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11	ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER, a California non-profit Case No.: BC537514		
12	corporation, NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT		
13	Plaintiffs, (
14	vs.		
15	BIO NUTRITIONAL RESEARCH () GROUP, INC. and DOES 1-25, Inclusive, ()		
16 17	Defendants.		
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19	TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:		
20	NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has entered Judgment and approved the		
21	settlement by Stipulated Consent Judgment in the above-entitled matter. A true and correct copy		
22	of the Stipulated Consent Judgment and Order is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.		
23	Dated: July 24, 2015 WRAITH LAW		
24	William Le frill		
25	By: WILLIAM F. WRAITH		
26	WILLIAM F. WRAITH Attorney for Plaintiff		
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EXHIBIT 1

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	Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health and Safety Code Section		
2	25249.5 et seq. (also known as and herein after referred to as "Proposition 65") against		
3	Defendant BIONUTRITIONAL RESEARCH GROUP, INC. ("BNRG"). On or about August 25,		
١.	2014, ERC filed a First Amended Complaint. ERC alleged violations concerning the following		
5	products:		
5	a. BNRG Proto Whey Vanilla Crème		
7	b. BNRG Power Crunch Proto Whey Café Mocha		
3	c. BNRG Power Crunch Protein Energy Bar Original Triple Chocolate		
,	d. BNRG Power Crunch Proto Whey Double Chocolate		

- e. BNRG Power Crunch Proto Whey Cookies & Créme
- f. BNRG Power Crunch Proto Whey Ultraburn Chocolate Créme
- g. BNRG Power Crunch Proto Whey Ultraburn Vanilla Café

These listed products are hereinafter collectively the "Covered Products" or "Covered Product" to refer to a single product.

- 1.2 ERC is a California non-profit corporation acting as a private enforcer of Proposition 65 that is dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by reducing the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility. ERC brings this Action in the public interest pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7, has diligently prosecuted this matter, and is settling in the public interest.
- 1.3 BNRG is a California Corporation and at all relevant times for purposes of this Consent Judgment, employed ten or more persons, and qualified as a "person in the course of doing business" within the meaning of Proposition 65. BNRG manufactures, distributes and sells the Covered Products.
- 1.4 ERC and BNRG are hereinafter sometimes referred to individually as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties."
- 1.5 On July 19, 2013, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)(1), ERC served a Notice of Violation of Proposition 65 ("Notice of Violations") on

the California Attorney General, other public enforcers, and BNRG. A true and correct copy of the July 19, 2013 Notice of Violation is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

- 1.6 On May 23, 2014, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)(1), ERC served a second Notice of Violation of Proposition 65 on the California Attorney General, other public enforcers, and BNRG. A true and correct copy of the May 23, 2014 Notice of Violation is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 1.7 The July 19, 2013 Notice of Violation and the May 23, 2014 Notice of Violation are collectively referred to herein as the "Notices of Violations."
- 1.8 More than sixty (60) days passed since service of the Notices of Violations, and no designated governmental agency filed a complaint against BNRG with regard to the Covered Products or the alleged violations.
- 1.9 The Complaint, the First Amended Complaint, and the Notices of Violations allege that BNRG manufactured, distributed, and/or sold in California the Covered Products, which contain lead, a chemical listed under Proposition 65 as a carcinogen and reproductive toxin, and expose consumers at a level requiring a Proposition 65 warning. They further allege that use of the Covered Products exposes persons in California to lead without first providing clear and reasonable warnings, in violation of California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6. BNRG denies all material allegations of the Notices of Violation, the Complaint, and the First Amended Complaint, asserts numerous affirmative defenses, and specifically denies that the Covered Products require a Proposition 65 warning or otherwise cause harm to any person.
- 1.10 The Parties enter into this Consent Judgment in order to settle, compromise and resolve disputed claims and avoid prolonged and costly litigation. Nothing in this Consent Judgment, nor compliance with its terms, shall constitute or be construed as an admission by any of the Parties, or by any of their respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, franchisees, licensees, distributors, wholesalers, or retailers, of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law, violation of law, fault, wrongdoing, or liability, including without limitation, any admission concerning any alleged violation of

Proposition 65. This Consent Judgment shall not be offered or admitted as evidence in any administrative or judicial proceeding or litigation in any court, agency or forum, except with respect to an action seeking to enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment. Except as expressly set forth herein, nothing in this Consent Judgment shall prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy, argument, or defense the Parties may have in any other or future legal proceeding unrelated to these proceedings. However, nothing in this Section shall affect the enforceability of this Consent Judgment, and shall not diminish or otherwise affect the obligations, responsibilities or duties of any Party with respect to this Consent Judgment.

- 1.11 The "Effective Date" of this Consent Judgment shall be the date this Consent Judgment is entered by the Court.
- 1.12 The only products covered by this Consent Judgment are the Covered Products, and the only chemical covered by this Consent Judgment is the chemical lead as related to the Covered Products only.

2. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Action and personal jurisdiction over the Parties as to the acts alleged in the First Amended Complaint, that venue is proper in Los Angeles Superior Court, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Judgment pursuant to the terms set forth herein.

3. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

- 3.1 Reformulation of Covered Products. Beginning on the Effective Date, subject to the sell through period outlined in Section 3.5, BNRG shall be permanently enjoined from directly selling to a consumer in California or "Distributing into California" any Covered Product for which the "Daily Lead Exposure Level" exceeds an amount of lead that is 0.5 micrograms, excluding the Warner Lambert and cocoa allowances set forth in table 3.3 below.
- 3.2 "Distributing into California" and "Distribute into California" mean to directly ship any of the Covered Products into California for sale or to sell any of the Covered Products to a distributor that BNRG knows will, or intends to, sell the Covered Product in California.

"Daily Lead Exposure Level" shall be measured in micrograms, and shall be 3.3 calculated using the following formula: micrograms of lead per gram of product, minus the amounts of lead listed in Table 3.3 below (which for purposes of this Consent Judgment shall be treated as naturally occurring), multiplied by the number of grams per serving of the product (using the largest recommended serving size appearing on the product label), multiplied by the number of recommended servings of the product per day on the label (if any). If BNRG seeks to subtract out any amounts of naturally occurring lead listed in Table 3.3, BNRG shall provide ERC with the name of the Covered Product that BNRG contends contains naturally occurring lead, the exact ingredient(s) listed below in Table 3.3 that are contained in the Covered Product, and the amount in grams per serving of each such ingredient in Table 3.3. BNRG may update this information from time to time. In the event a dispute arises with respect to naturally occurring lead levels allowed under this Section, ERC and BNRG shall seek entry of a protective order that governs access to and disclosure of the information provided confidentially by BNRG to ERC in any litigation or proceeding before any such information is disclosed by ERC in connection with that litigation or proceeding.

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INGREDIENT	NATURALLY OCCURING AMOUNT OF LEAD
Elemental Calcium	0.8 micrograms/gram
Ferrous Fumarate	0.4 micrograms/gram
Zinc Oxide	8.0 micrograms/gram
Magnesium Oxide	0.4 micrograms/gram
Magnesium Carbonate	0.332 micrograms/gram
Magnesium Hydroxide	0.4 micrograms/gram
Zinc Gluconate	0.8 micrograms/gram
Potassium Chloride	1.1 micrograms/gram
Cocoa-powder	1.0 micrograms/gram
Chocolate Liquor	1.0 micrograms/gram
Cocoa Butter	0.1 micrograms/gram

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3.4 Testing and Quality Control Methodology

- (a) Within one year of the Effective Date, BNRG shall arrange for lead testing of the Covered Products by arranging for testing of three randomly selected samples of each of the Covered Products, in the form intended for sale to the end-user, which BNRG intends to sell or is manufacturing for sale in California, directly selling to a consumer in California or "Distributing into California." BNRG shall provide copies of these test results to ERC.
- (b) For purposes of measuring the "Daily Lead Exposure Level", the highest lead detection result of the three (3) randomly selected samples of the Covered Products will be controlling.
- (c) All testing pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be performed using a laboratory method that complies with the performance and quality control factors appropriate for the method used, including limit of detection, qualification, accuracy, and precision that meets the following criteria: Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry ("ICP-MS") achieving a limit of quantification of less than or equal to 0.010 mg/kg or any other testing method that achieves this limit of quantification.
- (d) All testing pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be performed by an independent third party laboratory certified by the California Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program or an independent third-party laboratory that is registered with the United States Food & Drug Administration.
- (e) Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall limit BNRG's ability to conduct, or require that others conduct, additional testing of the Covered Products, including the raw materials used in their manufacture.
- Sell Through Period. Notwithstanding anything else in this Consent Judgment, 3.5 BNRG's Covered Products that were manufactured prior to the Effective Date shall be subject to the release of liability pursuant to Section 10 of this Consent Judgment, without regard to when such Covered Products were, or are in the future, distributed or sold to consumers. As a result, the obligations of BNRG as set forth in this Consent Judgment, including but not limited to Section 3, do not apply to these products manufactured prior to the Effective Date. Within no

more than ten (10) days of the Effective Date, BNRG will provide ERC with the final lot numbers of Covered Products manufactured before the Effective Date.

4. SETTLEMENT PAYMENT

- 4.1 In full satisfaction of all potential civil penalties, payment in lieu of civil penalties, attorney's fees, and costs, BNRG shall make a total payment of \$202,500 ("Total Settlement Amount"), which shall be paid in ten (10) equal monthly installments of \$20,250 (the "Settlement Payments"), the first of which shall be due and payable within ten (10) business days after the Effective Date. BNRG shall make each Settlement Payment by wire transfer to ERC's escrow account, for which ERC will give BNRG the necessary account information. Said payment shall be for the following:
- 4.2 As a portion of the Total Settlement Amount, \$89,668.00 shall be considered a civil penalty pursuant to California Health and Safety Code §25249.7(b)(1). ERC shall remit 75% (\$67,251.00) of the civil penalty to the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") for deposit in the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Fund in accordance with California Health and Safety Code §25249.12(c). ERC will retain the remaining 25% (\$22,417.00) of the civil penalty.
- 4.3 \$4,466.98 shall be distributed to Environmental Research Center as reimbursement to ERC for (A) reasonable costs associated in bringing this action; and (B) \$67,646.47 shall be distributed to Environmental Research Center in lieu of further civil penalties, for the day-to-day business activities such as (1) continued enforcement of Proposition 65, which includes work, analyzing, researching and testing consumer products that may contain Proposition 65 chemicals, focusing on the same or similar type of ingestible products that are the subject matter of the current action; (2) the continued monitoring of past consent judgments and settlements to ensure companies are in compliance with Proposition 65; and (3) giving a donation of \$3,381.00 to the Environmental Working Group to address reducing toxic chemical exposures in California.
- 4.4 \$15,225.00 shall be distributed to Wraith Law as reimbursement of ERC's attorney's fees and \$25,493.55 shall be distributed to ERC for its in-house legal fees.

5. COSTS AND FEES

Except as expressly set forth in Section 4, each Party shall bear its own attorney's fees, costs, and expenses in this Action.

6. MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

- 6.1. This Consent Judgment may be modified only by: (i) Written agreement and stipulation of the Parties and (ii) upon entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court. ERC is entitled to reimbursement all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs regarding any modification requested or initiated by BNRG.
- 6.2. If either party seeks to modify this Consent Judgment under Section 8.1, then the party requesting the modification shall provide written notice to the other party of its intent ("Notice of Intent"). If the party receiving the Notice of Intent seeks to meet and confer regarding the proposed modification, then that party shall provide written notice to the other party within thirty (30) days of receiving the Notice of Intent. If such notice is provided in a timely manner, then the parties shall meet and confer in good faith as required in this Section. The parties shall meet in person or on the telephone within thirty (30) days of notification of intent to meet and confer. Within thirty (30) days of such meeting, if the party receiving the Notice of Intent disputes the proposed modification, that party shall provide the other party a written factual basis for its position. The parties shall continue to meet and confer for an additional thirty (30) days in an effort to resolve any remaining disputes. The parties may agree in writing to different deadlines for the meet and confer period.
- 6.3. Where the meet and confer process does not lead to a joint motion or application in support of a modification of the Consent Judgment, then either party may seek judicial relief on its own. In such a situation, the prevailing party may seek to recover costs and reasonable attorney's fees. As used in the preceding sentence, the term "prevailing party" means a party who is successful in obtaining relief more favorable to it than the relief that the other party was

amenable to providing in writing and with specificity during the parties' good faith attempt to resolve the dispute that is the subject of the modification.

- 6.4. In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed, preempted, or otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, then this Consent Judgment shall terminate automatically without the need for further action of the parties. Should there be an amendment to Proposition 65 or should OEHHA promulgate regulations that establish a Maximum Allowable Dose Level ("MADL") of lead that is more or less stringent than 0.5 micrograms per day, this Consent Judgment shall be deemed modified on the date the amendment becomes final to incorporate the new standard, provided however, such time period shall be extended to include the completion through final appeal of timely filed legal challenges. The new MADL shall thereafter replace the references in this Consent Judgment to 0.5 micrograms.
- 6.5. This Consent Judgment shall terminate without further action by any party when BNRG no longer manufactures, distributes or sells all of the Covered Products and all of such Covered Products previously "distributed for sale in California" have reached their expiration dates and are no longer sold.

7. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to enforce, modify or terminate this Consent Judgment.

8. ENFORCEMENT OF CONSENT JUDGMENT; GOOD FAITH ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE DISPUTES

8.1 In the event a dispute arises with respect to any Party's compliance with the terms and/or conditions of this Consent Judgment after its entry by the Court, the Party seeking compliance of another Party shall make a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute by conferring with the other Party in person, by telephone or by written communication before seeking relief from the Court. If the dispute is not resolved after such an attempt, this Consent Judgment may be enforced in this Court pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 664.4 or any other valid

provision of the law. The prevailing party in any such dispute brought to this Court for resolution shall be awarded all reasonable costs and attorney's fees. As used in the preceding sentence, the term "prevailing party" means a party who is successful in obtaining relief more favorable to it than the relief the other party was agreeable to providing during the Parties' good faith attempt to resolve the dispute that is the subject of such an enforcement proceeding.

9. APPLICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

This Consent Judgment shall apply to, be binding upon, and benefit the Parties and their respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, franchisees, licensees, customers (excluding private labelers), distributors, wholesalers, retailers, predecessors, successors, and assigns. This Consent Judgment shall have no application to Covered Products that are exclusively distributed and/or sold outside the State of California. With respect to Covered Products that are distributed and/or sold both inside and outside of California, the requirements contained in this Consent Judgment apply to the Covered Products only to the extent that the distribution and/or sales occur in California.

10. RELEASE

10.1 ERC acting on its own behalf and in the public interest releases BNRG and its officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, franchisees, licensees, customers (excluding private labelers), distributors, wholesalers, retailers, predecessors, successors, and assigns from any and all claims for any violations of Proposition 65 up through the Effective Date relating to exposure to lead from the Covered Products as set forth in the Notice of Violation. Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment shall constitute compliance with Proposition 65 with regard to any exposures to lead from the Covered Products as set forth in the Notice of Violation and Complaint.

10.2 Unknown Claims

It is possible that other claims not now known to the Parties arising out of the facts alleged in the Notice of Violation or the Complaint and relating to lead in the Covered Products that were manufactured before the Effective Date will develop or be discovered. ERC, on behalf of itself only, waives California Civil Code Section 1542 as to any such unknown claims.

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California Civil Code Section 1542 reads as follows:

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

- 10.3 ERC on behalf of itself only, on one hand, and BNRG, on the other hand, each release and waive all claims they may have against each other and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, and attorneys for any statements or actions made or undertaken by them or their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, and attorneys in connection with the Notice of Violation or this Action.
- 10.4 Nothing in this release is intended to apply to any occupational or environmental exposures arising under Proposition 65, nor shall it apply to any products other than the Covered Products.

11. SEVERABILITY OF UNENFORCEABLE PROVISIONS

In the event that, after entry of this Consent Judgment, any of the provisions are held by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the enforceable provisions shall not be adversely affected.

12. GOVERNING LAW

The terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

13. COURT APPROVAL

- 13.1 Upon execution of this Consent Judgment by the Parties, ERC shall notice a Motion for Court Approval. The Parties shall use their best efforts to support entry of this Consent Judgment.
- 13.2 If the California Attorney General objects to any term in this Consent Judgment, the Parties shall use their best efforts to resolve the concern in a timely manner, and if possible prior to the hearing on the motion.

13.3 If this Stipulated Consent Judgment is not approved by the Court despite the Parties' best efforts, it shall be null and void and have no force or effect.

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The terms of this Consent Judgment have been reviewed by the respective legal counsel for each Party prior to its signing, and each Party has had an opportunity to fully discuss the terms with its legal counsel. The Parties agree that, in any subsequent interpretation or construction of this Consent Judgment, no inference, assumption, or presumption shall be drawn, and no provision of this Consent Judgment shall be construed against any Party, based on the fact that one of the Parties drafted any portion of this Consent Judgment.

15. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter herein, and any and all prior discussions, negotiations, commitments and understandings related hereto. No representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those contained herein have been made by any Party. No other agreements, oral or otherwise, unless specifically referred to herein, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any Party.

16. EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS

This Stipulated Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts, which taken together shall be deemed one document. A facsimile or .pdf signature shall be construed as valid and as the original signature.

17. NOTICES

All notices required to be given to either Party to this Consent Judgment by the other shall be in writing and sent to the following agents listed below by: (a) first-class, registered, (b) certified mail, (b) overnight courier, or (c) personal delivery to the following

For Environmental Research Center

Chris Heptinstall, Executive Director Environmental Research Center 3111 Camino del Rio North, Suite 400 San Diego, CA 92108 Phone: 619-500-3090

Email: chris erc501c3@yahoo.com

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2	William F. Wraith, Esq. Wraith Law		
3	16485 Laguna Canyon Road, Suite 250 Irvine, CA 92618		
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5	For Bio Nutritional Research Group, Inc.		
6	Daniel Chammas Venable LLP		
7	2049 Century Park East, Suite 2100		
8	Los Angeles, CA 90067 Telephone: (310) 229-0302 Facsimile: (310) 229-9901		
9	18. AUTHORITY TO STIPULATE TO THIS CONSENT JUDGMENT		
10	Each person signing this Consent Judgment on behalf of a Party certifies that he or she is		
1.1	fully authorized by that Party to stipulate to the terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment		
12	on behalf of that Party, to enter into and execute this Consent Judgment on behalf of that Party,		
13	and to legally bind that Party to this Consent Judgment. The terms and conditions of this Consent		
14	Judgment have been reviewed by the respective counsel for the Parties prior to its signing, and		
15	each person signing this Consent Judgment has had an opportunity to fully discuss the terms and		
16	conditions with that Party's counsel. Each person signing this Consent Judgment on behalf of a		
17	Party represents and warrants that he or she has read and understands this Consent Judgment, and		
18	agrees to all of the terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment on behalf of that Party.		
19	IT IS SO STIPULATED:		
20	ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER		
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23	Chris Heptinsial, Executive Director		
24	BIO NUTRITIONAL RESEARCH GROUP, INC.		
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27	By: Kevin Lawrence Its: Chief Executive Officer		
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[PROPOSED] STIPULATED CONSENT JUDGMENT

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ORDER AND JUDGMENT

Based upon the Parties' Stipulation, and good cause appearing therefor, this Consent Judgment is approved and judgment is hereby entered according to its terms.

IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED.

Dated: 7-14-15

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<u>SAMANTHA</u> P. JESSNER

Judge, Superior Court of the State of California

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July 19, 2013

NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.5 ET SEQ. (PROPOSITION 65)

Dear Alleged Violator and the Appropriate Public Enforcement Agencies:

I represent Environmental Research Center ("ERC"), 3111 Camino Del Rio North, San Diego, CA 92108; Tel. (619) 500-3090. ERC's Executive Director is Chris Heptinstall. ERC is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by bringing about a reduction in the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility.

ERC has identified violations of California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 ("Proposition 65"), which is codified at California Health & Safety Code §25249.5 et seq., with respect to the products identified below. These violations have occurred and continue to occur because the alleged Violator identified below failed to provide required clear and reasonable warnings with these products. This letter serves as a notice of these violations to the alleged Violator and the appropriate public enforcement agencies. Pursuant to Section 25249.7(d) of the statute, ERC intends to file a private enforcement action in the public interest 60 days after effective service of this notice unless the public enforcement agencies have commenced and are diligently prosecuting an action to rectify these violations.

<u>General Information about Proposition 65.</u> A copy of a summary of Proposition 65, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, is attached with the copy of this letter served to the alleged Violator identified below.

<u>Alleged Violator</u>. The name of the company covered by this notice that violated Proposition 65 (hereinafter the "Violator") is:

Bio-Nutritional Research Group, Inc.

<u>Consumer Products and Listed Chemicals</u>. The products that are the subject of this notice and the chemical in those products identified as exceeding allowable levels are:

- BNRG Proto Whey Vanilla Crème Lead
- BNRG Power Crunch Proto Whey Café Mocha

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- BNRG Power Crunch Protein Energy Bar Original Triple Chocolate
- BNRG Power Crunch Proto Whey Double Chocolate
- BNRG Power Crunch Proto Whey Cookies & Créme

On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed lead as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity, and male and female reproductive toxicity. On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed lead and lead compounds as chemicals known to cause cancer.

It should be noted that ERC may continue to investigate other products that may reveal further violations and result in subsequent notices of violations.

Route of Exposure. The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the purchase, acquisition, handling and recommended use of these products. Consequently, the primary route of exposure to these chemicals has been and continues to be through ingestion, but may have also occurred and may continue to occur through inhalation and/or dermal contact.

Approximate Time Period of Violations. Ongoing violations have occurred every day since at least July 19, 2010, as well as every day since the products were introduced into the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users or until these known toxic chemicals are either removed from or reduced to allowable levels in the products. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to the identified chemicals. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product label. The Violator violated Proposition 65 because it failed to provide persons handling and/or using these products with appropriate warnings that they are being exposed to these chemicals.

Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and a desire to have these ongoing violations of California law quickly rectified, ERC is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter that includes an enforceable written agreement by the Violator to: (1) reformulate the identified products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemicals, or provide appropriate warnings on the labels of these products; and (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty. Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemicals, as well as an expensive and time consuming litigation.

ERC has retained me as legal counsel in connection with this matter. **Please direct all communications regarding this Notice of Violations to my attention at the law office address and telephone number indicated on the letterhead.**

Sincerely,
William Fullaith

William F. Wraith

Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code §25249.5 *et seq*. July 19, 2013 Page 3

Attachments

Certificate of Merit Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to Bio-Nutritional Research Group, Inc. and its Registered Agent for Service of Process only)

Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to AG only)

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Re: Environmental Research Center's Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by Bio-Nutritional Research Group, Inc.

I, William F. Wraith, declare:

- 1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached 60-day notice in which it is alleged the party identified in the notice violated California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
 - 2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.
- 3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemicals that are the subject of the notice.
- 4. Based on the information obtained through those consultants, and on other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiff's case can be established and that the information did not prove that the alleged Violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.
- 5. Along with the copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General is attached additional factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in California Health & Safety Code §25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: July 19, 2013

William F. Wraith

William Flelwith

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct:

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years of age, and am not a party to the within entitled action. My business address is 306 Joy Street, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742. I am a resident or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. The envelope or package was placed in the mail at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

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President or CEO Bio-Nutritional Research Group, Inc. 15375 Barranca Pkwy, Suite C-104 Irvine, CA 92618 Alan G. Novodor (Registered Agent for Bio-Nutritional Research Group) 11835 W. Olympic Boulevard, Suite 1125E Los Angeles, CA 90064

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Office of the California Attorney General Prop 65 Enforcement Reporting 1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000 Oakland, CA 94612-0550

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Executed on July 19, 2013, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

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May 23, 2014

NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.5 ET SEQ. (PROPOSITION 65)

Dear Alleged Violator and the Appropriate Public Enforcement Agencies:

I represent Environmental Research Center ("ERC"), 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108; Tel. (619) 500-3090. ERC's Executive Director is Chris Heptinstall. ERC is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by bringing about a reduction in the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility.

ERC has identified violations of California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 ("Proposition 65"), which is codified at California Health & Safety Code §25249.5 et seq., with respect to the products identified below. These violations have occurred and continue to occur because the alleged Violator identified below failed to provide required clear and reasonable warnings with these products. This letter serves as a notice of these violations to the alleged Violator and the appropriate public enforcement agencies. Pursuant to Section 25249.7(d) of the statute, ERC intends to file a private enforcement action in the public interest 60 days after effective service of this notice unless the public enforcement agencies have commenced and are diligently prosecuting an action to rectify these violations.

<u>General Information about Proposition 65</u>. A copy of a summary of Proposition 65, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, is attached with the copy of this letter served to the alleged Violator identified below.

<u>Alleged Violator</u>. The name of the company covered by this notice that violated Proposition 65 (hereinafter the "Violator") is:

Bio-Nutritional Research Group, Inc.

<u>Consumer Products and Listed Chemicals</u>. The products that are the subject of this notice and the chemical in those products identified as exceeding allowable levels are:

BNRG PowerCrunch Proto Whey Ultraburn Chocolate Crème - Lead BNRG PowerCrunch Proto Whey Ultraburn Vanilla Café - Lead

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On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed lead as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity, and male and female reproductive toxicity. On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed lead and lead compounds as chemicals known to cause cancer.

It should be noted that ERC may continue to investigate other products that may reveal further violations and result in subsequent notices of violations.

Route of Exposure. The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the purchase, acquisition, handling and recommended use of these products. Consequently, the primary route of exposure to these chemicals has been and continues to be through ingestion, but may have also occurred and may continue to occur through inhalation and/or dermal contact.

Approximate Time Period of Violations. Ongoing violations have occurred every day since at least May 23, 2011, as well as every day since the products were introduced into the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users or until these known toxic chemicals are either removed from or reduced to allowable levels in the products. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to the identified chemicals. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product label. The Violator violated Proposition 65 because it failed to provide persons handling and/or using these products with appropriate warnings that they are being exposed to these chemicals.

Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and a desire to have these ongoing violations of California law quickly rectified, ERC is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter that includes an enforceable written agreement by the Violator to: (1) reformulate the identified products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemicals, or provide appropriate warnings on the labels of these products; and (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty. Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemicals, as well as an expensive and time consuming litigation.

ERC has retained me as legal counsel in connection with this matter. **Please direct all communications regarding this Notice of Violations to my attention at the law office address and telephone number indicated on the letterhead.**

Sincerely,
William Fulwith

William F. Wraith

Attachments

Certificate of Merit Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to Bio-Nutritional Research Group, Inc. and its Registered Agent for Service of Process only)

Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to AG only)

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Re: Environmental Research Center's Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by Bio-Nutritional Research Group, Inc.

I, William F. Wraith, declare:

- 1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached 60-day notice in which it is alleged the party identified in the notice violated California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
 - 2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.
- 3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemicals that are the subject of the notice.
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Dated: May 23, 2014

William F Wraith

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ERC v. Bio Nutritional Research Group, Inc., et al., LASC Case No. BC537514 1 PROOF OF SERVICE 2 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 3 I, William F. Wraith, am an active member of the State Bar of California and not a party to this action. I am a resident or employed in the county where the mailing took place. My business 4 address is 24422 Avenida de la Carlota, Suite 400, Laguna Hills, CA 92653. 5 On July 24, 2015, I served the foregoing documents described as: **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF** 6 **JUDGMENT** on the following interested parties in this action in the manner identified below: 7 Daniel B. Chammas, Esq. Ryan M. Andrews, Esq. 8 Venable LLP 9 2049 Century Park East, Suite 2100 Los Angeles, CA 90067 10 Attorneys for Defendant BIO NUTRITIONAL RESEARCH GROUP, INC. 11 California Dept. of Justice, Office of the Attorney General 12 **Proposition 65 Enforcement Reporting** Attention: Prop 65 Coordinator 13 1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000 Post Office Box 70550 14 Oakland, California 94612-0550 15 **BY MAIL** – **COLLECTION:** I placed the envelope for collection and mailing following this business's ordinary business practices. I am readily familiar with this [X]16 business's practice for collecting and processing correspondence for mailing. On the same day that correspondence is placed for collection and mailing, it is deposited in the 17 ordinary course of business with the United States Postal Service in a sealed envelope 18 with postage fully prepaid. 19 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true 20 and correct. Executed on July 24, 2015 at Laguna Hills, California. Elian Falaith 21 22 William F. Wraith 23 24 25 26 27 28 -1-

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