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10 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

11 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

12 ECOLOGICAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 JENSEN METAL PRODUCTS, INC.; ASIA
DIRECT, INC.; LOUGHMILLER MACHINE
16 TOOL AND DESIGN, INC.; SAFAVIEH
INTERNATIONAL, LLC; and KRUEGER
17 CUSTOM STEEL & MACHINING, LTD,

18 Defendants.
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Case No.

CGC -16-554276

COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE
RELIEF AND CIVIL PENALTIES

TOXIC TORT/ENVIRONMENTAL

1 Plaintiff, Ecological Rights Foundation, in the public interest, based on information and belief, and
2 knowledge and investigation of counsel allege as follows:

3 INTRODUCTION

4 1. This Complaint seeks civil penalties and an injunction against Sirio North America, Inc.;
5 Natural Concrete Products, LLC; Rochester Concrete Products, LLC; Titan Manufacturing and
6 Distributing, Inc.; and Pavestone, LLC (collectively “Defendants”) to remedy Defendants’
7 continuing failure to warn individuals in California about exposures to carbon monoxide, a chemical
8 known to the State of California to cause reproductive toxicity. Such exposures have occurred and
9 continue to occur, through the use of wood-burning outdoor heating products, such as fire pits, fire
10 rings, fire tables and chimeneas that Defendants manufacture, distribute and/or sell in the State
11 (“Products”). These Products are intended to be used with wood fuel and are primarily used for
12 heating, ambience, and cooking. The combustion of wood causes carbon monoxide to be released
13 into the air. People using wood-burning outdoor heating products, and those standing near the
14 Products when wood fuel is burning in or on them, inhale the released carbon monoxide.

15 2. Under California’s Proposition 65, California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, *et seq.*, it is
16 unlawful for businesses to knowingly and intentionally expose individuals in California to chemicals
17 known to the State to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm without providing clear
18 and reasonable warnings to individuals prior to their exposure. Defendants introduce wood-burning
19 outdoor heating products into the California marketplace, exposing users of the Products, including
20 pregnant women, to carbon monoxide. Despite the fact that Defendants expose pregnant women and
21 other consumers and individuals to carbon monoxide, Defendants provide no warnings about the
22 reproductive hazards associated with such exposures. Defendants’ conduct thus violates the warning
23 provision of Proposition 65. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6.

24 3. Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7 to compel
25 Defendants to bring their business practices into compliance with Proposition 65 by providing a clear
26 and reasonable warning to each individual who has been and who in the future may be exposed to
27 carbon monoxide in the ways set forth above. Plaintiff seeks an order that Defendants identify and
28 locate each individual person to whom the Defendants conveyed wood-burning outdoor heating

1 products during the past three years and to provide to each such individual, as well as new purchasers
2 and Product users, a clear and reasonable warning that use of the Products causes exposures to a
3 chemical known to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm.

4 4. In addition to injunctive relief, Plaintiff seeks civil penalties to remedy the failure of
5 Defendants to provide clear and reasonable warnings regarding exposure to a chemical known to
6 cause birth defects and other reproductive harm.

7 **PARTIES**

8 5. Plaintiff, Ecological Rights Foundation (“ERF”) is a non-profit public benefit organization
9 dedicated to, among other causes, protecting California residents from toxic exposures,
10 environmental and human health education, and consumer rights. ERF is incorporated under the laws
11 of the State of California and is a "person" pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.11(a). ERF
12 brings this enforcement action in the public interest pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d).

13 6. Defendant Jensen Metal Products, Inc. is a person in the course of doing business within the
14 meaning of Health & Safety Code §25249.11. Jensen Metal Products, Inc. markets, distributes,
15 and/or sells the Products for sale and use in the State of California.

16 7. Defendant Asia Direct, Inc. is a person in the course of doing business within the meaning of
17 Health & Safety Code §25249.11. Asia Direct, Inc. markets, distributes, and/or sells the Products for
18 sale and use in California.

19 8. Defendant Loughmiller Machine Tool and Design, Inc. is a person in the course of doing
20 business within the meaning of Health & Safety Code §25249.11. Loughmiller Machine Tool and
21 Design, Inc. markets, distributes, and/or sells the Products for sale and use in California.

22 9. Defendant Safavieh International, LLC is a person in the course of doing business within the
23 meaning of Health & Safety Code §25249.11. Safavieh International, LLC markets, distributes,
24 and/or sells the Products for sale and use in California.

25 10. Defendant Krueger Custom Steel & Machining, LTD is a person in the course of doing
26 business within the meaning of Health & Safety Code §25249.11. Krueger Custom Steel &
27 Machining, LTD markets, distributes, and/or sells the Products for sale and use in California.

28 11. Each Defendant employs more than ten people.

1 **JURISDICTION**

2 12. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to California Health & Safety Code
3 Section 25249.7. California Constitution Article VI, Section 10 grants the Superior Court "original
4 jurisdiction in all causes except those given by statute to other trial courts." Chapter 6.6 of the
5 Health & Safety Code, which contains the statutes under which this action is brought, does not
6 grant jurisdiction to any other trial court.

7 13. This Court also has jurisdiction over Defendants because they are businesses that have
8 sufficient minimum contacts in California and within the County of San Francisco. Defendants
9 intentionally availed themselves of the California and San Francisco County markets. It is thus
10 consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice for the San Francisco County
11 Superior Court to exercise jurisdiction over Defendants.

12 14. Venue is proper in San Francisco County Superior Court because one or more of the
13 violations arise in the County of San Francisco.

14 **BACKGROUND FACTS**

15 15. The People of the State of California have declared by initiative under Proposition 65 their
16 right "[t]o be informed about exposures to chemicals that cause cancer, birth defects, or other
17 reproductive harm." Proposition 65, § 1(b). To effectuate this goal, Proposition 65 prohibits exposing
18 people to chemicals listed by the State of California as known to cause cancer, birth defects, or other
19 reproductive harm without a "clear and reasonable warning" unless the business responsible for the
20 exposure can prove that it fits within a statutory exemption. Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6
21 states, in pertinent part:

22 No person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and
23 intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause
24 cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning
25 to such individual . . .

26 16. On July 1, 1989, the State of California officially listed carbon monoxide as a chemical
27 known to cause developmental reproductive toxicity, which means harm to the developing fetus. On
28 July 1, 1990, carbon monoxide exposures became subject to the clear and reasonable warning
requirements under Proposition 65. 27 C.C.R. § 27001(b); Health & Safety Code Section
25249.10(b).

1 17. Plaintiff brings this enforcement action against Defendants pursuant to Health & Safety
2 Code Section 25249.7(d). Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is a copy of a Notice of
3 Violation dated June 27, 2016, which on that date ERF sent to California's Attorney General, every
4 county District Attorney in California, and to the City Attorneys of every California City with a
5 population greater than 750,000. On the same day, Plaintiff sent substantively identical letters to
6 each Defendant. In compliance with Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d) and 27 C.C.R. § 25903(b),
7 each Notice included the following information: (1) the name and address of each violator; (2) the
8 statute violated; (3) the time period during which violations occurred; (4) specific descriptions of the
9 violations, including (a) the routes of exposure to carbon monoxide from the Products, and (b) the
10 specific type of Products sold and used in violation of Proposition 65; and (5) the name of the specific
11 Proposition 65-listed chemical that is the subject of the violations described in each Notice.

12 18. Attached to the Notices of Violation sent to each Defendant was a summary of Proposition
13 65 that was prepared by California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment. In
14 addition, each Notice of Violation was accompanied by a Certificate of Service attesting to the
15 service of the Notice of Violation on each entity which received it. Pursuant to Health & Safety Code
16 Section 25249.7(d) and 11 C.C.R. § 3101, Plaintiff also sent a Certificate of Merit with each Notice
17 of Violation attesting to the reasonable and meritorious basis for the action. Plaintiff enclosed factual
18 information sufficient to establish the basis of the Certificate of Merit with the Notice of Violation
19 letters sent to the Attorney General.

20 19. None of the public prosecutors with the authority to prosecute violations of Proposition 65
21 has commenced and/or is diligently prosecuting a cause of action against Defendants under Health
22 & Safety Code Section 25249.5 *et seq.*, based on the claims asserted in ERF's Notices.

23 20. Defendants both know and intend that individuals, including pregnant women, will use the
24 products for heating, ambience and/or cooking, thus exposing them to carbon monoxide. Under
25 Proposition 65, an exposure is "knowing" where the party responsible for such exposure has
26 "knowledge of the fact that a[n] . . . exposure to a chemical listed pursuant to [Health & Safety Code
27 § 25249.8(a)] is occurring. No knowledge that . . . exposure is unlawful is required." 27 C.C.R. §
28 25102(n). This knowledge may be either actual or constructive. *See, e.g.*, Final Statement of Reasons

1 Revised (November 4, 1988) (pursuant to former 22 C.C.R. Division 2, § 12201). Defendants have
2 been informed of the carbon monoxide exposures caused by the use of Products by the 60-Day Notice
3 of Violation, and the accompanying Certificate of Merit served on them by ERF. Defendants also
4 have constructive knowledge of the carbon monoxide exposures caused by Products. As companies
5 that manufacture, market, distribute and/or sell the Products for use in the State of California,
6 Defendants know or should know that carbon monoxide exposures to users of the Products are a
7 natural and foreseeable consequence of Defendants' placing the Products into the stream of
8 commerce.

9 21. Any person "violating or threatening to violate" Proposition 65 may be enjoined in any
10 court of competent jurisdiction. Health & Safety Code § 25249.7. "Threaten to violate" is defined to
11 mean "to create a condition in which there is a substantial probability that a violation will occur."
12 Health & Safety Code § 25249.11(e). Proposition 65 provides for civil penalties not to exceed \$2,500
13 per day for each violation of the statute.

14 22. ERF has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing
15 this complaint.

16 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

17 **(Violations of Health & Safety Code §25249.6)**

18 23. ERF realleges and incorporates the facts and allegations contained in the above paragraphs
19 as though specifically set forth herein.

20 24. Each defendant is a person in the course of doing business within the meaning of Health &
21 Safety Code § 25249.11 who, by manufacturing, marketing, distribution, sale or otherwise placing
22 the Products into the stream of commerce, violated, violates or threatens to violate Proposition 65.

23 25. Carbon monoxide is a chemical listed by the State of California as known to cause
24 developmental reproductive toxicity.

25 26. Defendants know that the average use of the Products will expose users of the Products to
26 carbon monoxide. Defendants intend that the Products be used in a manner that results in exposures
27 to carbon monoxide.

1 27. Defendants have failed and continue to fail, to provide clear and reasonable warnings
2 regarding the reproductive toxicity of carbon monoxide to users of the Products.

3 28. Since at least three years prior to the Notice of Violation Letters, Defendants have violated
4 Proposition 65 by knowingly and intentionally exposing individuals to carbon monoxide without
5 first giving clear and reasonable warnings to such individuals regarding the reproductive toxicity of
6 carbon monoxide.

7 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

8 Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

- 9 1. Pursuant to the First Cause of Action, that Defendants be enjoined, restrained, and
10 ordered to comply with the provisions of Section 25249.6 of the California Health &
11 Safety Code;
- 12 2. That Defendants be ordered to make best efforts to identify and locate each individual
13 in California to whom they, or their customers or agents, distributed or sold Products
14 during the past three years, and to provide a warning to each such person that use of
15 the Product will expose that person to a chemical known to cause birth defects and
16 other reproductive harm;
- 17 3. That Defendants be assessed a civil penalty in an amount equal to \$2,500.00 per day
18 per individual exposed to carbon monoxide in violation of Section 25249.6 of the
19 California Health & Safety Code, as the result of Defendants' marketing, distributing,
20 and/or selling the Products for use in California.
- 21 4. That, pursuant to Civil Procedure Code § 1021.5, Defendants be ordered to pay to
22 Plaintiff the attorneys' fees and costs it incurred in bringing this enforcement action;
23 and
- 24 5. For such other relief as this court deems just and proper.

25 Dated: September 14, 2016

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28 Fredric Evenson, Attorney for Plaintiff
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JUNE 27, 2016

NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS
CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND
TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT

Proposition 65 Enforcement Reporting
Attn: Prop 65 Coordinator
1515 Clay Street
P.O. Box 70550
Oakland, CA 94612

AND THE PUBLIC PROSECUTORS LISTED ON THE DISTRIBUTION LIST
ACCOMPANYING THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Re: Violations of Proposition 65 Concerning Carbon Monoxide Exposures from
Wood-burning outdoor heating products, such as fire pits, fire rings, fire tables
and chimineas

In accord with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, the Ecological Rights Foundation ("ERF") hereby gives you notice that the companies listed on the attached Exhibit A have violated and are in ongoing violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6, which provides that "[n]o person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first providing a clear and reasonable warning to such individual."

Pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, ERF intends to bring an enforcement action 60 days after effective service of this notice unless the public enforcement agencies have commenced and are diligently prosecuting an action to rectify the violations discussed in this notice letter. The public enforcement agencies that have been served with copies of this notice of violations are identified with the attached Certificate of Service.

The above-referenced violations occur when California residents use wood-burning outdoor heating products, such as fire pits, fire rings, fire tables and chimeneas. These products are used primarily for heating, ambience and cooking. Combustion of wood fuel produces and exposes people to **carbon monoxide**, a chemical known to the State of California to cause reproductive toxicity. Because the combustion of wood causes carbon monoxide to be released into the air, people using wood-burning outdoor heating products, and others standing near the products when wood fuel is burning in or on the products, inhale carbon monoxide. Exposure to carbon monoxide is via the inhalation route. These products cause carbon monoxide exposures to occur in peoples yards, at parks and beaches, and everywhere else throughout California where the products are used. These violations are alleged for consumer and environmental exposures.

Included on Exhibit 1 is a non-exclusive list of examples of the types of products manufactured, marketed or sold by the Noticed Parties in the State of California. Though specific models or SKU or product numbers are given as examples, this Notice pertains to all models, and all

variations, of the specific type of product (wood-burning outdoor heating products, such as fire pits, fire rings, fire tables and chimeneas) of which the named model is an example.

The noticed parties on Exhibit 1, and on the attached Certificate of Service, did not and do not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before exposing those people to carbon monoxide.

The above-referenced violations have occurred every day since at least June 27, 2013 and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are given.

ERF is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to protecting human and environmental health, including raising awareness of, and reducing exposures to, toxic chemicals. The following individual is the responsible individual within ERF for purposes of this Notice:

James Lamport, Executive Director
Ecological Rights Foundation
867 B Redwood Drive
Garberville, California 95542
Telephone: (707) 923-4372

ERF has retained the following counsel to represent them in this matter (please direct communications to counsel):

Fredric Evenson
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Santa Cruz, California 95061
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Email: evenson@ecologylaw.com

Sincerely,


Fredric Evenson

Exhibit 1
June 27, 2016 Notice of Violation
Carbon Monoxide Exposures from Wood Burning Fire Pits, Fire Rings and
Chimeneas

Names and Addresses of Responsible Parties	Non-Exclusive Examples of the Products*	Item#, UPC or SKU # or Further Description
<p>President or CEO Aosom, LLC 6710 Mcewan Rd Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035</p> <p>Li Wei Registered Agent Aosom, LLC 6710 Mcewan Rd Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035</p>	<p>- Outsunny Fire Pits</p> <p>- Outsunny Square Fire Pit</p>	<p>Model No. 842-012</p>
<p>President or CEO Asia Direct, Inc. 4070 Buford Highway #4 Duluth, GA 30096</p> <p>Jay Catalina Registered Agent Asia Direct, Inc. 5405 Buford HWY , Ste 400, Norcross, GA 30071</p>	<p>- 35" Copper Fire Bowl</p>	<p>Model No. AD115</p>
<p>President or CEO AZ Patio Heaters, LLC 8550 N 91st Ave., Ste. C-25 Peoria, AZ 85345</p>	<p>- Hiland 36" Slate Top Wood Burning Firepit</p> <p>- Hiland Firepits</p>	<p>Model No. YFP-51133D</p>

<p>Mary Kieman Statutory Agent AZ Patio Heaters, LLC 19419 N 15TH St. Phoenix, AZ 85024</p>		
<p>Stephen M. Lacy Or Current President or CEO Meredith Corporation 1716 Locust Street Des Moines, Iowa 50309</p> <p>John S Zieser Registered Agent Meredith Corporation 1716 Locust Street Des Moines, Iowa 50309</p>	<p>- Better Homes and Gardens 30" Round Fire Pit</p>	<p>Model No. BH16-093-999-02</p>
<p>President or CEO Dagan Industries, Inc. 280 S Beverly Dr #409 Beverly Hills, CA 90212</p> <p>Jeff Dagan Registered Agent Dagan Industries, Inc. 15540 Roxford St Sylmar CA 91342</p>	<p>- "Conversation Table" Bronze Cast Aluminum Fire Pit with 4 Chairs</p> <p>- Round Fire Pits</p> <p>- Pagoda Design Fire Pit</p> <p>- Rectangular Design Fire Pit</p>	<p>Item No. FP-1020</p> <p>Models: FP-1015; FP-1014; FP-1017; FPF-1000; FP-1023; FP-1009; Fp-1013; FP-1019; FP-Ring</p> <p>FP-1012</p> <p>FP-1016</p>

<p>President or CEO Hayneedle Inc. 9394 West Dodge Rd, Suite 300 Omaha, NE 68114</p> <p>C T Corporation System Hayneedle, Inc. Registered Agent 818 West Seventh St. Suite 930 Los Angeles CA 90017</p>	<p>- Red Ember Castle Pines 34" Square Slate Fire Pit</p> <p>- "Fire Sense" Fire Pits</p>	<p>SKU WTL-197-1 Supplier Item # 61578</p>
<p>President or CEO Jensen Metal Products, Inc. 7800 Northwestern Ave. Racine, WI 53046</p> <p>Geeta S. Jensen Registered Agent Jensen Metal Products, Inc. 7800 Northwestern Ave. Racine, WI 53046</p>	<p>- "realflame" Fire Pits</p> <p>- 910 Alderwood Wood Burning Fire Pit</p>	<p>PO # 601152</p>
<p>Bill Krueger Or current President or CEO Krueger Custom Steel & Machining LTD 1610 20th Street East P.O. Box 187 Owen Sound, Ontario Canada , N4K 5P3</p>	<p>- Ultimate 3-Piece Fire Ring</p>	<p># 1012</p>

<p>Jason Loughmiller Or Current President or CEO Loughmiller Machine Tool and Design, Inc. 12851 E. 150 N. Loogootee, IN 47553</p> <p>Loughmiller Machine Tool and Design, Inc. % Jason Loughmiller Registered Agent 109 Brooks Ave., Loogootee, IN, 47553</p>	<p>- "Fire Ring King" Fire Rings</p>	
<p>President or CEO Natural Concrete Products, LLC 3607 East Highway 24 P.O. Box 636 Norfolk, NE, 68702</p> <p>Natural Concrete Products, LLC % McGrath North Mullin & Kratz, PC LLO C/O Jonathan L. Grob Registered Agent 1601 Dodge Street, Suite 3700 Omaha, NE 68102</p>	<p>- Fire Pit Kits</p> <p>- Limestone Round Fire Pit Kit</p>	<p>FSFPL 202708169</p>
<p>Pavestone, LLC % C T Corporation System Registered Agent 818 West Seventh Street, Suite 930 Los Angeles, CA 90017</p>	<p>- Rumblestone Fire Pit Kits</p> <p>- Rumblestone Round Fire Pit Inserts</p> <p>- Rumblestone Round Fire Pit Kit in Greystone</p>	<p>Model # RSK50234</p>

<p>President or CEO Rochester Concrete Products, LLC 7200 N. Hwy 63 Rochester, MN 55906</p>	<p>- Rockwood Fire Rings - Rockwood Fire Pit Kits</p>	
<p>Safavieh, Inc. % Kamran Mandegari Registered Agent for Safavieh, Inc. % 7630 Cherry Ave LLC, 7630 Cherry Avenue Fontana, CA 92336</p> <p>President or CEO Safavieh International, LLC 40 Harbor Park Drive North Port Washington, NY 11050</p>	<p>- Cayman 29" Iron Fire Pit - Fire Pits - Chimineas</p>	<p>Model # PIT1014A PIT1002A; PIT1003A;PIT1004A;PIT 1005A;PIT1006A;PIT100 7A;PIT1008A;PIT1009A; PIT1010A;PIT1011A;PIT 1012A;PIT1013A;PIT101 5A;PIT1016A;PIT1017A</p> <p>PIT1000A; PIT1001A</p>
<p>Sirio North America, Inc. c/o Joyce Tso Registered Agent 500 Sansome St Suite 502 San Francisco, CA 94111</p>	<p>Corvus Vintage Brushed Bronze Fire Pit</p>	<p>FP003</p>
<p>President or CEO Snow Joe, LLC 305 Veterans Boulevard, Carlstadt, NJ 07072</p> <p>President or CEO Snow Joe, LLC 86 Executive Avenue Edison, NJ 08817</p>	<p>- "Fire Joe" Fire Pits - Fire Joe 30" Round Fire Pit</p>	<p>Model # SJFP30</p>
<p>President or CEO Titan Manufacturing and Distributing, Inc. 141 Eastley St, STE 113 Collierville, TN 38017-2777</p>	<p>Fire Rings</p>	

Titan Manufacturing and Distributing, Inc. % Jeffery Alan Hill Registered Agent 141 Eastley St, STE 113 Collierville, TN 38017-2777		
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* These non-exclusive examples of the category or type of product that is subject to this Notice is for the recipient's benefit in its investigation of ERF's allegations. These examples are not meant to be an exhaustive or comprehensive identification of each specific offending product of the category or type of products subject to this notice. It is ERF's position that the alleged Violator is obligated to conduct a good faith investigation into other specific products within the identified category or type that may have been manufactured, distributed, sold, shipped, stored (or otherwise within the notice recipient's custody or control) during the past three years, to ensure that clear and reasonable warnings are provided to California citizens prior to purchase, or retroactively if necessary.

Certificate of Merit
Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

I, Fredric Evenson, hereby declare:

(1) This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notices have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.

(2) I am the attorney for the noticing party.

(3) I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action.

(4) Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on all other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiffs' case can be established and the information did not prove that the alleged violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.

(5) The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Date: June 27, 2016

By:



Fredric Evenson

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am over the age of 18. My business address is P.O. Box 1000, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

On June 27, 2016 I served the following:

- 1) Notice of Violations: California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act
- 2) Certificate of Merit: Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)
- 3) Appendix A: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary
- 4) Certificate of Service

by enclosing copies of the same in a sealed envelope addressed to each person shown below and depositing the envelope in the U.S. mail with postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail.* Place of mailing: Santa Cruz, CA.

See attached: **Service List-Noticed Parties**

On June 27, 2016 I also served the following:

- 1) Notice of Violations: California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act
- 2) Certificate of Merit: Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)
- 3) Certificate of Merit (Attorney General Copy): Factual information sufficient to establish the basis of the Certificate of Merit (only sent to Attorney General)
- 4) Certificate of Service

by enclosing copies of the same in sealed envelopes addressed to each of the public enforcement agencies listed on the attached Service List, and depositing the envelopes in the U.S. mail with postage fully prepaid for delivery by First Class Mail. Place of mailing: Santa Cruz, CA.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed June 27, 2016, at Santa Cruz, CA.


Fredric Evenson

Service List – Noticed Parties

<p>President or CEO Aosom, LLC 6710 Mcewan Rd Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035</p>	<p>Li Wei Registered Agent Aosom, LLC 6710 Mcewan Rd Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035</p>	<p>President or CEO Asia Direct, Inc. 4070 Buford Highway #4 Duluth, GA 30096</p>
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