# SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

The name and address of the court is:

SAINT-GOBAIN ADFORS AMERICA, INC., a New York corporation; and DOES 1 through 10,

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

ECOLOGICAL ALLIANCE, LLC, a California limited liability company,

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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/selfheip), 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 dias, 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 acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

| (El nombre y dirección de la con<br>Stanley Mosk Branch<br>111 North Hill St., Los Angeles, | te es): Los Angeles Superior Court  CA 90012   | L                               | 25STCV17118   |
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| de teléfono del abogado del den   | one number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff v<br>nandante, o del demandante que no tiene ab | ogado, es):                     |   |
|   | Dubey LLP, 445 S. Figueroa St., Suite 2520   | •                               |   |
| DATE:<br>(Fecha) 06/13/2025   |  | Clerk, by David<br>(Secretario) | W. Slayton, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court , <b>Deputy</b> D. Kim (Adjunto) |
| , ,   | mons, use Proof of Service of Summons (for<br>a citatión use el formulario Proof of Service o    | , ,                             | POS-010).)  |
| [SEAL]  | NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You   | are served                      |   |
| THORY!  | as an individual defendant.  |                                 |   |
| S ANDINE S  | 2. as the person sued under the ficti  | tious name of (                 | (specify):  |
| E 5 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10  | 3. x on behalf of (specify): Saint-Goba  | in Adfors Amer                  | rica, Inc.  |
| [2] 被原政治([2]  | under: X CCP 416.10 (corporation)  |                                 | CCP 416.60 (minor)  |
|   | CCP 416.20 (defunct corp   | oration)                        | CCP 416.70 (conservatee)  |
| 2408 . 55115  | CCP 416.40 (association of other (specify):  | or partnership)                 | CCP 416.90 (authorized person)  |
|   | 4. by personal delivery on (date)  |                                 | Book diele  |

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CASE NUMBER: (Número del Caso):

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| ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Berni<br>Vineet Dubey (SBN#243208), Custodio & Dub<br>445 S. Figueroa St., Suite 2520<br>Los Angeles, CA 90071   |  | FOR COURT USE ONLY  |
| TELEPHONE NO: 213-593-9095 ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Ecological Alliance, LLC   | FAX NO. (Optional):  | Flooring play Ell ED by   |
| SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY O STREET ADDRESS: 111 North Hill St. MAILING ADDRESS: same CITY AND ZIP CODE: Los Angeles 90012 BRANCH NAME: Stanley Mosk   | F LOS ANGELES  | Electronically FILED by Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 6/13/2025 9:05 AM David W. Slayton, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court, By Y. Ayala, Deputy Clerk   |
| CASE NAME:<br>Ecological Alliance, LLC vs. Saint-Gobain Adfors A   | merica, Inc.   |   |
| CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET   | Complex Case Designation   | CASE NUMBER:  |
| X Unlimited Limited (Amount (Amount demanded is  | Counter Joinder Filed with first appearance by defendan (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402)  |   |
| exceeds \$25,000) \$25,000)  |  | DEPT:   |
|  | low must be completed (see instructions o  | iii paye 2).  |
| 1. Check one box below for the case type the Auto Tort  Auto (22)  Uninsured motorist (46)  Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort  Asbestos (04)  Product liability (24)  Medical malpractice (45)  Other PI/PD/WD (23)  Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort  Business tort/unfair business practice (07)  Civil rights (08)  Defamation (13)  Fraud (16)  Intellectual property (19)  Professional negligence (25)  Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35)  Employment  Wrongful termination (36)  Other employment (15) | Contract  Breach of contract/warranty (06)  Rule 3.740 collections (09)  Other collections (09)  Insurance coverage (18)  Other contract (37)  Real Property  Eminent domain/Inverse condemnation (14)  Wrongful eviction (33)  Other real property (26)  Unlawful Detainer  Commercial (31)  Residential (32) | Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400–3.403)  Antitrust/Trade regulation (03)  Construction defect (10)  Mass tort (40)  Securities litigation (28)  Environmental/Toxic tort (30)  Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41)  Enforcement of Judgment  Enforcement of judgment (20)  Miscellaneous Civil Complaint  RICO (27)  X Other complaint (not specified above) (42)  Miscellaneous Civil Petition  Partnership and corporate governance (21)  Other petition (not specified above) (43) |
|  | plex under rule 3.400 of the California Rulement: sented parties d. Large numbe difficult or novel e. Coordination to resolve courts in othe   | es of Court. If the case is complex, mark the r of witnesses with related actions pending in one or more r counties, states, or countries, or in a federal  |
| c. Substantial amount of documentar  B. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a.   | f. Substantial p   | ostjudgment judicial supervision eclaratory or injunctive relief c punitive   |
| Number of causes of action (specify): One  |  |   |
|  | ss action suit.  |   |
| <ol> <li>If there are any known related cases, file and the state: June 13, 2025</li> </ol>  | nd serve a notice of related case. (You ma   | y use form-CM-015.)   |
| rineet Dubey, Esq.   | <b>•</b>   | 1   |
| (TYPE OR PRINT NAME)   | NATIOE .   | (SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)  |
| in sanctions.  | elfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules   | except small claims cases or cases filed of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result  |
| <ul> <li>File this cover sheet in addition to any cover</li> <li>If this case is complex under rule 3,400 et se other parties to the action or proceeding.</li> <li>Unless this is a collections case under rule 3</li> </ul>  | eq. of the California Rules of Court, you m  | 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 plaintiffs designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

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

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 Torl (35)

Wrongful Termination (36) Other Employment (15)

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 awed, 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 (nondomestic 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 (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 Petitlon

# CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND STATEMENT OF LOCATION (CERTIFICATE OF GROUNDS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO COURTHOUSE LOCATION)

This form is required pursuant to Local Rule 2.3 in all new civil case filings in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

- Step 1: After completing the Civil Case Cover Sheet (Judicial Council form CM-010), find the exact case type in Column A that corresponds to the case type indicated in the Civil Case Cover Sheet.
- Step 2: In Column B, check the box for the type of action that best describes the nature of the case.
- Step 3: In Column C, circle the number which explains the reason for the court filing location you have chosen.

# Applicable Reasons for Choosing Court Filing Location (Column C)

- 1. Class actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Central District.
- 2. Permissive filing in central district.
- 3. Location where cause of action arose.
- 4. Mandatory personal injury filing in North District.
- 5. Location where performance required or defendant resides.
- 6. Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle.

- 7. Location where petitioner resides.
- 8. Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly.
- 9. Location where one or more of the parties reside.
- Location of Labor Commissioner Office.
- 11. Mandatory filing location (Hub Cases unlawful detainer, limited non-collection, limited collection, or personal injury).

| A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.                              | Type of Action<br>(Check only one)  | C<br>Applicable Reasons -<br>See Step 3 Above |
|--|---|---|
| Auto (22)  | ☐ A7100 Motor Vehicle - Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death  | 1, 4, 11                                      |
| Uninsured Motorist (46)  | ☐ A7110 Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death – Uninsured Motorist   | 1, 4, 11                                      |
| Asbestos (04)  | □ A6070 Asbestos Property Damage □ A7221 Asbestos - Personal Injury/Wrongful Death  | 1, 11<br>1, 11                                |
| Product Liability (24)   | ☐ A7260 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental)   | 1, 4, 11                                      |
| Medical Malpractice (45)   | □ A7210 Medical Malpractice - Physicians & Surgeons □ A7240 Other Professional Health Care Malpractice  | 1, 4, 11<br>1, 4, 11                          |
| Other Personal<br>Injury Property<br>Damage Wrongful<br>Death (23) | <ul> <li>□ A7250 Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall)</li> <li>□ A7230 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, vandalism, etc.)</li> <li>□ A7270 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress</li> <li>□ A7220 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death</li> </ul> | 1, 4, 11<br>1, 4, 11<br>1, 4, 11<br>1, 4, 11  |

Auto

Other Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort

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Contract Employment Non-Personal Injury/ Property
Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort

Real Property

Unlawful Detainer

| A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.       | B<br>Type of Action<br>(Check only one)  | C Applicable<br>Reasons - See Step 3<br>Above |
|---|--|---|
| Business Tort (07)                          | ☐ A6029 Other Commercial/Business Tort (not fraud/breach of contract)                                      | 1, 2, 3                                       |
| Civil Rights (08)                           | ☐ A6005 Civil Rights/Discrimination  | 1, 2, 3                                       |
| Defamation (13)                             | □ A6010 Defamation (slander/libel)   | 1, 2, 3                                       |
| Fraud (16)                                  | ☐ A6013 Fraud (no contract)  | 1, 2, 3                                       |
|   | ☐ A6017 Legal Malpractice  | 1, 2, 3                                       |
| Professional Negligence (25)                | ☐ A6050 Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)  | 1, 2, 3                                       |
| Other (35)                                  | ☐ A6025 Other Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage tort   | 1, 2, 3                                       |
| Wrongful Termination (36)                   | ☐ A6037 Wrongful Termination   | 1, 2, 3                                       |
|   | ☐ A6024 Other Employment Complaint Case  | 1, 2, 3                                       |
| Other Employment (15)                       | ☐ A6109 Labor Commissioner Appeals   | 10  |
|   | A6004 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction)                         | 2, 5  |
| Breach of Contract/ Warranty                | □ A6008 Contract/Warranty Breach -Seller Plaintiff (no fraud/negligence)                                   | 2, 5  |
| (06)<br>(not insurance)                     | ☐ A6019 Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud)   | 1, 2, 5                                       |
|   | A6028 Other Breach of Contract/Warranty (not fraud or negligence)  | 1, 2, 5                                       |
| Collections (09)                            | □ A6002 Collections Case-Seller Plaintiff  | 5, 6, 11                                      |
| Collections (09)                            | ☐ A6012 Other Promissory Note/Collections Case   | 5, 11   |
|   | A6034 Collections Case-Purchased Debt (Charged Off Consumer Debt<br>Purchased on or after January 1, 2014) | 5, 6, 11                                      |
| Insurance Coverage (18)                     | ☐ A6015 Insurance Coverage (not complex)   | 1, 2, 5, 8                                    |
|   | ☐ A6009 Contractual Fraud  | 1, 2, 3, 5                                    |
| Other Contract (37)                         | □ A6031 Tortious Interference  | 1, 2, 3, 5                                    |
|   | ☐ A6027 Other Contract Dispute(not breach/insurance/fraud/negligence)                                      | 1, 2, 3, 8, 9                                 |
| Eminent Domain/Inverse<br>Condemnation (14) | □ A7300 Eminent Domain/Condemnation Number of parcels  | 2, 6  |
| Wrongful Eviction (33)                      | □ A6023 Wrongful Eviction Case   | 2, 6  |
|   | □ A6018 Mortgage Foreclosure   | 2, 6  |
| Other Real Property (26)                    | ☐ A6032 Quiet Title  | 2, 6  |
|   | □ A6060 Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, foreclosure)                             | 2, 6  |
| Unlawful Detainer-Commercial<br>(31)        | ☐ A6021 Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (not drugs or wrongful eviction)                                      | 6, 11   |
| Unlawful Detainer-Residential<br>(32)       | ☐ A6020 Unlawful Detainer-Residential (not drugs or wrongful eviction)                                     | 6, 11   |
| Unlawful Detainer-<br>Post-Foreclosure (34) | ☐ A6020FUnlawful Detainer-Post-Foreclosure   | 2, 6, 11                                      |
| Unlawful Detainer-Drugs (38)                | ☐ A6022 Unlawful Detainer-Drugs  | 2, 6, 11                                      |

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|                                   | Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.                 |   |       | C Applicable<br>Reasons - See Step 3<br>Above            |            |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|-------|--|------------|
|                                   | Asset Forfeiture (05)                               | 0 | A6108 | Asset Forfeiture Case                                    | 2, 3, 6    |
| ew                                | Petition re Arbitration (11)                        | n | A6115 | Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration            | 2, 5       |
| Judicial Review                   |   | 0 | A6151 | Writ - Administrative Mandamus                           | 2, 8       |
| icia                              | Writ of Mandate (02)                                |   | A6152 | Writ - Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter             | 2          |
| on C                              |   |   | A6153 | Writ - Other Limited Court Case Review                   | 2          |
|                                   | Other Judicial Review (39)                          | 0 | A6150 | Other Writ /Judicial Review                              | 2, 8       |
| Ę                                 | Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)                     | ۵ | A6003 | Antitrust/Trade Regulation                               | 1, 2, 8    |
| tigatic                           | Construction Defect (10)                            |   | A6007 | Construction Defect                                      | 1, 2, 3    |
| plex Li                           | Claims Involving Mass Tort<br>(40)                  |   | A6006 | Claims Involving Mass Tort                               | 1, 2, 8    |
| у Соп                             | Securities Litigation (28)                          | ۵ | A6035 | Securities Litigation Case                               | 1, 2, 8    |
| Provisionally Complex Litigation  | Toxlc Tort<br>Environmental (30)                    | 0 | A6036 | Toxic Tort/Environmental                                 | 1, 2, 3, 8 |
| Prov                              | Insurance Coverage Claims<br>from Complex Case (41) | _ | A6014 | Insurance Coverage/Subrogation (complex case only)       | 1, 2, 5, 8 |
|                                   |   |   | A6141 | Sister State Judgment                                    | 2, 5, 11   |
| = =                               | Enforcement<br>of Judgment (20)                     |   | A6160 | Abstract of Judgment                                     | 2, 6       |
| Enforcement<br>of Judgment        |   |   | A6107 | Confession of Judgment (non-domestic relations)          | 2, 9       |
| orce                              |   |   | A6140 | Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes)           | 2, 8       |
| ᇦᇤ                                |   |   | A6114 | Petition/Certificate for Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Tax | 2, 8       |
|                                   |   |   | A6112 | Other Enforcement of Judgment Case                       | 2, 8, 9    |
| <b>"</b>                          | RICO (27)   |   | A6033 | Racketeering (RICO) Case                                 | 1, 2, 8    |
| Miscellaneous<br>Civil Complaints |   |   | A6030 | Declaratory Relief Only                                  | 1, 2, 8    |
|                                   | Other Complaints                                    |   |       | Injunctive Relief Only (not domestic/harassment)         | 2, 8       |
| Scell<br>Scell                    | (Not Specified Above) (42)                          |   | A6011 | Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex)   | 1, 2, 8    |
| <u>§</u> § <b>≅</b>               |   |   |       | Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex)             | 1, 2, 8    |
|                                   | Partnership Corporation<br>Governance (21)          | _ | A6113 | Partnership and Corporate Governance Case                | 2, 8       |
|                                   |   |   | A6121 | Civil Harassment With Damages                            | 2, 3, 9    |
| Suc                               |   |   | A6123 | Workplace Harassment With Damages                        | 2, 3, 9    |
| ane stitic                        | Other Petitions (Not                                |   | A6124 | Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Case With Damages            | 2, 3, 9    |
| Miscellaneous<br>Civil Petitions  | Other Petitions (Not<br>Specified Above) (43)       |   | A6190 | Election Contest   | 2          |
| <u>≅</u> 5                        |   |   | A6110 | Petition for Change of Name/Change of Gender             | 2, 7       |
|                                   |   |   | A6170 | Petition for Relief from Late Claim Law                  | 2, 3, 8    |
|                                   |   |   | A6100 | Other Civil Petition                                     | 2, 9       |
| F                                 |   | _ |       |  |            |

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**Step 4: Statement of Reason and Address:** Check the appropriate boxes for the numbers shown under Column C for the type of action that you have selected. Enter the address which is the basis for the filing location, including zip code. (No address required for class action cases).

| REASON:  |        | 10. 🖫 11. | ADDRESS 1418 Yorkshire Lane |
|----------|--------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| CITY     | STATE: | ZIP CODE: |                             |
| La Habra | CA     | 90631     |                             |

| Step 5: Certification of Assignment: I certify that this case is properly filed in the Central         | District of    |
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| the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles [Code Civ. Proc., §392 et seq., and Local Rule | 2.3(a)(1)(E)]. |

| Dated: | June | 13, | 2025 |  |
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|        |      |     |      |  |

#### (SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY/FILING PARTY)

# PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS COMPLETED AND READY TO BE FILED IN ORDER TO PROPERLY COMMENCE YOUR NEW COURT CASE:

- 1. Original Complaint or Petition.
- 2. If filing a Complaint, a completed Summons form for issuance by the Clerk.
- 3. Civil Case Cover Sheet, Judicial Council form CM-010.
- Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location form, LACIV 109, LASC Approved 03-04 (Rev. 02/16).
- 5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless there is court order for waiver, partial or scheduled payments.
- A signed order appointing the Guardian ad Litem, Judicial Council form CIV-010, if the plaintiff or petitioner is a minor under 18 years of age will be required by Court in order to issue a summons.
- Additional copies of documents to be conformed by the Clerk. Copies of the cover sheet and this addendum must be served along with the summons and complaint, or other initiating pleading in the case.

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# THIS FORM IS TO BE SERVED WITH THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

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#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING UNLIMITED CIVIL CASES

The following critical provisions of the California Rules of Court, Title 3, Division 7, as applicable in the Superior Court, are summarized for your assistance.

#### APPLICATION

The Division 7 Rules were effective January 1, 2007. They apply to all general civil cases.

#### PRIORITY OVER OTHER RULES

The Division 7 Rules shall have priority over all other Local Rules to the extent the others are inconsistent.

#### CHALLENGE TO ASSIGNED JUDGE

A challenge under Code of Civil Procedure Section 170.6 must be made within 15 days after notice of assignment for all purposes to a judge, or if a party has not yet appeared, within 15 days of the first appearance.

### TIME STANDARDS

Cases assigned to the Independent Calendaring Courts will be subject to processing under the following time standards:

#### COMPLAINTS

All complaints shall be served within 60 days of filing and proof of service shall be filed within 90 days.

#### **CROSS-COMPLAINTS**

Without leave of court first being obtained, no cross-complaint may be filed by any party after their answer is filed. Cross-complaints shall be served within 30 days of the filing date and a proof of service filed within 60 days of the filing date.

# STATUS CONFERENCE

A status conference will be scheduled by the assigned Independent Calendar Judge no later than 270 days after the filing of the complaint. Counsel must be fully prepared to discuss the following issues: alternative dispute resolution, bifurcation, settlement, trial date, and expert witnesses.

#### FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE

The Court will require the parties to attend a final status conference not more than 10 days before the scheduled trial date. All parties shall have motions in limine, bifurcation motions, statements of major evidentiary issues, dispositive motions, requested form jury instructions, special jury instructions, and special jury verdicts timely filed and served prior to the conference. These matters may be heard and resolved at this conference. At least five days before this conference, counsel must also have exchanged lists of exhibits and witnesses, and have submitted to the court a brief statement of the case to be read to the jury panel as required by Chapter Three of the Los Angeles Superior Court Rules.

### **SANCTIONS**

The court will impose appropriate sanctions for the failure or refusal to comply with Chapter Three Rules, orders made by the Court, and time standards or deadlines established by the Court or by the Chapter Three Rules. Such sanctions may be on a party, or if appropriate, on counsel for a party.

This is not a complete delineation of the Division 7 or Chapter Three Rules, and adherence only to the above provisions is therefore not a guarantee against the imposition of sanctions under Trial Court Delay Reduction. Careful reading and compliance with the actual Chapter Rules is imperative.

#### **Class Actions**

Pursuant to Local Rule 2.3, all class actions shall be filed at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse and are randomly assigned to a complex judge at the designated complex courthouse. If the case is found not to be a class action it will be returned to an Independent Calendar Courtroom for all purposes.

#### \*Provisionally Complex Cases

Cases filed as provisionally complex are initially assigned to the Supervising Judge of complex litigation for determination of complex status. If the case is deemed to be complex within the meaning of California Rules of Court 3.400 et seq., it will be randomly assigned to a complex judge at the designated complex courthouse. If the case is found not to be complex, it will be returned to an Independent Calendar Courtroom for all purposes.

# SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

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SAINT-GOBAIN ADFORS AMERICA, INC., a New York corporation; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive.

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

ECOLOGICAL ALLIANCE, LLC, a California limited liability company,

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 entreque 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 formulanos 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 acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

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Vineet Dubey, Esq., Custodio & Dubey LLP, 445 S. Figueroa St., Suite 2520, Los Angeles, CA 90071, 213-593-9095 DATE: Clerk, by Deputy (Adjunto) (Fecha) (Secretario) (For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).) (Para prueba de entrega de esta citatión use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010).)

| [SEAL] | NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served  |  |
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|        | <ol> <li>as an individual defendant.</li> <li>as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify,</li> </ol> | ):   |
|        | 3. x on behalf of (specify): Saint-Gobain Adfors America, Inc.   |  |
|        | under: x CCP 416.10 (corporation) CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation) CCP 416.40 (association or partnership)         | CCP 416.60 (minor)<br>CCP 416.70 (conservatee)<br>CCP 416.90 (authorized person) |
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| 5                | Attorneys for Plaintiff ECOLOGICAL ALLIANCE, LLC  |   |  |  |
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| 10               | ECOLOGICAL ALLIANCE, LLC, a California limited liability company,   | CASE NO.: 25STCV17118   |  |  |
| 11               | Plaintiffs,   | COMPLAINT FOR CIVIL PENALTIES   |  |  |
| 12               | VS.   | AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF   |  |  |
| 13               | SAINT-GOBAIN ADFORS AMERICA,  | (Health & Safety Code. § 25249.6 et seq.)   |  |  |
| 14               | INC., a New York corporation; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,   |   |  |  |
| 16               | Defendants.   |   |  |  |
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# **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

- 1. This Complaint is brought by plaintiff ECOLOGICAL ALLIANCE, LLC ("Plaintiff") in the public interest of the People of the State of California to enforce their right to be informed of the presence of chemicals listed by the State of California, pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, codified at Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 et seq. ("Proposition 65"), including Di-n-butyl Phthalate ["DBP"].
- 2. Plaintiffs seek to remedy Defendants' failure to warn citizens of the State of California, in violation of Proposition 65, about the presence of DBP ("Listed Chemical") in the Defendant's screen splines offered for sale throughout the State of California ("Products").
  - Defendant's Products contain the Listed Chemical and consumers of Products in the State of California are exposed to the Listed Chemical through dermal exposure and ingestion of Products.
  - 4. Defendants know and intend that their Products expose consumers in the State of California to the Listed Chemical.
- 5. Plaintiff sent Defendants a letter ("60-Day Notice"), dated May 21, 2024, which Plaintiff also sent to California's Attorney General. Identical letters were sent to every District Attorney in the state, to the City Attorneys of every California city with a population greater than 750,000, and to all Defendants. Attached to the 60-Day Notices were Certificates of Merit attesting to the reasonable and meritorious basis for this action, Certificates of Service attesting to service of the letters on each entity described above, and a description of Proposition 65 prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment. Furthermore, factual information sufficient to establish the basis of the Certificates of Merit was enclosed with the 60-Day Notice sent to California's Attorney General.
- 6. After receiving the claims asserted in the 60-Day Notice, the public enforcement agencies identified in Paragraph 5 have failed to commence and diligently prosecute a cause of action against Defendants under Proposition 65.

- 7. Plaintiff seeks preliminary and permanent injunctive relief to compel Defendants to provide the warning required under Proposition 65 regarding the Products.
- 8. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b), Plaintiff also seeks civil penalties against Defendants for violations of Proposition 65.

## **PARTIES**

- 9. Plaintiff is a California limited liability company. It brings this action in the public interest pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(d).
- 10. Both Defendants are a "Person" in the course of doing business within the meaning of Health and Safety Code section 25249.11(a) "Person" means an individual, trust, firm, joint stock company, corporation, company, partnership, limited liability company, and association."
- 11. Defendant Saint-Gobain Adfors America, Inc. is a New York corporation that manufactures, distributes, and/or offers for sale in the State of California, Products that contain the Listed Chemical.
- 12. Defendants DOES 1-10, which manufacture, distribute, and/or offers for sale in the State of California Products that contain the Listed Chemical, are each persons in the course of doing business within the meaning of Health and Safety Code section 25249.11. At this time, the true names and capacities of defendants DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiff, who, therefore, sues said defendants by their fictitious names pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 474. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that each of the fictitiously named defendants is responsible for the acts and occurrences alleged herein. When ascertained, their true names and capacities shall be reflected in an amended complaint.

# **VENUE AND JURISDICTION**

13. The Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7. Pursuant to California Constitution Article VI, section 10, the California Superior Court has "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 trial courts that should have jurisdiction.

- 14. The Court has jurisdiction over Defendants based on Plaintiff's information and good faith belief that each Defendant is a person, firm, corporation, or association that is a citizen of the State of California, has sufficient minimum contacts in the State of California, and/or otherwise purposefully avails itself of the California market. Defendants' purposeful availment renders the exercise of personal jurisdiction by the Court consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.
- 15. Venue is proper in this Court because Defendants manufacture, distribute, offer for sale, sell, and/or serve Products that contain the Listed Chemical. Liability for Plaintiff's causes of action, or some parts thereof, has accordingly arisen during the times relevant to this Complaint and Plaintiff accordingly seeks civil penalties and forfeitures imposed by statutes.

# **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

# (Violation of Proposition 65 - Against All Defendants)

- 16. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth herein, Paragraphs 1 through 15, inclusive.
- 17. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b), as a consequence of the above-described acts, Defendants are liable for a violation of Proposition 65.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

- 1. That the Court, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(a), preliminarily and permanently enjoin Defendants from manufacturing, distributing, offering for sale, selling, and/or serving in the State of California Products that contain the Listed Chemical without first providing a "clear and reasonable warning" under Proposition 65;
  - 2. That the Court grant Plaintiff's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit;
- 3. That the Court, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b), assess civil penalties against Defendants in such amount as the Court deems appropriate; and

| 1  | 4. That the Court grant such other and further relief as may be just and proper.   |  |
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