COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF PROPOSITION 65, THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE § 25249.5, ET SEQ.)

- 2. Defendant HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS USA, INC. ("HARBOR") is a Delaware Corporation, doing business in the State of California at all relevant times herein.
- 3. Plaintiff is presently unaware of the true names and capacities of defendants DOES 1-20, and therefore sues these defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will amend this complaint to allege their true names and capacities when ascertained. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each fictitiously named defendant is responsible in some manner for the occurrences herein alleged and the damages caused thereby.
- 4. At all times mentioned herein, the term "Defendants" includes HARBOR, and DOES 1-20.
- 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants at all times mentioned herein have conducted business within the State of California.
- 6. Upon information and belief, at all times relevant to this action, each of the Defendants, including DOES 1-20, was an agent, servant, or employee of each of the other Defendants. In conducting the activities alleged in this Complaint, each of the Defendants was acting within the course and scope of this agency, service, or employment, and was acting with the consent, permission, and authorization of each of the other Defendants. All actions of each of the Defendants alleged in this Complaint were ratified and approved by every other Defendant or their officers or managing agents. Alternatively, each of the Defendants aided, conspired with and/or facilitated the alleged wrongful conduct of each of the other Defendants.
- 7. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that at all relevant times, each of the Defendants was a person doing business within the meaning of Health and Safety Code section 25249.11, subdivision (b), and that each of the Defendants had ten (10) or more employees at all relevant times.

JURISDICTION

8. The Court has jurisdiction over this lawsuit 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. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7, which allows enforcement of violations of Proposition 65 in any Court of competent jurisdiction.
- 9. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendants named herein because Defendants either reside or are located in this State or are foreign corporations authorized to do business in California, are registered with the California Secretary of State, or who do sufficient business in California, have sufficient minimum contacts with California, or otherwise intentionally avail themselves of the markets within California through their manufacture, distribution, promotion, marketing, or sale of their products within California to render the exercise of jurisdiction by the California courts permissible under traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.
- 10. Venue is proper in the County of Los Angeles because one or more of the instances of wrongful conduct occurred, and continues to occur, in the County of Los Angeles and/or because Defendants conducted, and continue to conduct, business in the County of Los Angeles with respect to the consumer product that is the subject of this action.

BACKGROUND AND PRELIMINARY FACTS

- 11. In 1986, California voters approved an initiative to address growing concerns about exposure to toxic chemicals and declared their right "[t]o be informed about exposures to chemicals that cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm." Ballot Pamp., Proposed Law, Gen. Elec. (Nov. 4, 1986) at p. 3. The initiative, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, codified at Health and Safety Code sections 25249.5, et seq. ("Proposition 65"), helps to protect California's drinking water sources from contamination, to allow consumers to make informed choices about the products they buy, and to enable persons to protect themselves from toxic chemicals as they see fit.
- 12. Proposition 65 requires the Governor of California to publish a list of chemicals known to the state to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. *Health*

- & Safety Code § 25249.8. The list, which the Governor updates at least once a year, contains over 700 chemicals and chemical families. Proposition 65 imposes warning requirements and other controls that apply to Proposition 65-listed chemicals.
- 13. All businesses with ten (10) or more employees that operate or sell products in California must comply with Proposition 65. Under Proposition 65, businesses are:

 (1) prohibited from knowingly discharging Proposition 65-listed chemicals into sources of drinking water (*Health & Safety Code* § 25249.5), and (2) required to provide "clear and reasonable" warnings before exposing a person, knowingly and intentionally, to a Proposition 65-listed chemical (*Health & Safety Code* § 25249.6).
- 14. Proposition 65 provides that any person "violating or threatening to violate" the statute may be enjoined in any court of competent jurisdiction. *Health & Safety Code* § 25249.7. "Threaten to violate" means "to create a condition in which there is a substantial probability that a violation will occur." *Health & Safety Code* § 25249.11(e). Defendants are also liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per violation, recoverable in a civil action. *Health & Safety Code* § 25249.7(b).
- 15. On January 1, 1988, the Governor of California added DEHP to the list of chemicals known to the State to cause cancer, and on October 24, 2003, the Governor added DEHP to the list of chemicals known to the State to cause developmental male reproductive toxicity. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 25249.9 and 25249.10, twenty (20) months after addition of DEHP to the list of chemicals known to the State to cause reproductive toxicity, DEHP became fully subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements and discharge prohibitions.
- 16. Plaintiff identified certain practices of manufacturers and distributors of DEHP-bearing products of exposing, knowingly and intentionally, persons in California to the Proposition 65-listed chemicals of such products without first providing clear and reasonable warnings of such to the exposed persons prior to the time of exposure.
 Plaintiff later discerned that Defendants engaged in such practice.

- 17. Plaintiff identified certain practices of manufacturers and distributors of Di Isononyl Phthalate, also known as diisononyl phthalate ("DINP")-bearing products of exposing, knowingly and intentionally, persons in California to the Proposition 65-listed chemicals of such products without first providing clear and reasonable warnings of such to the exposed persons prior to the time of exposure. Plaintiff later discerned that Defendants engaged in such practice.
- 18. On December 20, 2013, the Governor of California added DINP to the list of chemicals known to the State to cause cancer. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 25249.9 and 25249.10, twenty (20) months after addition of DINP to the list of chemicals known to the State to cause cancer, DINP became fully subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements and discharge prohibitions.

SATISFACTION OF PRIOR NOTICE

- 19. On or about, February 10, 2015, Plaintiff gave notice of alleged violations of Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, concerning consumer products exposures, subject to a private action to HARBOR and to the California Attorney General, County District Attorneys, and City Attorneys for each city containing a population of at least 750,000 people in whose jurisdictions the violations allegedly occurred, concerning the product Hand Tools containing DEHP.
- 20. On or about March 4, 2015, Plaintiff gave notice of alleged violations of Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, concerning consumer products exposures, subject to a private action to HARBOR and to the California Attorney General, County District Attorneys, and City Attorneys for each city containing a population of at least 750,000 people in whose jurisdictions the violations allegedly occurred, concerning the product Hand Tools containing DEHP.
- 21. On or about March 9, 2015, Plaintiff gave notice of alleged violations of Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, concerning consumer products exposures, subject to a private action to HARBOR and to the California Attorney General, County District Attorneys, and City Attorneys for each city containing a population of at least

- 750,000 people in whose jurisdictions the violations allegedly occurred, concerning the product Hand Tools containing DEHP.
- 22. On or about May 7, 2015, Plaintiff gave notice of alleged violations of Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, concerning consumer products exposures, subject to a private action to HARBOR and to the California Attorney General, County District Attorneys, and City Attorneys for each city containing a population of at least 750,000 people in whose jurisdictions the violations allegedly occurred, concerning the product Gloves, Hand Tools and Recreational Accessories containing DEHP and DINP.
- 23. On or about May 27, 2015, Plaintiff gave notice of alleged violations of Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, concerning consumer products exposures, subject to a private action to HARBOR and to the California Attorney General, County District Attorneys, and City Attorneys for each city containing a population of at least 750,000 people in whose jurisdictions the violations allegedly occurred, concerning the product, Hand Tools containing DEHP.
- 24. On or about June 12, 2015, Plaintiff gave notice of alleged violations of Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, concerning consumer products exposures, subject to a private action to HARBOR and to the California Attorney General, County District Attorneys, and City Attorneys for each city containing a population of at least 750,000 people in whose jurisdictions the violations allegedly occurred, concerning the product Gloves, Hand Tools, Automobile Accessories and Organizational Accessories containing DEHP and DINP.
- 25. On or about July 2, 2015, Plaintiff gave notice of alleged violations of Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, concerning consumer products exposures, subject to a private action to HARBOR and to the California Attorney General, County District Attorneys, and City Attorneys for each city containing a population of at least 750,000 people in whose jurisdictions the violations allegedly occurred, concerning the product Tape and Hand Tools containing DEHP.

- 26. On or about August 5, 2015, Plaintiff gave notice of alleged violations of Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, concerning consumer products exposures, subject to a private action to HARBOR and to the California Attorney General, County District Attorneys, and City Attorneys for each city containing a population of at least 750,000 people in whose jurisdictions the violations allegedly occurred, concerning the product Hand Tools containing DEHP.
- 27. Before sending the notice of alleged violations, Plaintiff investigated the consumer products involved, the likelihood that such products would cause users to suffer significant exposures to DEHP and DINP, and the corporate structure of each of the Defendants.
- 28. Plaintiff's notice of alleged violation included a Certificate of Merit executed by the attorney for the noticing party, CAG. The Certificate of Merit stated that the attorney for Plaintiff who executed the certificate had consulted with at least one person with relevant and appropriate expertise who reviewed data regarding the exposures to DEHP and DINP, the subject Proposition 65-listed chemicals of this action. Based on that information, the attorney for Plaintiff who executed the Certificate of Merit believed there was a reasonable and meritorious case for this private action. The attorney for Plaintiff attached to the Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General the confidential factual information sufficient to establish the basis of the Certificate of Merit.
- 29. Plaintiff's notices of alleged violations also included a Certificate of Service and a document entitled "The Safe Drinking Water & Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65) A Summary." *Health & Safety Code* § 25249.7(d).
- 30. Plaintiff is commencing this action more than sixty (60) days from the dates that Plaintiff gave notices of the alleged violation to HARBOR the public prosecutors referenced in Paragraphs 19-26.

31. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that neither the Attorney General, nor any applicable district attorney or city attorney has commenced and is diligently prosecuting an action against the Defendants.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(By CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. and against HARBOR and DOES 1-20 for Violations of Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code, §§ 25249.5, et seq.))

Stair Tools

- 32. Plaintiff CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 31 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, distributor, promoter, or retailer of Carpet Stair Tools with Vinyl Grips, which includes but is not limited to, "CF CENTRAL FORGE® CAPRPET STAIR TOOL; ITEM 95600; STAIR CARPET TUCKING TOOL; Steel Chisel Blade; Made in India: UPC 7 92363 95600 0", ("STAIR TOOLS").
- 33. STAIR TOOLS contains DEHP.
- 34. Defendants knew or should have known that DEHP has been identified by the State of California as a chemical known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and therefore was subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements. Defendants were also informed of the presence of DEHP in STAIR TOOLS within Plaintiff's notice of alleged violations further discussed above at Paragraphs 19.
- 35. Plaintiff's allegations regarding STAIR TOOLS concerns "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]," which "is an exposure that results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). STAIR TOOLS are consumer products, and, as mentioned herein, exposures to DEHP took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable use.

- 36. Plaintiff's allegations regarding STAIR TOOLS also concern occupational exposures, which means "an exposure to any employee in his or her employer's workplace." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). Exposures of DEHP to Defendants' employees occurred through the course of their employment in their employers' workplaces
- 37. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that between February 10, 2012 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed their employees, California consumers and users of STAIR TOOLS, which Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold as mentioned above, to DEHP, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants have distributed and sold STAIR TOOLS in California. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use STAIR TOOLS, thereby exposing them to DEHP. Defendants thereby violated Proposition 65.
- 38. The principal routes of exposure are through dermal contact, and inhalation. Persons sustain exposures by handling STAIR TOOLS without wearing gloves or any other personal protective equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucous membranes with gloves after handling STAIR TOOLS, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from STAIR TOOLS. And as to Defendants' employees, employees may be exposed to DEHP in the course of their employment by handling, distributing, and selling STAIR TOOLS.
- 39. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each of Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to STAIR TOOLS have been ongoing and continuous to the date of the signing of this complaint, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion, and sale of STAIR TOOLS, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurred each and every time a person was exposed to DEHP by STAIR TOOLS as mentioned herein.

- 40. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
- 41. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposure to DEHP from the STAIR TOOLS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b).
- 42. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing this Complaint.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(By CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. and against HARBOR and DOES 1-20 for Violations of Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code, §§ 25249.5, et seq.))

Wrenches

- 43. Plaintiff CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 41 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, distributor, promoter, or retailer of Wrench Sets with Vinyl Grips, which includes but is not limited to, "PITTSBURGH® 4 PC. PROFESSIONAL ADJUSTABLE WRENCH SET; Item 93943; Heavy-duty alloy steel with rubber cushioned grips; Size #6, Siz #8, Size #10, Size #12; White Circle: 37041 502013; "Distributed by Harbor Freight Tools, Camarillo, CA"; Made in China; Barcode 7 92363 93943 0", ("WRENCHES").
- 44. WRENCHES contains DEHP.
- 45. Defendants knew or should have known that DEHP has been identified by the State of California as a chemical known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and therefore was subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements. Defendants were also

- informed of the presence of DEHP in WRENCHES within Plaintiff's notice of alleged violations further discussed above at Paragraphs 19.
- 46. Plaintiff's allegations regarding WRENCHES concerns "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]," which "is an exposure that results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). WRENCHES are consumer products, and, as mentioned herein, exposures to DEHP took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable use.
- 47. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that between February 10, 2012 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed their California consumers and users of WRENCHES, which Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold as mentioned above, to DEHP, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants have distributed and sold WRENCHES in California. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use WRENCHES, thereby exposing them to DEHP. Defendants thereby violated Proposition 65.
- 48. The principal routes of exposure are through dermal contact, and inhalation. Persons sustain exposures by handling WRENCHES without wearing gloves or any other personal protective equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucous membranes with gloves after handling WRENCHES, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from WRENCHES.
- 49. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each of Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to WRENCHES have been ongoing and continuous to the date of the signing of this complaint, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion, and sale of WRENCHES, so that a separate and

- distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurred each and every time a person was exposed to DEHP by WRENCHES as mentioned herein.
- 50. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
- 51. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposure to DEHP from WRENCHES, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b).
- 52. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing this Complaint.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(By CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. and against HARBOR and DOES 1-20 for Violations of Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code, §§ 25249.5, et seq.))

Long Reach Pliers

- Plaintiff CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 51 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, distributor, promoter, or retailer of Long Reach Hose Grips Pliers Sets with Vinyl Grips, which includes but is not limited to, "PITTSBURGH® Automotive Long Reach Hose Grip Pliers Set; ENGINE; 3 PIECE; ITEM 37909; Cushioned grips for comfort fit; "Distributed by Harbor Freight Tools, Camarillo, CA"; White square sticker: 36972 222014; Made in China; Barcode: 7 92363 37909 0", ("LONG REACH PLIERS").
- 54. LONG REACH PLIERS contains DEHP.
- 55. Defendants knew or should have known that DEHP has been identified by the State of California as a chemical known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and therefore was subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements. Defendants were also

- informed of the presence of DEHP in LONG REACH PLIERS within Plaintiff's notice of alleged violations further discussed above at Paragraphs 19.
- Plaintiff's allegations regarding LONG REACH PLIERS concerns "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]," which "is an exposure that results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). LONG REACH PLIERS are consumer products, and, as mentioned herein, exposures to DEHP took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable use.
- 57. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that between February 10, 2012 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed their California consumers and users of LONG REACH PLIERS, which Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold as mentioned above, to DEHP, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants have distributed and sold LONG REACH PLIERS in California. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use LONG REACH PLIERS, thereby exposing them to DEHP. Defendants thereby violated Proposition 65.
- 58. The principal routes of exposure are through dermal contact, and inhalation. Persons sustain exposures by handling LONG REACH PLIERS without wearing gloves or any other personal protective equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucous membranes with gloves after handling LONG REACH PLIERS, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from LONG REACH PLIERS.
- 59. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each of Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to LONG REACH PLIERS have been ongoing and continuous to the date of the signing of this complaint, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, including

- the manufacture, distribution, promotion, and sale of LONG REACH PLIERS, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurred each and every time a person was exposed to DEHP by LONG REACH PLIERS as mentioned herein.
- 60. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
- 61. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposure to DEHP from LONG REACH PLIERS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b).
- 62. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing this Complaint.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(By CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. and against HARBOR and DOES 1-20 for Violations of Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code, §§ 25249.5, et seq.))

Riveters

63. Plaintiff CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 61 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, distributor, promoter, or retailer of Riveter Kits with Vinyl Grips, which includes but is not limited to: (1) "PITTSBURGH® 3-IN-1 RIVERTER KIT; "Lifetime Warranty"; "Nose pieces: 3/32", 1/8", 5/32", 3/16"; Nut sizes: 6-32, 8-32m 10-24m 1/14"-20; Max rivet capacity: 3/16"; ITEM 94100; "Distributed by Harbor Freight Tools, Camarillo, CA"; White circle sticker: 36972 272014; Barcode: 7 92363 94100 6"; and (2) "PITTSBURGH® Hand Riveter Set; ITEM 38353; Limited Lifetime Warranty; use on Metal, Leather, Plastic and More; All Steel Construction; Rubber Grip Handles; Includes: 100 Rivets: 25 2.4 mm 3/32" Rivets, 25 3.2mm 1/8" Rivets 25 4.0 mm 5/32" Rivets, 25 4.8mm 3/16" Rivets; 4 Nosepieces; 1 Spanner Wrench

- (Stored in handle); Distributed by Harbor Freight Tools, Camarillo, CA; Made in China, circle with numbers 37040 052015; UPC #: 7 92363 38353 0" ("RIVETERS").
- 64. RIVETERS contains DEHP.
- of California as a chemical known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and therefore was subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements. Defendants were also informed of the presence of DEHP in RIVETERS within Plaintiff's notice of alleged violations further discussed above at Paragraphs 19 and 25.
- 66. Plaintiff's allegations regarding RIVETERS concerns "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]," which "is an exposure that results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). RIVETERS are consumer products, and, as mentioned herein, exposures to DEHP took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable use.
- 67. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that between February 10, 2012 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed their California consumers and users of RIVETERS, which Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold as mentioned above, to DEHP, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants have distributed and sold RIVETERS in California.

 Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use RIVETERS, thereby exposing them to DEHP. Defendants thereby violated Proposition 65.
- 68. The principal routes of exposure are through dermal contact, and inhalation. Persons sustain exposures by handling RIVETERS without wearing gloves or any other personal protective equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucous membranes with gloves after handling RIVETERS, as well as through direct and indirect hand to

- mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from RIVETERS.
- 69. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each of Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to RIVETERS have been ongoing and continuous to the date of the signing of this complaint, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion, and sale of RIVETERS, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurred each and every time a person was exposed to DEHP by RIVETERS as mentioned herein.
- 70. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
- 71. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposure to DEHP from RIVETERS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b).
- 72. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing this Complaint.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(By CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. and against HARBOR and DOES 1-20 for Violations of Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code, §§ 25249.5, et seq.))

Wire Strippers

73. Plaintiff CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 72 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, distributor, promoter, or retailer of Wire Strippers with Vinyl Grips, which includes but is not limited to, "5" Wire Stripper; Item 36901; Cuts wire from #24 to #10

- gauge; "Distributed by Harbor Freight Tools, Camarillo, CA"; Barcode: 7 92363 36901 5", ("WIRE STRIPPERS").
- 74. WIRE STRIPPERS contains DEHP.
- 75. Defendants knew or should have known that DEHP has been identified by the State of California as a chemical known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and therefore was subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements. Defendants were also informed of the presence of DEHP in WIRE STRIPPERS within Plaintiff's notice of alleged violations further discussed above at Paragraphs 20.
- 76. Plaintiff's allegations regarding WIRE STRIPPERS concerns "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]," which "is an exposure that results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). WIRE STRIPPERS are consumer products, and, as mentioned herein, exposures to DEHP took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable use.
- 77. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that between March 4, 2012 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed their California consumers and users of WIRE STRIPPERS, which Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold as mentioned above, to DEHP, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure.
- Defendants have distributed and sold WIRE STRIPPERS in California. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use WIRE STRIPPERS, thereby exposing them to DEHP. Defendants thereby violated Proposition 65.
- 78. The principal routes of exposure are through dermal contact, and inhalation. Persons sustain exposures by handling WIRE STRIPPERS without wearing gloves or any other personal protective equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucous membranes with gloves after handling WIRE STRIPPERS, as well as through direct and indirect

- hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from WIRE STRIPPERS.
- 79. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each of Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to WIRE STRIPPERS have been ongoing and continuous to the date of the signing of this complaint, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion, and sale of WIRE STRIPPERS, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurred each and every time a person was exposed to DEHP by WIRE STRIPPERS as mentioned herein.
- 80. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
- 81. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposure to DEHP from WIRE STRIPPERS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b).
- 82. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing this Complaint.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(By CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. and against HARBOR and DOES 1-20 for Violations of Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code, §§ 25249.5, et seq.))

Needle Nose Plier

83. Plaintiff CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 82 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, distributor, promoter, or retailer of Needle Nose Pliers with Vinyl Grips, which includes but is not limited to, "PITTSBURGH® PLIER NEEDLE NOSE;

- SKU#40696; "Distributed by Harbor Freight Tools, Camarillo, CA"; Barcode: 7 92363 40696 3 4", ("NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS").
- 84. NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS contains DEHP.
- 85. Defendants knew or should have known that DEHP has been identified by the State of California as a chemical known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and therefore was subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements. Defendants were also informed of the presence of DEHP in NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS within Plaintiff's notice of alleged violations further discussed above at Paragraphs 20.
- 86. Plaintiff's allegations regarding NOSE PLIER concerns "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]," which "is an exposure that results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS are consumer products, and, as mentioned herein, exposures to DEHP took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable use.
- 87. Plaintiff's allegations regarding NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS also concern occupational exposures, which means "an exposure to any employee in his or her employer's workplace." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). Exposures of DEHP to Defendants' employees occurred through the course of their employment in their employers' workplaces.
- 88. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that between March 4, 2012 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed their employees, California consumers and users of NOSE PLIER, which Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold as mentioned above, to DEHP, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants have distributed and sold NOSE PLIER in California. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use NOSE

- PLIER, thereby exposing them to DEHP. Defendants thereby violated Proposition 65.
- 89. The principal routes of exposure are through dermal contact, and inhalation. Persons sustain exposures by handling NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS without wearing gloves or any other personal protective equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucous membranes with gloves after handling NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS. And as to Defendants' employees, employees may be exposed to DEHP in the course of their employment by handling, distributing, and selling NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS.
- 90. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each of Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS have been ongoing and continuous to the date of the signing of this complaint, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion, and sale of NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurred each and every time a person was exposed to DEHP by NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS as mentioned herein.
- 91. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
- 92. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposure to DEHP from NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b).
- 93. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing this Complaint.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(By CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. and against HARBOR and DOES 1-20 for Violations of Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code, §§ 25249.5, et seq.))

Welding Pliers

- 94. Plaintiff CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 93 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, distributor, promoter, or retailer of Welding Pliers with Vinyl Grips, which includes but is not limited to, "PITTSBURGH® 8" FLAT JAW WELDING PLIERS; "ITEM 93062"; "LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY"; "Distributed by Harbor Freight Tools, Camarillo, CA"; circle on package with numbers 37041 122012, UPC: 7 92363 93062 8", ("WELDING PLIERS").
- 95. WELDING PLIERS contains DEHP.
- 96. Defendants knew or should have known that DEHP has been identified by the State of California as a chemical known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and therefore was subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements. Defendants were also informed of the presence of DEHP in WELDING PLIERS within Plaintiff's notice of alleged violations further discussed above at Paragraphs 21 and 26.
- 97. Plaintiff's allegations regarding WELDING PLIERS concerns "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]," which "is an exposure that results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). WELDING PLIERS are consumer products, and, as mentioned herein, exposures to DEHP took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable use.
- 98. Plaintiff's allegations regarding WELDING PLIERS also concern occupational exposures, which means "an exposure to any employee in his or her employer's workplace." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). Exposures of DEHP to Defendants'

- employees occurred through the course of their employment in their employers' workplaces.
- 99. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that between March 9, 2012 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed their employees, California consumers and users of WELDING PLIERS, which Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold as mentioned above, to DEHP, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants have distributed and sold WELDING PLIERS in California. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use WELDING PLIERS, thereby exposing them to DEHP. Defendants thereby violated Proposition 65.
- 100. The principal routes of exposure are through dermal contact, and inhalation. Persons sustain exposures by handling WELDING PLIERS without wearing gloves or any other personal protective equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucous membranes with gloves after handling WELDING PLIERS, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from WELDING PLIERS. And as to Defendants' employees, employees may be exposed to DEHP in the course of their employment by handling, distributing, and selling WELDING PLIERS.
- 101. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each of Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to WELDING PLIERS have been ongoing and continuous to the date of the signing of this complaint, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion, and sale of WELDING PLIERS, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurred each and every time a person was exposed to DEHP by WELDING PLIERS as mentioned herein.

- 102. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
- 103. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposure to DEHP from WELDING PLIERS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b).
- 104. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing this Complaint.

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(By CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. and against HARBOR and DOES 1-20 for Violations of Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code, §§ 25249.5, et seq.))

Brake Line Tools

- 105. Plaintiff CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 105 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, distributor, promoter, or retailer of Brake Line Forming Tools with Vinyl Grips, which includes but is not limited to, "PITTSBURGH® AUTOMOTIVE Brake Line Forming Tool; BRAKE; ITEM 95782; "Works on 3/16" and ½" tubing"; "Comfort grips" "Distributed by Harbor Freight Tools, Camarillo, CA"; circular sticker placed to package with numbers 36972 072014; UPC: 7 92363 95782 3", ("BRAKE LINE TOOLS").
- 106. BRAKE LINE TOOLS contains DEHP.
- 107. Defendants knew or should have known that DEHP has been identified by the State of California as a chemical known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and therefore was subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements. Defendants were also informed of the presence of DEHP in BRAKE LINE TOOLS within Plaintiff's notice of alleged violations further discussed above at Paragraphs 21.

- 108. Plaintiff's allegations regarding BRAKE LINE TOOLS concerns "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]," which "is an exposure that results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). BRAKE LINE TOOLS are consumer products, and, as mentioned herein, exposures to DEHP took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable use.
- 109. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that between March 9, 2012 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed their California consumers and users of BRAKE LINE TOOLS, which Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold as mentioned above, to DEHP, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants have distributed and sold BRAKE LINE TOOLS in California. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use BRAKE LINE TOOLS, thereby exposing them to DEHP. Defendants thereby violated Proposition 65.
- 110. The principal routes of exposure are through dermal contact, and inhalation. Persons sustain exposures by handling BRAKE LINE TOOLS without wearing gloves or any other personal protective equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucous membranes with gloves after handling BRAKE LINE TOOLS, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from BRAKE LINE TOOLS.
- 111. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each of Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to BRAKE LINE TOOLS have been ongoing and continuous to the date of the signing of this complaint, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion, and sale of BRAKE LINE TOOLS, so that

- a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurred each and every time a person was exposed to DEHP by BRAKE LINE TOOLS as mentioned herein.
- 112. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
- 113. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposure to DEHP from BRAKE LINE TOOLS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b).
- 114. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing this Complaint.

NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(By CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. and against HARBOR and DOES 1-20 for Violations of Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code, §§ 25249.5, et seq.))

Long Reach Pliers Set

- 115. Plaintiff CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 114 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, distributor, promoter, or retailer of Long Reach Pliers with Vinyl Grips, which includes but is not limited to, "PITTSBURGH® 16" LONG REACH PLIERS SET; Lifetime Warranty' "Matte grips"; ITEM 38598; "Distributed by Harbor Freight Tools, Camarillo, CA"; circular sticker placed to package with numbers 36972 2422014; UPC: 7 92363 38598 5", ("LONG REACH PLIERS").
- 116. LONG REACH PLIERS contains DEHP.
- 117. Defendants knew or should have known that DEHP has been identified by the State of California as a chemical known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and therefore was subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements. Defendants were also

- informed of the presence of DEHP in LONG REACH PLIERS within Plaintiff's notice of alleged violations further discussed above at Paragraphs 21.
- 118. Plaintiff's allegations regarding LONG REACH PLIERS concerns "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]," which "is an exposure that results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). LONG REACH PLIERS are consumer products, and, as mentioned herein, exposures to DEHP took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable use.
- 119. Plaintiff's allegations regarding LONG REACH PLIERS also concern occupational exposures, which means "an exposure to any employee in his or her employer's workplace." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). Exposures of DEHP to Defendants' employees occurred through the course of their employment in their employers' workplaces.
- 120. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that between March 9, 2012 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed their employees, California consumers and users of LONG REACH PLIERS, which Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold as mentioned above, to DEHP, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants have distributed and sold LONG REACH PLIERS in California. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use LONG REACH PLIERS, thereby exposing them to DEHP. Defendants thereby violated Proposition 65.
- 121. The principal routes of exposure are through dermal contact, and inhalation. Persons sustain exposures by handling LONG REACH PLIERS without wearing gloves or any other personal protective equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucous membranes with gloves after handling LONG REACH PLIERS, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in

- particulate matter dispersed from LONG REACH PLIERS. And as to Defendants' employees, employees may be exposed to DEHP in the course of their employment by handling, distributing, and selling LONG REACH PLIERS.
- 122. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each of Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to LONG REACH PLIERS have been ongoing and continuous to the date of the signing of this complaint, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion, and sale of LONG REACH PLIERS, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurred each and every time a person was exposed to DEHP by LONG REACH PLIERS as mentioned herein.
- 123. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
- 124. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposure to DEHP from LONG REACH PLIERS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b).
- 125. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing this Complaint.

TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(By CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. and against HARBOR and DOES 1-20 for Violations of Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code, §§ 25249.5, et seq.))

PVC Gloves

126. Plaintiff CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 125 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, distributor, promoter, or retailer of PVC Gloves, which includes but is not limited to, (1) "Western Safety PVC gloves; Large; Item 99691; 1 pair; Double Dipped for

nonslip performance; "Distributed by Harbor Freight Tools, Camarillo, CA", Made in China, white circle circular with numbers 36009 432014; Barcode: 7 92363 99691 4"; and (2) "Western Safety Oil-Resistant PVC gloves; Large; Item 99677; 1 pair; Lightweight; 2" long cuff protects arms form chemical and oil; Finished with a rough surface for a better grip; Polyvinyl chloride, cotton lining, PVC cuff extension; "Distributed by Harbor Freight Tools, Camarillo, CA", Made in China, white circle circular with numbers 36009 522014; Barcode: 7 92363 99677 8", ("GLOVES").

- 127. GLOVES contains DEHP and DINP.
- 128. Defendants knew or should have known that DEHP and DINP has been identified by the State of California as a chemical known to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity and therefore was subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements.

 Defendants were also informed of the presence of DEHP and DINP in GLOVES within Plaintiff's notice of alleged violations further discussed above at Paragraphs 22 and 24.
- Plaintiff's allegations regarding GLOVES concerns "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]," which "is an exposure that results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). GLOVES are consumer products, and, as mentioned herein, exposures to DEHP and DINP took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable use.
- 130. Plaintiff's allegations regarding GLOVES also concern occupational exposures, which means "an exposure to any employee in his or her employer's workplace." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). Exposures of DEHP and DINP to Defendants' employees occurred through the course of their employment in their employers' workplaces.
- 131. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that between June 12, 2012 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed their employees,

- California consumers and users of GLOVES, which Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold as mentioned above, to DEHP and DINP, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants have distributed and sold GLOVES in California. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use GLOVES, thereby exposing them to DEHP and DINP. Defendants thereby violated Proposition 65.
- 132. The principal routes of exposure are through dermal contact, and inhalation. Persons sustain exposures by handling GLOVES without wearing gloves or any other personal protective equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucous membranes with gloves after handling GLOVES, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from GLOVES. And as to Defendants' employees, employees may be exposed to DEHP and DINP in the course of their employment by handling, distributing, and selling GLOVES.
- 133. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each of Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to GLOVES have been ongoing and continuous to the date of the signing of this complaint, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion, and sale of GLOVES, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurred each and every time a person was exposed to DEHP and DINP by GLOVES as mentioned herein.
- 134. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
- 135. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposure to DEHP and DINP from GLOVES, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b).

136. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing this Complaint.

ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(By CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. and against HARBOR and DOES 1-20 for Violations of Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code, §§ 25249.5, et seq.))

Plier and Crimping Tool Sets

- 137. Plaintiff CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 136 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, distributor, promoter, or retailer of Lineman's Pliers and Crimpers Tools with Vinyl Grips Set, which includes but is not limited to, "PITTSBURGH® LINEMAN'S PLIERS AND CRIMPING TOOL, "Limited Lifetime Warranty", ITEM 36760; "CLACK CUSHIONED HANDLES.", "PIECES: 2"; "DECRIPTION: 9-12" LINEMAN"S, 9-12" CRIMPING"; Made in China, circular sticker placed to package with numbers 37041 282014; Barcode: 7 92363 36760", ("PLIERS AND CRIMPING TOOLS").
- 138. PLIERS AND CRIMPING TOOLS contains DEHP.
- 139. Defendants knew or should have known that DEHP has been identified by the State of California as a chemical known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and therefore was subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements. Defendants were also informed of the presence of DEHP in PLIERS AND CRIMPING TOOLS within Plaintiff's notice of alleged violations further discussed above at Paragraphs 22.
- 140. Plaintiff's allegations regarding PLIERS AND CRIMPING TOOLS concerns "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]," which "is an exposure that results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). PLIERS AND CRIMPING TOOLS

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- are consumer products, and, as mentioned herein, exposures to DEHP took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable use.
- 141. Plaintiff's allegations regarding PLIERS AND CRIMPING TOOLS also concern occupational exposures, which means "an exposure to any employee in his or her employer's workplace." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). Exposures of DEHP to Defendants' employees occurred through the course of their employment in their employers' workplaces.
- 142. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that between May 7, 2012 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed their employees, California consumers and users of PLIERS AND CRIMPING TOOLS, which Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold as mentioned above, to DEHP, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants have distributed and sold PLIERS AND CRIMPING TOOLS in California. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use PLIERS AND CRIMPING TOOLS, thereby exposing them to DEHP. Defendants thereby violated Proposition 65.
- 143. The principal routes of exposure are through dermal contact, and inhalation. Persons sustain exposures by handling PLIERS AND CRIMPING TOOLS without wearing gloves or any other personal protective equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucous membranes with gloves after handling PLIERS AND CRIMPING TOOLS, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from PLIERS AND CRIMPING TOOLS. And as to Defendants' employees, employees may be exposed to DEHP in the course of their employment by handling, distributing, and selling PLIERS AND CRIMPING TOOLS.
- 144. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each of Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to PLIERS AND CRIMPING TOOLS have been ongoing and continuous to the date of the signing of this complaint, as Defendants engaged and

continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion, and sale of PLIERS AND CRIMPING TOOLS, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurred each and every time a person was exposed to DEHP by PLIERS AND CRIMPING TOOLS as mentioned herein.

- 145. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
- 146. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposure to DEHP from PLIERS AND CRIMPING TOOLS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b).
- 147. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing this Complaint.

TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(By CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. and against HARBOR and DOES 1-20 for Violations of Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code, §§ 25249.5, et seq.))

Groove Joint Pliers

- 148. Plaintiff CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 147 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, distributor, promoter, or retailer of Groove Joint Pliers with Vinyl Grips, which includes but is not limited to, "PITTSBURGH® PRO 20" Groove Joint Pliers; Lifetime Warranty; Item 60537; Laser heat treated teeth; Durable grip for comfort; Undercut tongue-and grove design; circular sticker placed to package with numbers: 35418 2622014 Barcode: 7 92363 60537 3", ("JOINT PLIERS").
- 149. JOINT PLIERS contain DEHP.

- 150. Defendants knew or should have known that DEHP has been identified by the State of California as a chemical known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and therefore was subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements. Defendants were also informed of the presence of DEHP in JOINT PLIERS within Plaintiff's notice of alleged violations further discussed above at Paragraphs 23.
- 151. Plaintiff's allegations regarding JOINT PLIERS concerns "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]," which "is an exposure that results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). JOINT PLIERS are consumer products, and, as mentioned herein, exposures to DEHP took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable use.
- 152. Plaintiff's allegations regarding JOINT PLIERS also concern occupational exposures, which means "an exposure to any employee in his or her employer's workplace." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). Exposures of DEHP to Defendants' employees occurred through the course of their employment in their employers' workplaces.
- 153. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that between May 27, 2012 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed their employees, California consumers and users of JOINT PLIERS, which Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold as mentioned above, to DEHP, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants have distributed and sold JOINT PLIERS in California. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use JOINT PLIERS, thereby exposing them to DEHP. Defendants thereby violated Proposition 65.
- 154. The principal routes of exposure are through dermal contact, and inhalation. Persons sustain exposures by handling JOINT PLIERS without wearing gloves or any other personal protective equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucous membranes with gloves after handling JOINT PLIERS, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter

- dispersed from JOINT PLIERS. And as to Defendants' employees, employees may be exposed to DEHP in the course of their employment by handling, distributing, and selling JOINT PLIERS.
- 155. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each of Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to JOINT PLIERS have been ongoing and continuous to the date of the signing of this complaint, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion, and sale of JOINT PLIERS, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurred each and every time a person was exposed to DEHP by JOINT PLIERS as mentioned herein.
- 156. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
- 157. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposure to DEHP from JOINT PLIERS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b).
- 158. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing this Complaint.

THIRTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(By CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. and against HARBOR and DOES 1-20 for Violations of Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code, §§ 25249.5, et seq.))

Tongue & Groove Joint Plier Sets

159. Plaintiff CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 158 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, distributor, promoter, or retailer of Tongue & Groove Joint Plier Sets with Vinyl Grips, which includes but is not limited to, "PITTSBURGH® 4 PC. Tongue &

- Groove Joint Plier Set, "Lifetime Warranty", ITEM 43553; Chrome vanadium steel construction; PVC grips; Sizes: 6", 8", 10", 12"; Locking joints; Distributed by Harbor Freight Tools, Camarillo, CA; Made in China, circle with numbers 37041 282014; Barcode: 7 92363 43553 6", ("TONGUE & GROOVE JOINT PLIERS").
- 160. TONGUE & GROOVE JOINT PLIERS contains DEHP.
- 161. Defendants knew or should have known that DEHP has been identified by the State of California as a chemical known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and therefore was subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements. Defendants were also informed of the presence of DEHP in TONGUE & GROOVE JOINT PLIERS within Plaintiff's notice of alleged violations further discussed above at Paragraphs 24.
- 162. Plaintiff's allegations regarding TONGUE & GROOVE JOINT PLIERS concerns "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]," which "is an exposure that results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). TONGUE & GROOVE JOINT PLIERS are consumer products, and, as mentioned herein, exposures to DEHP took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable use.
- 163. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that between June 12, 2012 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed their California consumers and users of TONGUE & GROOVE JOINT PLIERS, which Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold as mentioned above, to DEHP, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants have distributed and sold TONGUE & GROOVE JOINT PLIERS in California. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use TONGUE & GROOVE JOINT PLIERS, thereby exposing them to DEHP. Defendants thereby violated Proposition 65.
- 164. The principal routes of exposure are through dermal contact, and inhalation. Persons sustain exposures by handling TONGUE & GROOVE JOINT PLIERS without

wearing gloves or any other personal protective equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucous membranes with gloves after handling TONGUE & GROOVE JOINT PLIERS, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from TONGUE & GROOVE JOINT PLIERS.

- of Proposition 65 as to TONGUE & GROOVE JOINT PLIERS have been ongoing and continuous to the date of the signing of this complaint, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion, and sale of TONGUE & GROOVE JOINT PLIERS, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurred each and every time a person was exposed to DEHP by TONGUE & GROOVE JOINT PLIERS as mentioned herein.
- 166. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
- 167. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposure to DEHP from TONGUE & GROOVE JOINT PLIERS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b).
- 168. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing this Complaint.

FOURTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(By CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. and against HARBOR and DOES 1-20 for Violations of Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code, §§ 25249.5, et seq.))

Snip Sets

169. Plaintiff CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 168 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein.

Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, distributor, promoter, or retailer of Aviation Tine Snip Sets with Vinyl Grips, which includes but is not limited to, "PITTSBURGH® 3 PC. Aviation Tin Snip Set; ITEM 62157; Left cut; straight cut snips; 10" length; Color coded vinyl grips; Serrated jaws; Safety latch; Distributed by Harbor Freight Tools, Camarillo, CA; Made in China, circular sticker placed to package with numbers 36027 422014; Barcode: 7 92363 62157 1" ("SNIP SETS").

- 170. SNIP SETS contains DEHP.
- 171. Defendants knew or should have known that DEHP has been identified by the State of California as a chemical known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and therefore was subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements. Defendants were also informed of the presence of DEHP in SNIP SETS within Plaintiff's notice of alleged violations further discussed above at Paragraphs 24.
- 172. Plaintiff's allegations regarding SNIP SETS concerns "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]," which "is an exposure that results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). SNIP SETS are consumer products, and, as mentioned herein, exposures to DEHP took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable use.
- 173. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that between June 12, 2012 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed their California consumers and users of SNIP SETS, which Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold as mentioned above, to DEHP, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure.

 Defendants have distributed and sold SNIP SETS in California. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use SNIP SETS, thereby exposing them to DEHP. Defendants thereby violated Proposition 65.

- 174. The principal routes of exposure are through dermal contact, and inhalation. Persons sustain exposures by handling SNIP SETS without wearing gloves or any other personal protective equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucous membranes with gloves after handling SNIP SETS, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from SNIP SETS.
- 175. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each of Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to SNIP SETS have been ongoing and continuous to the date of the signing of this complaint, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion, and sale of SNIP SETS, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurred each and every time a person was exposed to DEHP by SNIP SETS as mentioned herein.
- 176. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
- 177. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposure to DEHP from SNIP SETS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b).
- 178. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing this Complaint.

FIFTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(By CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. and against HARBOR and DOES 1-20 for Violations of Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code, §§ 25249.5, et seq.))

Nail Punch Sets

179. Plaintiff CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 178 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein.

Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, distributor, promoter, or retailer of Nail Punch Sets with Vinyl Grips, which includes but is not limited to, "PITTSBURGH® 3 PC. Nail Punch Set; ITEM 41988; Marking sizes: 1/32", 1/16", and 3/32"; Color coded and stamped for easy identification; Rubber molded grips; Distributed by Harbor Freight Tools, Camarillo, CA; Made in China; circular sticker placed to package with numbers 37037 492014; Barcode: 7 92363 41988 8" ("NAIL PUNCH SETS").

180. NAIL PUNCH SETS contains DEHP.

- 181. Defendants knew or should have known that DEHP has been identified by the State of California as a chemical known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and therefore was subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements. Defendants were also informed of the presence of DEHP in NAIL PUNCH SETS within Plaintiff's notice of alleged violations further discussed above at Paragraphs 24.
- 182. Plaintiff's allegations regarding NAIL PUNCH SETS concerns "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]," which "is an exposure that results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). NAIL PUNCH SETS are consumer products, and, as mentioned herein, exposures to DEHP took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable use.
- 183. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that between June 12, 2012 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed their California consumers and users of NAIL PUNCH SETS, which Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold as mentioned above, to DEHP, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants have distributed and sold NAIL PUNCH SETS in California. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use NAIL PUNCH SETS, thereby exposing them to DEHP. Defendants thereby violated Proposition 65.

- 184. The principal routes of exposure are through dermal contact, and inhalation. Persons sustain exposures by handling NAIL PUNCH SETS without wearing gloves or any other personal protective equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucous membranes with gloves after handling NAIL PUNCH SETS, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from NAIL PUNCH SETS.
- 185. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each of Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to NAIL PUNCH SETS have been ongoing and continuous to the date of the signing of this complaint, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion, and sale of NAIL PUNCH SETS, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurred each and every time a person was exposed to DEHP by NAIL PUNCH SETS as mentioned herein.
- 186. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
- 187. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposure to DEHP from NAIL PUNCH SETS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b).
- 188. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing this Complaint.

SIXTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(By CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. and against HARBOR and DOES 1-20 for Violations of Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code, §§ 25249.5, et seq.))

Logic Probes

189. Plaintiff CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 188 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein.

Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, distributor, promoter, or retailer of Computer Safe Automotive Logic Probe with Vinyl Grips, which includes but is not limited to, "CEN-TECH® Computer Safe Automotive Logic Probe; Tests power and ground voltages; Insulated 3-12" rest probe; ITEM 97809; Distributed by Harbor Freight Tools, Camarillo, CA; Made in China; circular sticker placed to package with numbers 36239 032015; Barcode: 7 92363 987709 7" ("LOGIC PROBES").

- 190. LOGIC PROBES contains DEHP.
- 191. Defendants knew or should have known that DEHP has been identified by the State of California as a chemical known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and therefore was subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements. Defendants were also informed of the presence of DEHP in LOGIC PROBES within Plaintiff's notice of alleged violations further discussed above at Paragraphs 24.
- 192. Plaintiff's allegations regarding LOGIC PROBES concerns "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]," which "is an exposure that results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). LOGIC PROBES are consumer products, and, as mentioned herein, exposures to DEHP took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable use.
- 193. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that between June 12, 2012 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed their California consumers and users of LOGIC PROBES, which Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold as mentioned above, to DEHP, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants have distributed and sold LOGIC PROBES in California. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use LOGIC PROBES, thereby exposing them to DEHP. Defendants thereby violated Proposition 65.

- 194. The principal routes of exposure are through dermal contact, and inhalation. Persons sustain exposures by handling LOGIC PROBES without wearing gloves or any other personal protective equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucous membranes with gloves after handling LOGIC PROBES, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from LOGIC PROBES.
- 195. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each of Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to LOGIC PROBES have been ongoing and continuous to the date of the signing of this complaint, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion, and sale of LOGIC PROBES, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurred each and every time a person was exposed to DEHP by LOGIC PROBES as mentioned herein.
- 196. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
- 197. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposure to DEHP from LOGIC PROBES, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b).
- 198. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing this Complaint.

SEVENTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(By CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. and against HARBOR and DOES 1-20 for Violations of Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (*Health & Safety Code*, §§ 25249.5, *et seq.*))

Jiggler Pumps

199. Plaintiff CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 199 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein.

Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, distributor, promoter, or retailer of Self Priming Copper Jiggler Pumps with Plastic Tubing, which includes but is not limited to, "PITTSBURGH® AUTOMOTIVE Self-Priming Copper Jiggler Pump; ITEM 47334; LUBE; Overall dimensions: 6 ft. x 7/8" diameter; Distributed by Harbor Freight Tools, Camarillo, CA; Made in China; Barcode: 7 92363 47334 7" ("JIGGLER PUMPS").

- 200. JIGGLER PUMPS contains DEHP.
- 201. Defendants knew or should have known that DEHP has been identified by the State of California as a chemical known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and therefore was subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements. Defendants were also informed of the presence of DEHP in JIGGLER PUMPS within Plaintiff's notice of alleged violations further discussed above at Paragraphs 24.
- 202. Plaintiff's allegations regarding LOGIC PROBES concerns "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]," which "is an exposure that results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). JIGGLER PUMPS are consumer products, and, as mentioned herein, exposures to DEHP took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable use.
- 203. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that between June 12, 2012 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed their California consumers and users of JIGGLER PUMPS, which Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold as mentioned above, to DEHP, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants have distributed and sold JIGGLER PUMPS in California. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use JIGGLER PUMPS, thereby exposing them to DEHP. Defendants thereby violated Proposition 65.

- 204. The principal routes of exposure are through dermal contact, and inhalation. Persons sustain exposures by handling JIGGLER PUMPS without wearing gloves or any other personal protective equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucous membranes with gloves after handling JIGGLER PUMPS, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from JIGGLER PUMPS.
- 205. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each of Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to JIGGLER PUMPS have been ongoing and continuous to the date of the signing of this complaint, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion, and sale of JIGGLER PUMPS, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurred each and every time a person was exposed to DEHP by JIGGLER PUMPS as mentioned herein.
- 206. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
- 207. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposure to DEHP from JIGGLER PUMPS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b).
- 208. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing this Complaint.

EIGHTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(By CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. and against HARBOR and DOES 1-20 for Violations of Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code, §§ 25249.5, et seq.))

Hooks

209. Plaintiff CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 208 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein.

Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, distributor, promoter, or retailer of Storage Hook Assortments with Vinyl Grips, which includes but is not limited to, "STOREHOUSE® 20 PC. Storage Hook Assortment; ITEM 67587; Sets includes small and large hooks, extra long hooks, coat hooks, nails, U-brackets, and U-hooks; Range in size from 3" to 7-3/4" long; Made of galvanized steel with PVC coating to resist rust and corrosion; Distributed by Harbor Freight Tools, Camarillo, CA; Made in China, circular sticker placed to package with numbers 36972 222014; Barcode: 7 92363 67587 1" ("HOOKS").

- 210. HOOKS contains DEHP.
- 211. Defendants knew or should have known that DEHP has been identified by the State of California as a chemical known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and therefore was subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements. Defendants were also informed
- of the presence of DEHP in HOOKS within Plaintiff's notice of alleged violations further discussed above at Paragraphs 24.
- 212. Plaintiff's allegations regarding HOOKS concerns "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]," which "is an exposure that results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). HOOKS are consumer products, and, as mentioned herein, exposures to DEHP took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable use.
- 213. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that between June 12, 2012 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed their California consumers and users of HOOKS, which Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold as mentioned above, to DEHP, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure.

 Defendants have distributed and sold HOOKS in California. Defendants know and

- intend that California consumers will use HOOKS, thereby exposing them to DEHP. Defendants thereby violated Proposition 65.
- 214. The principal routes of exposure are through dermal contact, and inhalation. Persons sustain exposures by handling HOOKS without wearing gloves or any other personal protective equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucous membranes with gloves after handling HOOKS, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from HOOKS.
- 215. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each of Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to HOOKS have been ongoing and continuous to the date of the signing of this complaint, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion, and sale of HOOKS, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurred each and every time a person was exposed to DEHP by HOOKS as mentioned herein.
- 216. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
- 217. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposure to DEHP from HOOKS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b).
- 218. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing this Complaint.

NINETEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(By CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. and against HARBOR and DOES 1-20 for Violations of Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code, §§ 25249.5, et seq.))

Electrical Tape

- 219. Plaintiff CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC. repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 218 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, distributor, promoter, or retailer of Electrical Tape, which includes but is not limited to, "HFT® a Harbor Freight Tools Brand 10 Rolls 60ft x ¾" Heavy Duty Electrical Tape; Thickness: 7 mil; Elongation: 170%; Tensile strength: 21 lbs.; 60 Ft Length x .73" Width; ITEM 69587; Distributed by Harbor Freight Tools, Camarillo, CA; Made in China; UPC #: 7 92363 69587 9", ("ELECTRICAL TAPE").
- 220. ELECTRICAL TAPE contains DEHP.
- 221. Defendants knew or should have known that DEHP has been identified by the State of California as a chemical known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and therefore was subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements. Defendants were also informed
- of the presence of DEHP in ELECTRICAL TAPE within Plaintiff's notice of alleged violations further discussed above at Paragraphs 25.
- 222. Plaintiff's allegations regarding ELECTRICAL TAPE concerns "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]," which "is an exposure that results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service." *Cal. Code Regs.* tit. 27, § 25602(b). ELECTRICAL TAPE are consumer products, and, as mentioned herein, exposures to DEHP took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable use.
- 223. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that between July 2, 2012 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed their California consumers and users of ELECTRICAL TAPE, which Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold as mentioned above, to DEHP, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants have distributed and sold ELECTRICAL TAPE in California.

Defendants know and intend that Californ	nia consumers will use ELECTRICAL
TAPE, thereby exposing them to DEHP.	Defendants thereby violated Proposition 65

- 224. The principal routes of exposure are through dermal contact, and inhalation. Persons sustain exposures by handling ELECTRICAL TAPE without wearing gloves or any other personal protective equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucous membranes with gloves after handling ELECTRICAL TAPE, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from ELECTRICAL TAPE.
- 225. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each of Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to ELECTRICAL TAPE have been ongoing and continuous to the date of the signing of this complaint, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion, and sale of ELECTRICAL TAPE, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurred each and every time a person was exposed to DEHP by ELECTRICAL TAPE as mentioned herein.
- 226. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
- 227. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposure to DEHP from ELECTRICAL TAPE, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b).
- 228. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing this Complaint.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Plaintiff demands against each of the Defendants as follows:

- 1. A permanent injunction mandating Proposition 65-compliant warnings;
- 2. Penalties pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7, subdivision (b);

engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code section 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion, and sale of ELECTRICAL TAPE, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurred each and every time a person was exposed to DEHP by ELECTRICAL TAPE as mentioned herein.

- 226. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
- 227. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposure to DEHP from ELECTRICAL TAPE, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b).
- 228. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing this Complaint.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Plaintiff demands against each of the Defendants as follows:

- 1. A permanent injunction mandating Proposition 65-compliant warnings;
- 2. Penalties pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7, subdivision (b);
- 3. Costs of suit;
- 4. Reasonable attorney fees and costs; and
- 5. Any further relief that the court may deem just and equitable.

Dated: February 22, 2016

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BY:

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