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King Pun Cheng v. Prime Wire and		
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Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort	Insurance coverage (18)	Mass tort (40)
Asbestos (04) Product liability (24)	Other contract (37)	Securities litigation (28)
Medical malpractice (45)	Real Property Eminent domain/Inverse	Environmental/Toxic tort (30) Insurance coverage claims arising from the
Other PI/PD/WD (23)	condemnation (14)	above listed provisionally complex case
Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort	Wrongful eviction (33)	types (41)
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Civil rights (08)	Unlawful Detainer Commercial (21)	Enforcement of judgment (20)
Defamation (13) Fraud (16)	Commercial (31) Residential (32)	Miscellaneous Civil Complaint
Intellectual property (19)	Drugs (38)	RICO (27) Other complaint (not specified above) (42)
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Unless this is a collections case under rul	c 3.740 of a complex case, this cover she	et will be used for statistical purposes only. Page 1 of 2

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.

Auto Tort

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 **Emotional Distress** Other PI/PD/WD

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) Other Employment (15)

CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

Contract

Breach of Contract/Warranty (06) 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

Other Coverage

Other Contract (37)

Contractual Fraud

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

Commissioner Appeals

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 (non-

domestic relations)

Sister State Judgment

Administrative Agency Award

(not unpaid taxes)

Petition/Certification of Entry of

Judgment on Unpaid Taxes

Other Enforcement of Judgment

Case

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

RICO (27)

Other Complaint (not specified

above) (42)

Declaratory Relief Only Injunctive Relief Only (non-

harassment)

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

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5	Attorneys for Plaintiff, King Pun Cheng				
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8	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA				
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10	COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO UNLIMITED CIVIL JURISDICTION				
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13	KING PUN CHENG,	CASE NO.: 37-2017-00023996-CU-PO-CTL			
14	Plaintiff,	COMPLAINT FOR CIVIL			
15	vs.	PENALTIES AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF			
16	PRIME WIRE AND CABLE, INC. and DOES 1 – 10 INCLUSIVE	(Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 et seq.)			
17	Defendant.				
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19	NATURE OF THE ACTION				
20	1. Plaintiff KING PUN CHENG ("Plaintiff") brings this representative action, in the				
21	public interest of the citizens of the State of California ("citizens"), to enforce the citizen's right				
22	to be informed of the presence of DI[2-Ethylhexyl]Phthalate ("DEHP") found in Defendant Prime				
23	Wire and Cable, Inc.'s ("Defendant") Power Strip 2-Pack PB8100X2 UPC054732807406				
24	("power strips".)				
25	2. Plaintiff seeks to remedy Defendant's failure to warn citizens about the risks of				
26	exposure to DEHP present in Defendant's power strips manufactured, distributed and/or offered				
27	for sale to consumers throughout the State of California.				

- 3. Defendant manufactures, distributes or offers for sale to consumers throughout the State of California power strips containing detectable levels of DEHP.
- 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 DEHP as chemicals known to cause cancer or reproductive harm.
- 6. Defendant manufactures, distributes or sells power strips containing DEHP without a health hazard warning in California.
- 7. Defendant's failure to warn consumers and/or other individuals in the State of California about their exposure to DEHP in conjunction with Defendant's sale of the power strips is a violation of Proposition 65 which subjects Defendant to enjoinment of such conduct as well as civil penalties for each such violation.
- 8. 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 power strips with the required warning regarding the health hazards of DEHP. (Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(a).)
- 9. Plaintiff also seeks civil penalties against Defendant for its violations of Proposition 65, as provided for by California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b).

PARTIES

- 10. Plaintiff resides in the City of Carlsbad, County of San Diego, in the State of California and as such, as citizen of the state of California. Plaintiff 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. Plaintiff brings this action in the public interest pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7.
- 11. Prime Wire and Cable, Inc., is a person doing business within the meaning of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.11.

VENUE AND JURISDICTION

- 12. Venue is proper in the San Diego 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 San Diego and/or because Defendant conducted, and continues to conduct, business in this County with respect to the power strips.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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)

- 15. Plaintiff alleges and incorporates by reference, as if full reference, as if full set forth herein, Paragraphs 1 through 14, inclusive.
- 16. 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.)
- 17. 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.*)"
- 18. On March 29, 2017, 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 power strips, purchasers and users in the State of California were being exposed to the DEHP resulting from the reasonably foreseeable users of the power strips, without the individual purchasers and users first having been provided with a "clear and reasonable warning" regarding such toxic exposures.

- 19. Defendant manufactures, distributes and/or offers power strips for sale or use in violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 and Defendant's manufacture, distribution and/or offering of the power strip 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 Notice of Violation. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that such violations will continue to occur into the future.
- 20. 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.
- 21. The power strips manufactured, distributed, and/or offered for sale or use in California by Defendant contained DEHP above the allowable state limits.
- 22. Defendant knew or should have known that the power strips manufactured, distributed, and/or for sale or use by Defendant in California contained DEHP.
- 23. DEHP was present in or on the power strips in such a way as to expose individuals to DEHP through dermal contact and/or ingestion during the reasonably foreseeable use of the power strips.
- 24. The normal and reasonably foreseeable use of the power strips have caused and continue to cause consumer exposure to DEHP, as such exposure is defined by 27 CCR§ 25602(b).
- 25. Defendant had knowledge that the normal and reasonably foreseeable use of the power strips would expose individuals to DEHP through dermal contact and/or ingestion.
- 26. Defendant intended that such exposures to DEHP from the reasonably foreseeable use of the power strips would occur by its deliberate, non-accidental participation in the

manufacture, distribution and/or offer for sale or use of the power strips to purchasers, consumers, or users in the State of California.

- 27. 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 DEHP through dermal contact and/or ingestion during the reasonably foreseeable use of the power strips.
- 28. Contrary to the express policy and statutory prohibition of Proposition 65, enacted directly by California voters, individuals exposed to DEHP through dermal contact and/or ingestion resulting from the reasonably foreseeable use of the power strips, sold by Defendant without a "clear and reasonable warning," have suffered, and continue to suffer, irreparable harm, for which harm they have no plain, speedy or adequate remedy at law.
- 29. As a consequence of the above-described acts, each Defendant is liable for a maximum civil penal of \$2,500.00 per day for each violation pursuant to California Health& Safety Code § 25249.7(b).
- 30. As a consequence of the above-described acts, California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(a) also specifically authorizes the Court to grant injunctive relief against Defendant.
 - 31. Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendant as set forth hereinafter.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendant as follows:

- 1. That the Court, pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b), assess civil penalties against Defendant, in the amount of \$2,500.00 per day for each violation alleged herein;
- 2. That the Court, pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(a), preliminarily and permanently enjoin Defendant from manufacturing, distributing or offering power strips for sale or use in California, without providing "clear and reasonable warnings" as detailed by 27 CCR § 25601, as to the harms associated with exposures to DEHP;

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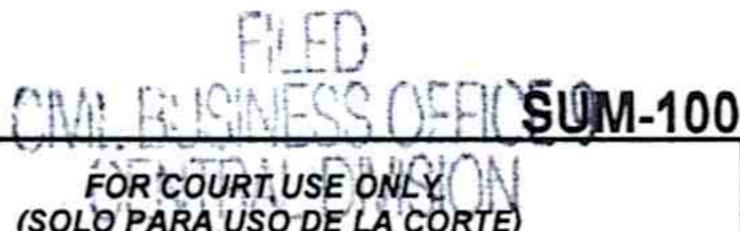
SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

PRIME WIRE AND CABLE, INC. and DOES 1 - 10 INCLUSIVE

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

KING PUN CHENG



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

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 programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10 000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuardo o una concesión de orbitraia en u

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CCP 416.10 (corporation)

other (specify):

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under:

CCP 416.60 (minor)

CCP 416.70 (conservatee)

CCP 416.90 (authorized person)