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23	1. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>	_
24	1.1 On or about June 25, 2008, plaint	tiff Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation
25	("MEJF"), provided a 60-day Notice of Violation to the California Attorney General, the	
26 27	District Attorneys of each county in California, the City Attorneys of every California city	
27 -28	with a population greater than 750,000, and defendant Target Corporation, ("Target")	
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alleging that Target, through its sales in California of beverage dispensers with brass spigots that contain lead, was in violation of Proposition 65 by knowingly and intentionally exposing persons to lead, a product known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or birth defects or other reproductive harm, without first providing a clear and reasonable warning.

- 1.2 On or about September 17, 2008, MEJF provided a 60-day Notice of Violation to the California Attorney General, the District Attorneys of each county in California, the City Attorneys of every California city with a population greater than 750,000, and Boston Warehouse Trading Corporation ("Boston Warehouse"), alleging that Boston Warehouse, through its sales in California of beverage dispensers with brass spigots that contain lead, was in violation of Proposition 65 by knowingly and intentionally exposing persons to lead, a product known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or birth defects or other reproductive harm, without first providing a clear and reasonable warning.
- Violation to the California Attorney General, the District Attorneys of each county in California, the City Attorneys of every California city with a population greater than 750,000, and Formation, Inc. ("Formation"), alleging that Formation, through its sales in California of beverage dispensers with brass spigots that contain lead, was in violation of Proposition 65 by knowingly and intentionally exposing persons to lead, a product known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or birth defects or other reproductive harm, without first providing a clear and reasonable warning.
- 1.4 On or about December 23, 2008, MEJF provided a 60-day Notice of Violation to the California Attorney General, the District Attorneys of each county in California, the City Attorneys of every California city with a population greater than 750,000, Target, Boston Warehouse, and Artland, Trading, Inc. ("Artland"), alleging that Target, Artland, and Boston Warehouse, through their sales in California of beverage dispensers with brass spigots that contain lead, were in violation of Proposition 65 by knowingly and intentionally

exposing persons to lead, a product known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or birth defects or other reproductive harm, without first providing a clear and reasonable warning.

- Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(d), filed a Complaint for Civil Penalties and Injunctive Relief in San Francisco County Superior Court, Case No. CGC-08-480489 (the "Target Complaint") against Target based on the allegations contained in the June 25, 2008 Notice. MEJF alleges in the Target Complaint that Target is a business that employs more than ten persons and manufactures, distributes and/or markets Beverage Dispensers with brass valves or spigots that contain lead within the State of California. Pursuant to Proposition 65, lead and lead compounds are chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity. Products containing lead and/or lead compounds that are sold or distributed in the State of California may be, under specified circumstances, subject to the Proposition 65 warning requirement set forth in Health and Safety Code § 25249.6. MEJF further alleges that beverage dispensers with brass valves or spigots that are manufactured, distributed, sold and/or marketed by Target for use in California, require a warning under Proposition 65.
- Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(d), filed a Complaint for Civil Penalties and Injunctive Relief in San Francisco County Superior Court, Casé No. CGC-09-485704 against Artland, Boston Warehouse, and Formation based on the allegations contained in the November 13, 2008 and December 23, 2008 Notices (the "Artland Complaint"). MEJF alleges in the Artland Complaint that Artland, Boston Warehouse, and Formation are businesses that employ more than ten persons and manufacture, distribute and/or market Beverage Dispensers made with brass valves or spigots that contain lead within the State of California. Pursuant to Proposition 65, lead and lead compounds are chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity. Products containing lead and/or lead compounds that are sold or distributed in the State of California may be, under

specified circumstances, subject to the Proposition 65 warning requirement set forth in Health and Safety Code § 25249.6. MEJF further alleges that beverage dispensers with brass valves or spigots that are manufactured, distributed, sold and/or marketed by Artland, Boston Warehouse, and Formation for use in California, require a warning under Proposition 65. On June 11, 2009, pursuant to leave of court, plaintiff amended the Target Complaint, adding Artland and Boston Warehouse as parties.

- 1.7 On or about March 18, 2009, MEJF provided a 60-day Notice of Violation to the California Attorney General, the District Attorneys of each county in California, the City Attorneys of every California city with a population greater than 750,000, Target, and Quest Products, Inc. ("Quest"), alleging that Target and Quest, through their sales in California of beverage dispensers with brass spigots that contain lead, were in violation of Proposition 65 by knowingly and intentionally exposing persons to lead, a product known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or birth defects or other reproductive harm, without first providing a clear and reasonable warning.
- 1.8 For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the Notices and Complaints and personal jurisdiction over Settling Defendants as to the acts alleged in the Complaints, that venue is proper in the County of San Francisco and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Judgment as a full and final settlement and resolution of the allegations contained in the Complaints and of all claims which were or could have been raised based on the facts alleged therein or arising therefrom.
- 1.9 The Parties enter into this Consent Judgment pursuant to a full and final settlement of disputed claims between the parties for the purpose of avoiding prolonged litigation. This Consent Judgment and compliance with it shall not constitute an admission with respect to any allegation made in the Notices or the Complaints, each and every allegation of which Settling Defendants deny, nor may this Consent Judgment or compliance with it be used as an admission or evidence of any fact, wrongdoing, misconduct, culpability or liability on the part of a Settling Defendant.

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- 2.1 The term "Covered Product" means a dispenser used to store and serve beverages, such as juice dispensers and coolers, that contains an external spigot or valve to dispense liquid that is made in whole or in part out of brass, or copper alloys that contain lead.
 - 2.2 The term "Effective Date" means the date of entry of this Consent Judgment.
- 2.3 The term "Identified Covered Products" means Covered Products supplied by Artland, Boston Warehouse, Formation, Grant Howard Associates Co. ("Grant Howard") and Quest, and sold by Artland, Boston Warehouse, and Target to customers in California.
- The term "Notices" means the notices identified in Sections 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, and 2.4 1.7.
- 2.5 The term "Private Label Covered Product" means a Covered Product that bears a private label as defined in Section 3(a)(12)(B) of the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2052(a)(12)(B).
- 2.6 The term "Settling Defendants" means Artland, Boston Warehouse, and Target.
- 2.7 The term "Supplier" means a person that directly supplies a Covered Product to a Settling Defendant.

3. **INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

- After the Effective Date, Artland and Boston Warehouse shall not sell, or 3.1 offer for sale, Covered Products and Target shall not sell, or offer for sale, Private Label Covered Products, in California.
- 3.2 Settling Defendants shall undertake the following actions to provide notice to customers or guests (hereafter "guests") in California who have in the past purchased Identified Covered Products:
- 3.2.1 Within 30 days of the Effective Date, Target shall provide a notice substantially in the same form and content as Exhibit A by electronic mail or U.S. Mail to all guests who purchased an Identified Covered Product (i) through target.com, or (ii) in a

transaction in which the guest utilized his or her Target Red Card, such that Target is in possession of the guest's email or U.S. Mail address.

- 3.2.2 Within 30 days of the Effective Date, and for a period of no less than 120 days thereafter. Target shall provide a notice substantially in the same form and content as Exhibit B on its website and in each store in California, in the same manner and location in which it provides consumer recall information in connection with products subject to recall by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission ("CPSC").
- shall each provide a notice substantially in the same form and content as Exhibit A by electronic mail or U.S. Mail to all consumers in California who purchased a Covered Product for whom Artland and Boston Warehouse is in possession of the consumer's email or U.S. Mail address, excluding any consumers who purchased Covered Products from Target. Artland and Boston Warehouse shall request each retailer to whom it offered a Covered Product for sale in California other than Target to provide them with such consumer information, but shall not be required to send a letter pursuant to this Section to such consumers, unless the retailer provides the consumer's email or U.S. Mail address. The releases of this agreement shall only apply to those retailers that have agreed in good faith to provide the consumer credit information they possess.

4. ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENT

- 4.1 The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be enforced exclusively by the Parties hereto. Subject to the requirements of Section 4.2 as to Covered Products sold by Target, the Parties may, by noticed motion or order to show cause before the Superior Court of San Francisco County, giving the notice required by law, enforce the terms and conditions contained herein.
- 4.2 Notice and Cure/Meet and Confer for Target Retail Sales. MEJF may provide Target with a Notice of Violation, alleging that Target has sold or offered for sale in California a Covered Product after the Effective Date.

4.2.1 The Notice of Violation shall identify the Covered Product by name, description, SKU, UPC, and any other identifying information available to MEJF. MEJF shall provide with the Notice of Violation copies of all available purchase receipts, product tags, and labels, picture(s) of the Covered Product, and any test results showing lead level in excess of the applicable reformulation standard and/or test protocol, if any. The Notice of Violation shall also include documentation establishing the amounts reasonably expended in performing testing and purchasing of the Covered Product and in preparing the Notice of Violation.

4.2.2 Within 15 business days of receiving such a request, Target shall provide notice to MEJF of its election to contest or not to contest the Notice of Violation. If Target elects not to contest the Notice of Violation, it shall, within 5 business days after providing its notice of election not to contest the Notice of Violation, stop the sale of the Covered Product in California, and contact those prior purchasers of Covered Products in California, that meet the criteria of section 3.2.1, and provide notice of a form substantially the same as Exhibit A. If Target complies with this Section 4.2.2, it shall be deemed to be in compliance with this Consent Judgment, there shall be no further actions taken related to the Covered Product and the Notice of Violation, and Target shall not be liable for any remedies, including injunctive relief, penalties, sanctions, monetary award, attorney's fees, or costs associated with the Covered Product or the Notice of Violation. Notwithstanding the above, Target shall reimburse MEJF for any amounts reasonably expended in performing testing and purchasing of the Covered Product, as well as costs reasonably expended in preparing the Notice of Violation, as identified in the Notice of Violation, in an amount not to exceed, \$5,000.

4.2.3 In the event that Target wishes to contest the allegations contained in any Notice of Violation, Target may provide with its notice of election any evidence to MEJF that in Target's judgment supports its position. In the event that, upon a good faith review of the evidence, MEJF agrees with Target's position, it shall notify Target and no further action shall be taken. If MEJF disagrees with Target's position, it shall, within 30

days, notify Target of such and provide Target, in writing, with the reasons for its disagreement. Thereafter, the Parties shall meet and confer to attempt to resolve their dispute on mutually acceptable terms.

- 4.2.4 If either (a) there is no resolution of the meet and confer process required under Section 4.2.3 within 45 days, (b) Target fails to provide written notice of its election to correct or contest the violations identified in a Notice of Violation within 15 days, or (c) Target fails to correct any uncontested violations identified in a Notice of Violation within 30 days, MEJF may seek to enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Consent Judgment in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Francisco, or may initiate an enforcement action for new violations pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(d).
- As to any matters not covered by Section 4.2, a Party may enforce any of the terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment only after that Party first provides 30-days notice to the Party allegedly failing to comply with the terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment and attempts to resolve such Party's failure to comply in an open and good faith manner. In any such proceeding, the Party may seek whatever fines, costs, penalties or remedies as may be provided by law for any violation of Proposition 65 or this Consent Judgment. This Section shall not apply to the obligations or requirements described in Section 5.1 through 5.2.3.

5. MONETARY RELIEF

- 5.1 Settling Defendants shall pay a total of \$210,000 in full and complete settlement of all monetary claims by MEJF, as follows:
- 5.2 At least five days prior to the hearing date on any motion to approve this Consent Judgment, Artland shall pay \$40,000, Boston Warehouse shall pay \$28,000, and Target shall pay \$102,000 to the Klamath Environmental Law Center ("KELC"). These payments shall be sent to the attention of William Verick, Klamath Environmental Law Center, 424 First Street, Eureka, California 95501. If the payments have not been so received, MEJF may continue or withdraw any motion to approve this agreement, and this

Consent Judgment shall be deemed of no effect. If within 120 days, this Consent Judgment has not been approved by the Court, these payments will be returned. Upon approval by the Court of this Consent Judgment, the payments shall subsequently and within a commercially reasonable time be allocated by KELC as follows:

- 5.2.1 The sum of \$10,000 shall be paid in civil penalties, payable as follows: 75% of the penalty shall be made payable to the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, with the remaining 25% payable to Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation in accordance with California Health and Safety Code § 25192.
- 5.2.2 The sum of \$40,000 shall be paid as a charitable contribution as follows: \$25,000 to Ecological Rights Foundation, \$10,000 to Californians Against Toxics, and \$5,000 to KPFA Radio. These payments shall be used for reducing exposures to toxic chemicals and other pollutants, and for increasing consumer, worker and community awareness of health hazards posed by lead and other toxic chemicals. The Parties agree and acknowledge that the charitable contributions made pursuant to this Section shall not be construed as a credit against the personal claims of absent third parties for restitution against the defendant.
- 5.2.3 The sum of \$120,000, shall be retained by Klamath Environmental.

 Law Center, as payment in part for the attorneys fees and costs incurred in this action.
- 5.3 An additional \$40,000 in civil penalties shall be paid by Target, unless it certifies in writing to Matcel within 60 days after the Effective Date that it provided the notices required by Section 3.2. Target's certification of its compliance with Section 3.2 shall contain exemplars of the notices sent and posted, as well as a description of the number of guests directly contacted for each supplier's Covered Product under Section 3.2.1 Any additional civil penalties due under this Section shall be payable as follows: 75% of the penalty shall be made payable to the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, with the remaining 25% payable to Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation in accordance with California Health and Safety Code § 25192.

6. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASE

As to Identified Covered Products sold by Settling Defendants prior to the 6.1 Effective Date, this Consent Judgment is a final and binding resolution between MEJF. acting on behalf of itself and (as to those matters raised in the Notices) in the public interest, and Settling Defendants and their parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates ("the Defendant Releasees"), and all of their customers, distributors, wholesalers, retailers, or any other person in the course of doing business, and the successors and assigns of any of them, who may use, maintain, distribute or sell Covered Products ("Downstream Defendant Releasees") of: (i) any violation of Proposition 65 (including but not limited to the claims made in the Complaints and the Notices); and (ii) any other claim that could have been asserted by MEJF in the public interest against the Defendant Releasees or the Downstream Defendant Releasees, based on exposure of persons to lead from Identified Covered Products or failure to provide a clear and reasonable warning of such exposure, whether based on actions committed by the Defendant Releasees or the Downstream Defendant Releasees or others. As to alleged exposures to lead from Identified Covered Products. compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment resolves any issue, now and in the future, concerning compliance by the Defendant Releasees and the Downstream Defendant Releasees with the requirements of Proposition 65.

6.2 As to Identified Covered Products sold by the Defendant Releasees prior to the Effective Date, MEJF, by and on behalf of itself and its respective agents, attorneys, affiliates, successors and assigns, waives any and all rights to institute any form of legal action, and releases all claims against the Defendant Releasees and the Downstream Defendant Releasees, whether, under Proposition 65 or otherwise, arising out of or resulting from, or related directly or indirectly to, in whole or in part, the Identified Covered Products, including but not limited to any exposure to, or failure to warn with respect to, lead in Identified Covered Products that was or could have been alleged by Plaintiff against any of the Defendant Releasees or the Downstream Defendant Releasees based on the facts

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alleged in the Complaints or the Notices, or facts similar to those alleged (referred to collectively in this Section as the "Claims").

6.3 In furtherance of the Parties' intention that this Consent Judgment shall be effective as a full and final accord, satisfaction, and release as to the Defendant Releasees and the Downstream Defendant Releasees of and from any and all matters released hereunder, MEJF acknowledges familiarity and understanding of California Civil Code § 1542, which provides as follows:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

To the extent that Section 1542 or any similar law or statute may otherwise apply to this Consent Judgment, MEJF hereby waives and relinquishes as to all matters released hereunder all rights and benefits it has, or may have, under Section 1542 or the laws of any other jurisdiction to the same or similar effect. MEJF further acknowledges that, subsequent to the execution of this Consent Judgment, it may discover Claims that were unsuspected at the time this Consent Judgment was executed, and which might have materially affected its decision to execute this Consent Judgment, but nevertheless MEJF releases the Defendant Releasees and the Downstream Defendant Releasees from any and all such Claims, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, at the time of the execution of this Consent Judgment.

6.4 The provisions of this Section 6 shall not apply to or affect any claims that may be brought by MEJF or a Settling Defendant against a Supplier that is not a Settling Defendant, unless such Supplier is a Defendant Releasee. This Section 6 shall have no effect on any claim by Target for seeking contribution for costs of defense or settlement from any Supplier of Identified Covered Products.

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7. APPLICATION OF JUDGMENT

- 7.1 The obligations of this Consent Judgment shall apply to and be binding upon all plaintiffs acting in the public interest pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7, and Setting Defendants, and their successors or assigns. The terms contained in this Consent Judgment shall be submitted to the California Attorney General's office prior to the entry of this Consent Judgment by the Court.
- 7.2 This Consent Judgment shall have no effect on Covered Products sold or offered for sale by Settling Defendants outside the State of California.

8. MODIFICATION OF JUDGMENT

- 8.1 This Consent Judgment may be modified only upon written agreement of the parties and upon entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court thereon or upon motion of any party as provided by law and upon entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court.
- 8.2 If the Attorney General of the State of California or Plaintiff permit any reformulation standard and/or test protocol for lead in Covered Products by way of settlement or compromise with any other person in the course of doing business, or any other entity, or if a reformulation standard and/or test protocol for lead in Covered Products is incorporated by way of final judgment as to any other person in the course of doing business, or any other entity, then Settling Defendants shall be entitled to apply any such reformulation standard and/or test protocol to Covered Products. In the event that a Settling Defendant elects to use such alternative reformulation standard and/or test protocol, it shall provide notice to MEJF.
- 8.3 Settling Defendants shall be entitled to a modification to this Consent Judgment to establish a reformulation standard and/or test protocol for lead content in Covered Products consistent with any "safe use determination" regarding lead content in Covered Products issued by the California Environmental Protection Agency Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, pursuant to 27 Cal. Code Regs. § 25204 or any successor regulation.

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With a copy to:

Peter K. Jenkins, President **Boston Warehouse Trading Corporation** 59 Davis Avenue Norwood, Massachusetts 02062

If to Artland

William J. Flaherty **Executive Vice President** ARTLAND, INC. 231 Herrod Blvd., Suite A Dayton, NJ 08810 Phone: 609-395-1500 x 102

Fax: 609-395-3555 bill@artlandinc.com

Any Party may modify the person and address to whom notice is to be sent by sending each other Party notice in accordance with this Section.

AUTHORITY TO STIPULATE 13.

Each signatory to this Consent Judgment certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party he or she represents to enter into this Consent Judgment and to execute it on behalf of the party represented and legally to bind that party.

14. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire, agreement and 14.1 understanding of the parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof, and any and all prior discussions, negotiations, commitments and understandings related hereto. representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those contained herein have been made by any party hereto. No other agreements not specifically referred to herein, oral or otherwise, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties.

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This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and/or by facsimile or

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EXHIBIT A - NOTICE TO TARGET GUESTS

Dear Target Guest:

Our records show that you may have purchased a Target Home® beverage dispenser with a brass spigot supplied to Target by Artland, Inc., Boston Warehouse Trading Corp, Formation, Inc., Grant Howard Associates Co., or Quest Products, Inc. Pictures of these dispensers are below.

Target has been advised that the brass spigots on these beverage dispensers leach lead into liquids dispensed through the spigots. Lead is a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects. The safety of our guest has been, and continues to be, our first priority. That's why we've stopped selling these items and have taken steps to ensure that our product vendors no longer supply beverage dispensers with leaded brass. We ask that you immediately stop using your dispenser, and return it to any Target store for a full refund in the form of a gift card. No receipt is required for this return.

If you have further questions, please give our Guest Relations team a call at 800-440-0680 Target is committed to providing our guests with quality products, and we apologize for any concerns this may cause.

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EXHIBIT B - IN-STORE/WEBSITE NOTIFICATION

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