchase, acquisition, handling and/or recommended use of these products by consumers. The primary route of exposure to lead 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 lead. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product's label. The Violator violated Proposition 65 because it failed to provide an appropriate warning to persons using and/or handling these products that they are being exposed to lead. Each of these ongoing violations has occurred on every day since August 29, 2011, as well as every day since the products were introduced in the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users.

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 Violator agrees in an enforceable written instrument to: (1) reformulate the listed products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemicals; (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty; and (3) provide clear and reasonable warnings compliant with Proposition 65 to all persons who purchased the above products in the last three years. Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and my client'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.

ERC's Executive Director is Chris Heptinstall, and is located at 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108; Tel. 619-500-3090. ERC has retained me in connection with this matter. We suggest that communications regarding this Notice of Violations should be directed to my attention at the above listed law office address and telephone number.

Sincerely,

Richard Drury

Attachments

Certificate of Merit Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to Kroeger Herb Products Co., Inc. 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 Kroeger Herb Products Co., Inc.

I, Richard Drury, 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: August 29, 2014

Richard Drury

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. I am a resident or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. The envelope or package was placed in the mail at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

On August 29, 2014, 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 U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

Current CEO or President Kroeger Herb Products Co., Inc. 805 Walnut Street Boulder, CO 80302 Thomas M. Brown (Kroeger Herb Products Co., Inc.'s Registered Agent for Service of Process) 805 Walnut Street Boulder, CO 80302

On August 29, 2014, I electronically served the following documents: NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, 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 party by uploading a true and correct copy thereof on the California Attorney General's website, which can be accessed at https://oag.ca.gov/prop65/add-60-day-notice:

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

On August 29, 2014, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, 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 with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Priority Mail.

Executed on August 29, 2014, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Tiffany Capehart

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