FILED BY FAX ALAMEDA COUNTY April 17, 2017 Parker Smith, Esq., (CSB# 290311) **CLERK OF** Sy and Smith, PC 2 THE SUPERIOR COURT 11622 El Camino Real, Suite 100 By Alicia Espinoza, Deputy 3 Del Mar, CA 92130 CASE NUMBER: Telephone: 858-746-9554 RG17856945 4 5 Attorney for Plaintiff, King Pun Cheng 6 7 8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 **COUNTY OF ALAMEDA** 10 UNLIMITED CIVIL JURISDICTION 11 12 13 KING PUN CHENG, CASE NO.: 14 Plaintiff, COMPLAINT FOR CIVIL PENALTIES 15 AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF and 16 (Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 et seq.) SKF USA, INC. AND 17 DOES 1 -25 INCLUSIVE, 18 Defendant. 19 20 21 **NATURE OF THE ACTION** 22 1. This Complaint is a representative action brought by plaintiff King Pun Cheng, in 23 the public interest of the citizens of the State of California, to enforce the people's right to be 24 informed of the presence of lead and lead compounds found in Lincoln Model #5818 Whip 25 Hose Extension. 26 2. By this Complaint, plaintiff seeks to remedy Defendant's failure to warn California 27 citizens about the risks of exposure to lead present in Lincoln Model #5818 Whip Hose 28 COMPLAINT FOR CIVIL PENALTIES AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

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Extension and components manufactured, distributed and/or offered for sale to consumers throughout the State of California.

- 3. Detectable levels of lead and/or lead compounds are found in Lincoln Model #5818 Whip Hose and components that Defendant manufactures, distributes and/or offers for sale to consumers throughout the State of California.
- 4. Under California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 et seq. (Proposition 65), "No person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning to such individual..." (Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6.)
- 5. Under Proposition 65, California identified and listed lead and lead compounds as chemicals known to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm.
- 6. Lead and lead compounds shall hereinafter be referred to as the "LISTED CHEMICALS."
- 7. Defendant manufactures, distributes and/or sells without a health hazard warning in California Whip Hose Extension including Lincoln Model #5818 Whip Hose Extension UPC084041015612 containing the LISTED CHEMICALS shall hereinafter be referred to as the "PRODUCTS."
- 8. Defendant's failure to warn consumers and/or other individuals in the State of California about their exposure to the LISTED CHEMICALS in conjunction with Defendant's sale of the PRODUCTS is a violation of Proposition 65 and subjects Defendant to enjoinment of such conduct as well as civil penalties for each such violation.
- 9. For Defendant's violations of Proposition 65, plaintiff seeks preliminary injunctive and permanent injunctive relief to compel Defendant to provide purchasers or users of the PRODUCTS with the required warning regarding the health hazards of the LISTED CHEMICAL. (Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(a).)
- 10. Plaintiff also seeks civil penalties against Defendant for its violations of Proposition 65, as provided for by California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b).

COMPLAINT FOR CIVIL PENALTIES AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

<u>PARTIES</u>

- 11. Plaintiff King Pun Cheng is a citizen of the City of Carlsbad, County of San Diego, in the State of California, who is dedicated to protecting the health of California citizens through the elimination or reduction of toxic exposures from consumer products, represented by and through its counsel of record, Parker A. Smith, Attorney at Law. Plaintiff brings this action in the public interest pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7.
- 12. SKF USA, Inc. is a person doing business within the meaning of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.11.
- 13. The parties in paragraphs 12 of this Complaint shall be collectively referred to as "Defendant".
- 14. SKF USA, Inc. manufactures, distributes, and/or offers the PRODUCTS for sale or use in the State of California or implies by its conduct that it manufactures, distributes and/or offers the PRODUCTS for sale or use in the State of California.
- 15. The identities of DOES 1-25 are unknown to Plaintiff at this time. Plaintiff suspects that they are business entities with at least ten or more employees that have sold, authorized the distribution, or sale of the said products under the name "Lincoln" and other brand names, that contain and/or produce lead, for sale within the State of California, without giving clear and reasonable warning.

VENUE AND JURISDICTION

- 16. Venue is proper in the Alameda County Superior Court, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § § 394, 495, 395.5, because this Court is a court of competent jurisdiction, because one or more instances of wrongful conduct occurred, and continues to occur, in the County of Alameda and/or because Defendant conducted, and continues to conduct, business in this County with respect to the PRODUCTS.
- 17. The California Superior Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to California Constitution Article VI, § 10, which grants the Superior Court "original jurisdiction in all causes except those given by statute to other trial courts." The statute under which this action is brought does not specify any other basis of subject matter jurisdiction.

18. The California Superior Court has jurisdiction over Defendant based on plaintiff's information and good faith belief that Defendant is a person, firm, corporation or association that either are citizens of the State of California, has sufficient minimum contacts in the State of California, or otherwise purposefully avail itself of the California market. Defendant's purposeful availment renders the exercise of personal jurisdiction by California courts consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Violation of Proposition 65 – Against Defendant)

- 19. Plaintiff alleges and incorporates by reference, as if full reference, as if full set forth herein, Paragraphs 1 through 18, inclusive.
- 20. The citizens of the State of California have expressly stated in the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, et seq. (Proposition 65) that they must be informed "about exposures to chemicals that cause cancer, birth defects and order reproductive harm." (Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6.)
- 21. Proposition 65 states, "No person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or productive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning to such individual (*Id.*)"
- 22. On June 27, 2016, a sixty-day notice of violation, together with the requisite certificates of merit, was provided to Defendant, other potential violators and various public enforcement agencies, including the California Attorney General's Office, stating that as a result of the Defendant's sale of the PRODUCTS, purchasers and users in the State of California were being exposed to the LISTED CHEMICALS resulting from the reasonably foreseeable users of the PRODUCTS, without the individual purchasers and users first having been provided with a "clear and reasonable warning" regarding such toxic exposures.
- 23. Defendant manufactures, distributes and/or offers the PRODUCTS for sale or use in violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 and Defendant's manufacture, distribution and/or offering of the PRODUCTS for sale or use in violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 has continued to occur beyond Defendant's receipt of plaintiff's sixty-day

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notices of violation. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that such violations will continue to occur into the future.

- 24. After receipt of the claims asserted in the sixty-day notices of violation, the appropriate public enforcement agencies have failed to commence and diligently prosecute a cause of action against Defendant under Proposition 65.
- 25. The PRODUCTS manufactured, distributed, and/or offered for sale or use in California by Defendant contained the LISTED CHEMICALS above the allowable state limits.
- 26. Defendant knew or should have known that the PRODUCTS manufactured, distributed, and/or for sale or use by Defendant in California contained the LISTED CHEMICALS.
- 27. The LISTED CHEMICALS were present in or on the PRODUCTS in such a way as to expose individuals to the LISTED CHEMICALS through dermal contact and/or ingestion during the reasonably foreseeable use of the PRODUCTS.
- 28. The normal and reasonably foreseeable use of the PRODUCTS have caused and continue to cause consumer exposure to the LISTED CHEMICALS, as such exposure is defined by 27 CCR§ 25602(b).
- 29. Defendant had knowledge that the normal and reasonably foreseeable use of the PRODUCTS would expose individuals to the LISTED CHEMICALS through dermal contact and/or ingestion.
- 30. Defendant intended that such exposures to the LISTED CHEMICAL from the reasonably foreseeable use of the PRODUCTS would occur by its deliberate, non-accidental participation in the manufacture, distribution and/or offer for sale or use of PRODUCTS to individuals in the State of California.
- 31. Defendant failed to provide a "clear and reasonable warning" to those consumers and/or other individuals in the State of California who were or who could become exposed to the LISTED CHEMICALS through dermal contact and/or ingestion during the reasonably foreseeable use of the PRODUCTS.

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Asbestos (04)	Other contract (37)	Securities litigation (28)		
Product liability (24)	Real Property	Environmental/Toxic tort (30)		
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Other PI/PD/WD (23) Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort	condemnation (14) Wrongful eviction (33)	above listed provisionally complex case types (41)		
Business tort/unfair business practice (07)	Other real property (26)	nforcement of Judgment		
Civil rights (08)	Unlawful Detainer	Enforcement of judgment (20)		
Defamation (13)	Commercial (31)	liscellaneous Civil Complaint		
Fraud (16)	Residential (32)	RICO (27)		
Intellectual property (19)	Drugs (38)	Other complaint (not specified above) (42)		
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Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35)	Asset forfeiture (05)	Partnership and corporate governance (21)		
Employment	Petition re: arbitration award (11)	Other petition (not specified above) (43)		
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- other parties to the action or proceeding.

 Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

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INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the Civil Case Cover Sheet contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check one box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the primary cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex. **CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES**

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Auto Tort
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Auto (22)-Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Uninsured Motorist (46) (if the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto)

Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/ Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort

Asbestos (04) Asbestos Property Damage Asbestos Personal Injury/ Wrongful Death Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental) (24) Medical Malpractice (45) Medical Malpractice-Physicians & Surgeons Other Professional Health Care Malpractice Other PI/PD/WD (23) Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall) Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD (e.g., assault, vandalism) Intentional Infliction of **Emotional Distress** Negligent Infliction of

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Other PI/PD/MD Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort **Business Tort/Unfair Business** Practice (07) Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination, false arrest) (not civil harassment) (08) Defamation (e.g., slander, libel) (13)Fraud (16) Intellectual Property (19) Professional Negligence (25) Legal Malpractice Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)
Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35) **Employment** Wrongful Termination (36)

Contract

Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction) Contract/Warranty Breach-Seller Plaintiff (not fraud or negligence) Negligent Breach of Contract/ Warranty Other Breach of Contract/Warranty Collections (e.g., money owed, open book accounts) (09) Collection Case-Seller Plaintiff Other Promissory Note/Collections Case Insurance Coverage (not provisionally complex) (18) Auto Subrogation

Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)

Other Contract (37) Contractual Fraud

Other Coverage

Other Contract Dispute

Real Property

Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14) Wrongful Eviction (33)

Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26) Writ of Possession of Real Property Mortgage Foreclosure

Quiet Title Other Real Property (not eminent

domain, landlord/tenant, or foreclosure) Unlawful Detainer

Commercial (31)

Residential (32)

Drugs (38) (if the case involves illegal drugs, check this item; otherwise,

report as Commercial or Residential)

Judicial Review Asset Forfeiture (05)

Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)

Writ of Mandate (02)
Writ-Administrative Mandamus

Writ-Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter

Writ-Other Limited Court Case

Review

Other Judicial Review (39)
Review of Health Officer Order Notice of Appeal-Labor

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court Rules 3,400-3,403)

Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03) Construction Defect (10) Claims Involving Mass Tort (40) Securities Litigation (28) Environmental/Toxic Tort (30) Insurance Coverage Claims (arising from provisionally complex case type listed above) (41)

Enforcement of Judgment

Enforcement of Judgment (20) Abstract of Judgment (Out of County) Confession of Judgment (nondomestic relations) Sister State Judgment Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes) Petition/Certification of Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Taxes Other Enforcement of Judgment

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

RICO (27) Other Complaint (not specified above) (42) Declaratory Relief Only Injunctive Relief Only (nonharassment) Mechanics Lien Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex) Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex)

Miscellaneous Civil Petition

Partnership and Corporate Governance (21) Other Petition (not specified above) (43) Civil Harassment Workplace Violence Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse **Election Contest** Petition for Name Change

Petition for Relief From Late Claim

Other Civil Petition

Other Employment (15)

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

SKF USA, INC. and DOES 1 - 25 INCLUSIVE

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

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FOR COURT USE ONLY (SOLO PARA USO DE LA CORTE)

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ALAMEDA COUNTY

April 17, 2017

CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT By Alicia Espinoza, Deputy

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. [AVISO] Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un

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