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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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CASE NO. RG17850885
ASSIGNED FOR ALL PURPOSES TO:
JUDGE WINIFRED Y. SMITH
DEPARTMENT 21
STIPULATED CONSENT
JUDGMENT
Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 et seq.
Action Filed: February 27, 2017
Trial Date: None set
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1.1 On February 27, 2017, Plaintiff Environmental Research Center, Inc. ("ERC"), a
non-profit corporation, as a private enforcer and in the public interest, initiated this action by
filing a Complaint for Injunctive Relief and Civil Penalties (the "Complaint") pursuant to the
provisions of California Health and Safety Code section 25249.5 et seq. ("Proposition 65"),
against BLACKSTONE LABS, LLC ("BLACKSTONE LABS"). In this action, ERC alleges
that a number of products manufactured, distributed, or sold by BLACKSTONE LABS contain
lead and/or cadmium, chemicals listed under Proposition 65 as carcinogens and reproductive
toxins, and expose consumers to these chemicals at a level requiring a Proposition 65 warning.
These products (referred to hereinafter individually as a "Covered Product" or collectively as
"Covered Products") are:

- 1) Blackstone Labs ResurGence FruitPunch Lead
- 2) Blackstone Labs ResurGence Pina Colada Lead
- 3) Blackstone Labs Hype Orange Lead
- 4) Blackstone Labs Hype Fruit Punch Lead
- 5) Blackstone Labs Isolation Vanilla Lead
- 6) Blackstone Labs Formula 19 Orange Lead
- 7) Blackstone Labs Formula 19 Fruit Punch Lead
- 8) Blackstone Labs Formula 19 Black Currant Lead
- 9) Blackstone Labs Juiced Up Bangin' Berries Lead
- 10) Blackstone Labs EPI-TEST Tropical Breeze Lead
- 11) Blackstone Labs EPI-TEST Blue Raspberry Lead
- 12) Blackstone Labs Trojan Horse Black Currant Cadmium, Lead
- 13) Blackstone Labs Trojan Horse Lemon Lime Lead
- 14) Blackstone Labs 3-Whey Strawberry Cheesecake Lead
- 15) Blackstone Labs Dust Extreme Sour Gummy Bear Lead
- 16) Blackstone Labs Dust Extreme Pineapple Mango Lead

- 17) Blackstone Labs Fast Food Meal Replacement/Mass Gainer Candied Yams
  Lead
- 18) Blackstone Labs GlycoLog Lead
- 1.2 ERC and BLACKSTONE LABS are hereinafter referred to individually as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties."
- 1.3 ERC is a 501 (c)(3) California non-profit corporation 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.
- 1.4 For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the Parties agree that BLACKSTONE LABS is a business entity that has employed ten or more persons at all times relevant to this action, and qualifies as a "person in the course of business" within the meaning of Proposition 65. BLACKSTONE LABS manufactures, distributes, and/or sells the Covered Products.
- 1.5 The Complaint is based on allegations contained in ERC's Notices of Violation dated August 16, 2016, October 14, 2016, November 14, 2016 and December 16, 2016 that were served on the California Attorney General, other public enforcers, and BLACKSTONE LABS ("Notices"). True and correct copies of the 60-Day Notices dated August 16, 2016, October 14, 2016, November 14, 2016 and December 16, 2016 are attached hereto as **Exhibits A, B, C, and D** respectively, and each is incorporated herein by reference. More than 60 days have passed since the Notices were served on the Attorney General, public enforcers, and BLACKSTONE LABS and no designated governmental entity has filed a complaint against BLACKSTONE LABS with regard to the Covered Products or the alleged violations.
- 1.6 ERC's Notices and Complaint allege that use of the Covered Products exposes persons in California to lead and/or cadmium without first providing clear and reasonable warnings in violation of California Health and Safety Code section 25249.6. BLACKSTONE LABS denies all material allegations contained in the Notices and Complaint.
- 1.7 The Parties have entered into this Consent Judgment in order to settle, compromise, and resolve disputed claims and thus avoid prolonged and costly litigation.

Nothing in this Consent Judgment nor compliance with this Consent Judgment 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, customers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, or retailers of any fact, issue of law, or violation of law.

- 1.8 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 current or future legal proceeding unrelated to these proceedings.
- 1.9 The Effective Date of this Consent Judgment is the date on which Notice of Entry of Judgment is served by ERC. Email service of the Notice shall be deemed effective upon transmition.

#### 2. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

For purposes of this Consent Judgment and any further court action that may become necessary to enforce this Consent Judgment, the Parties stipulate that this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the Complaint, personal jurisdiction over BLACKSTONE LABS as to the acts alleged in the Complaint, that venue is proper in Alameda County, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Judgment as a full and final resolution of all claims up through and including the Effective Date which were or could have been asserted in this action based on the facts alleged in the Notices and Complaint.

# 3. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, REFORMULATION, TESTING AND WARNINGS

- 3.1 Beginning six months from the Effective Date ("Compliance Date"),
  BLACKSTONE LABS shall be enjoined from manufacturing for sale in the State of California,
  "Distributing into the State of California", or directly selling in the State of California, any
  Covered Products which exposes a person to a "Daily Lead Exposure Level" of more than 0.5
  micrograms of lead per day and/or "Daily Cadmium Exposure Level" of more than 4.10
  micrograms of cadmium per day unless it meets the warning requirements under Section 3.2.
- **3.1.1** As used in this Consent Judgment, the term "Distributing into the State of California" shall mean to directly ship a Covered Product into California for sale in

California or to sell a Covered Product to a distributor that BLACKSTONE LABS knows or has reason to know will sell the Covered Product in California.

3.1.2 For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the "Daily Lead Exposure Level" shall be measured in micrograms, and shall be calculated using the following formula: micrograms of lead per gram of product, multiplied by grams of product per serving of the product (using the largest serving size appearing on the product label), multiplied by servings of the product per day (using the largest number of servings in a recommended dosage appearing on the product label), which equals micrograms of lead exposure per day, excluding amounts of allowances of lead in the ingredients listed in the table below:

INGREDIENT	ALLOWANCES OF AMOUNT OF LEAD
Calcium (Elemental)	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

If, at any time after the Compliance Date, ERC tests a Covered Product that does not contain a warning described in Section 3.2, and the test results indicate that the Daily Lead Exposure Level is greater than 0.5 micrograms per day, BLACKSTONE LABS agrees to confidentially supply to ERC, within 30 days of ERC's written request, a list of ingredients, including the percentage of each ingredient ("Ingredient List"), of that particular covered product so that ERC may be able to calculate the daily exposure based on the allowances in the table above.

3.1.3 For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the "Daily Cadmium Exposure Level" shall be measured in micrograms, and shall be calculated using the following formula: micrograms of cadmium per gram of product, multiplied by grams of product per serving of the product (using the largest serving size appearing on the product label), multiplied by servings of the product per day (using the largest number of servings in a recommended dosage appearing on the product label), which equals micrograms of cadmium exposure per day.

# 3.2 Clear and Reasonable Warnings

If BLACKSTONE LABS is required to provide a warning pursuant to Section 3.1, the following warning must be utilized ("Warning"):

**WARNING:** This product can expose you to chemicals including [lead] [and] [cadmium] which is [are] known to the State of California to cause [cancer and] birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

BLACKSTONE LABS shall use the phrase "cancer and" in the Warning only if the "Daily Lead Exposure Level" is greater than 15 micrograms of lead as determined pursuant to the quality control methodology set forth in Section 3.4. As identified in the brackets, the warning shall appropriately reflect whether there is lead, cadmium, or both chemicals present in each of the Covered Products.

The Warning shall be securely affixed to or printed upon the container or label of each Covered Product. In addition, for any Covered Product sold over the internet, the Warning may appear on the checkout page when a California delivery address is indicated for any purchase of any Covered Product. An asterisk or other identifying method must be utilized to identify which products on the checkout page are subject to the Warning.

The Warning shall be at least the same size as the largest of any other health or safety warnings also appearing on its website or on the label or container of BLACKSTONE LABS' product packaging and the word "WARNING" shall be in all capital letters and, if feasible, in bold print. No statements intended to or likely to have the effect of diminishing the impact of the Warning on the average lay person shall accompany the Warning.

BLACKSTONE LABS must display the above Warning with such conspicuousness, as compared with other words, statements, design of the label, container, or on its website, as

applicable, to render the Warning likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions of purchase or use of the product.

#### 3.3 Reformulated Covered Products

A Reformulated Covered Product is one for which the "Daily Lead Exposure Level" is no greater than 0.5 micrograms of lead per day and/or "Daily Cadmium Exposure Level" is no more than 4.10 micrograms of cadmium per day as determined by the quality control methodology described in Section 3.4.

# 3.4 Testing and Quality Control Methodology

- 3.4.1 Beginning within one year of the Effective Date, BLACKSTONE LABS shall arrange for lead and/or cadmium testing of the Covered Products at least once a year for a minimum of three consecutive years 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 BLACKSTONE LABS intends to sell or is manufacturing for sale in California, directly selling to a consumer in California or "Distributing into the State of California." If tests conducted pursuant to this Section demonstrate that no Warning is required for a Covered Product during each of the three consecutive years, then the testing requirements of this Section will no longer be required as to that Covered Product. However, if during or after the three-year testing period, BLACKSTONE LABS changes ingredient suppliers for any of the Covered Products and/or reformulates any of the Covered Products, BLACKSTONE LABS shall test that Covered Product annually for at least three (3) consecutive years after such change is made.
- **3.4.2** For purposes of measuring the "Daily Lead Exposure Level" and/or "Daily Cadmium Exposure Level," the highest lead and/or cadmium detection result of the three (3) randomly selected samples of the Covered Products will be controlling.
- 3.4.3 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 subsequently agreed to in writing by the Parties and approved by the Court through entry of a modified consent judgment.

- 3.4.4 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.
- **3.4.5** Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall limit BLACKSTONE LABS' ability to conduct, or require that others conduct, additional testing of the Covered Products, including the raw materials used in their manufacture.
- 3.4.6 Within thirty (30) days of receiving evidence of a further violation from ERC, BLACKSTONE LABS shall deliver lab reports obtained pursuant to Section 3.4 to ERC. BLACKSTONE LABS shall retain all test results and documentation for a period of three years from the date of each test. ERC shall treat all documents provided as confidential.
- **3.4.7.** The requirements of subsection 3.4 of this Consent Judgment shall not apply to any products which qualify as Reformulated Covered Products or for which a warning is provided pursuant to Section 3.

#### 4. SETTLEMENT PAYMENT

4.1 In full satisfaction of all potential civil penalties, additional settlement payments, attorney's fees, and costs, BLACKSTONE LABS shall make a total payment of \$115,000.00 ("Total Settlement Amount") to ERC via four consecutive equal monthly payments of \$28,750.00. The first monthly payment shall be made on February 15, 2018. Each remaining payment of \$28,750.00 shall be made in 30 day increments from the first monthly payment, to be due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month ("Due Dates"). Payments made prior to Entry of the Consent Judgment shall be held by ERC and not distributed until after Entry of the Consent Judgment. BLACKSTONE LABS shall make these payments by wire transfer to ERC for which ERC will give BLACKSTONE LABS the necessary account information. The Total Settlement Amount shall be apportioned as follows:

- 4.2 \$6,925.00 shall be considered a civil penalty pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b)(1). ERC shall remit 75% (\$5,193.75) 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 section 25249.12(c). ERC will retain the remaining 25% (\$1,731.25) of the civil penalty.
- **4.3** \$5,008.37 shall be distributed to ERC as reimbursement to ERC for reasonable costs incurred in bringing this action.
- **4.4** \$45,076.00 shall be distributed to Lozeau Drury LLP as reimbursement of ERC's attorney's fees, while \$57,990.63 shall be distributed to ERC for its in-house legal fees. Except as explicitly provided herein, each Party shall bear its own fees and costs.
- 4.5 In the event that BLACKSTONE LABS fails to remit any payment owed under Section 4 of this Consent Judgment on or before their respective Due Dates, BLACKSTONE LABS shall be deemed to be in material breach of its obligations under this Consent Judgment. ERC shall provide written notice of the delinquency to BLACKSTONE LABS via electronic mail. If BLACKSTONE LABS fails to deliver the delinquent payment within five (5) days from the written notice, any portion of the Total Settlement Amount that is unpaid shall be immediately due and owing and shall accrue interest at the statutory judgment interest rate provided in the California Code of Civil Procedure section 685.010. Additionally, BLACKSTONE LABS agrees to pay ERC's reasonable attorney's fees and costs for any efforts to collect the payment(s) due under this Consent Judgment.

# 5. MODIFICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

- **5.1** This Consent Judgment may be modified only as to injunctive terms (i) by written stipulation of the Parties or pursuant to Section 5.4 and (ii) upon entry by the Court of a modified consent judgment.
- 5.2 If BLACKSTONE LABS seeks to modify this Consent Judgment under Section 5.1, then BLACKSTONE LABS must provide written notice to ERC of its intent ("Notice of Intent"). If ERC seeks to meet and confer regarding the proposed modification in the Notice of Intent, then ERC must provide written notice to BLACKSTONE LABS within thirty (30) days

of receiving the Notice of Intent. If ERC notifies BLACKSTONE LABS in a timely manner of ERC's intent to meet and confer, then the Parties shall meet and confer in good faith as required in this Section. The Parties shall meet in person or via telephone within thirty (30) days of ERC's notification of its intent to meet and confer. Within thirty (30) days of such meeting, if ERC disputes the proposed modification, ERC shall provide to BLACKSTONE LABS a written 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. Should it become necessary, the Parties may agree in writing to different deadlines for the meet-and-confer period.

5.3 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 and the prevailing party may recover reasonable costs and fees.

# 6. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION, ENFORCEMENT OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

- 6.1 This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to enforce, modify, or terminate this Consent Judgment.
- 6.2 If ERC alleges that any Covered Product fails to qualify as a Reformulated Covered Product (for which ERC alleges that no Warning has been provided), then ERC shall inform BLACKSTONE LABS in a reasonably prompt manner of its test results, including information sufficient to permit BLACKSTONE LABS to identify the Covered Products at issue. BLACKSTONE LABS shall, within thirty (30) days following such notice, provide ERC with testing information, from an independent third-party laboratory meeting the requirements of Sections 3.4.3 and 3.4.4, demonstrating BLACKSTONE LABS' compliance with the Consent Judgment, if warranted. The Parties shall first attempt to resolve the matter prior to ERC taking any further legal action.

# 7. APPLICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

This Consent Judgment may apply to, be binding upon, and benefit the Parties and their respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries,

divisions, franchisees, licensees, customers (excluding private labelers), distributors, wholesalers, retailers, predecessors, successors, and assigns. This Consent Judgment shall have no application to any Covered Product which is distributed or sold exclusively outside the State of California and which is not used by California consumers.

# 8. BINDING EFFECT, CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

- 8.1 This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between ERC, on behalf of itself and in the public interest, and BLACKSTONE LABS and its respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, suppliers, franchisees, licensees, customers (not including private label customers of BLACKSTONE LABS), distributors, wholesalers, retailers, and all other upstream and downstream entities in the distribution chain of any Covered Product, and the predecessors, successors, and assigns of any of them (collectively, "Released Parties"). ERC hereby fully releases and discharges the Released Parties from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, suits, demands, liabilities, damages, penalties, fees, costs, and expenses asserted, or that could have been asserted from the handling, use, or consumption of the Covered Products, as to any alleged violation of Proposition 65 or its implementing regulations arising from the failure to provide Proposition 65 warnings on the Covered Products regarding lead and/or cadmium up to and including the Effective Date.
- 8.2 ERC on its own behalf only, and BLACKSTONE LABS on its own behalf only, further waive and release any and all claims they may have against each other for all actions or statements made or undertaken in the course of seeking or opposing enforcement of Proposition 65 in connection with the Notices and Complaint up through and including the Effective Date, provided, however, that nothing in Section 8 shall affect or limit any Party's right to seek to enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment.
- **8.3** It is possible that other claims not known to the Parties, arising out of the facts alleged in the Notices and Complaint, and relating to the Covered Products, will develop or be discovered. ERC on behalf of itself only, and BLACKSTONE LABS on behalf of itself only, acknowledge that this Consent Judgment is expressly intended to cover and include all such

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21	12. COURT APPROVAL					
22	12.1 Upon execution of this Consent Judgment by the Parties, ERC shall notice a					
23	Motion for Court Approval. The Parties shall use their best efforts to support entry of this					
24	Consent Judgment.					
25	12.2 If the California Attorney General objects to any term in this Consent Judgment,					
26	the Parties shall use their best efforts to resolve the concern in a timely manner, and if possible					
27	prior to the hearing on the motion.					
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12.3 If this Stipulated Consent Judgment is not approved by the Court, it shall be void and have no force or effect.

#### 13. EXECUTION AND COUNTERPARTS

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

# 14. DRAFTING

The terms of this Consent Judgment have been reviewed by the respective counsel for each Party prior to its signing, and each Party has had an opportunity to fully discuss the terms and conditions with legal counsel. The Parties agree that, in any subsequent interpretation and 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 and/or one of the Parties' legal counsel prepared and/or drafted all or any portion of the Consent Judgment. It is conclusively presumed that all of the Parties participated equally in the preparation and drafting of this Consent Judgment.

#### 15. GOOD FAITH ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE DISPUTES

If a dispute arises with respect to either Party's compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment entered by the Court, the Parties shall meet and confer in person, by telephone, and/or in writing and endeavor to resolve the dispute in an amicable manner. No action or motion may be filed in the absence of such a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute beforehand.

# 16. ENFORCEMENT

ERC may, by motion or order to show cause before the Superior Court of Alameda County, enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Consent Judgment. In any action brought by ERC to enforce this Consent Judgment, ERC may seek whatever fines, costs, penalties, or remedies as are provided by law for failure to comply with the Consent Judgment. To the extent the failure to comply with the Consent Judgment constitutes a violation of Proposition 65 or other laws, ERC shall not be limited to enforcement of this Consent Judgment, but may seek in another action whatever fines, costs, penalties, or remedies as are provided by

law for failure to comply with Proposition 65 or other laws.

# 17. ENTIRE AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZATION

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 Each signatory to this Consent Judgment certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the Party he or she represents to stipulate to this Consent Judgment.

# 18. REQUEST FOR FINDINGS, APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AND ENTRY OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

This Consent Judgment has come before the Court upon the request of the Parties. The Parties request the Court to fully review this Consent Judgment and, being fully informed regarding the matters which are the subject of this action, to:

- (1) Find that the terms and provisions of this Consent Judgment represent a fair and equitable settlement of all matters raised by the allegations of the Complaint that the matter has been diligently prosecuted, and that the public interest is served by such settlement; and
- (2) Make the findings pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(f)(4), approve the Settlement, and approve this Consent Judgment.

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18	Based upon the Parties' Stipulation, and good cause appearing, this Consent Judgment is			
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# **EXHIBIT A**



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# **VIA ONLINE SUBMISSION**

Office of the California Attorney General

#### VIA PRIORITY MAIL

District Attorneys of Select California Counties and Select City Attorneys (See Attached Certificate of Service)

Re: Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.

#### Dear Addressees:

I represent Environmental Research Center, Inc. ("ERC") in connection with this Notice of Violations of California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, which is codified at California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 *et seq.* and also referred to as Proposition 65.

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.

The name of the Company covered by this notice that violated Proposition 65 (hereinafter the "Violator") is:

# Blackstone Labs, LLC

The products that are the subject of this notice and the chemicals in those products identified as exceeding allowable levels are:

- 1. Blackstone Labs ResurGence FruitPunch Lead
- 2. Blackstone Labs ResurGence Pina Colada Lead
- 3. Blackstone Labs Hype Orange Lead
- 4. Blackstone Labs Hype Fruit Punch Lead
- 5. Blackstone Labs Isolation Vanilla Lead
- 6. Blackstone Labs Formula 19 Orange Lead
- 7. Blackstone Labs Formula 19 Fruit Punch Lead
- 8. Blackstone Labs Formula 19 Black Currant Lead
- 9. Blackstone Labs Juiced Up Bangin' Berries Lead
- 10. Blackstone Labs EPI-TEST Tropical Breeze Lead
- 11. Blackstone Labs EPI-TEST Blue Raspberry Lead
- 12. Blackstone Labs Trojan Horse Black Currant Cadmium

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.

Cadmium was officially listed as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity and male reproductive toxicity on May 1, 1997 while cadmium and cadmium compounds were listed as chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer on October 1, 1987.

This letter is a notice to the Violator and the appropriate governmental authorities of the Proposition 65 violations concerning the listed products. This notice covers all violations of Proposition 65 involving the Violator currently known to ERC from the information now available. ERC may continue to investigate other products that may reveal further violations. A summary of Proposition 65, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, is enclosed with the copy of this letter to the Violator.

The Violator has manufactured, marketed, distributed, and/or sold the listed products, which have exposed and continue to expose numerous individuals within California to the identified chemicals, lead and/or cadmium. The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the purchase, acquisition, handling and/or recommended use of these products by consumers. The primary route of exposure to lead and/or cadmium has been through ingestion, but may have also occurred through inhalation and/or dermal contact. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to lead and/or cadmium. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product's label. The Violator violated Proposition 65

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Pursuant to Section 25249.7(d) of the statute, ERC intends to file a citizen enforcement action sixty days after effective service of this notice unless the Violator agrees in an enforceable written instrument to: (1) reformulate the listed products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemicals; (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty; and (3) provide clear and reasonable warnings compliant with Proposition 65 to all persons located in California who purchased the above products in the last three years. Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and my client's objectives in pursuing this notice, ERC is interested in seeking a constructive resolution to this matter. Such resolution will avoid both further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemicals and expensive and time consuming litigation.

ERC's Executive Director is Chris Heptinstall, and is located at 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108; Tel. 619-500-3090. ERC has retained me in connection with this matter. We suggest that communications regarding this Notice of Violations should be directed to my attention at the above listed law office address and telephone number.

Sincerely,

Richard Drury

# Attachments

Certificate of Merit Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to Blackstone Labs, LLC 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, Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by Blackstone Labs, LLC

# I, Richard Drury, declare:

- 1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-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: August 16, 2016

Richard Drury

#### 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.

On August 16, 2016, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5** *ET SEQ.*; **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; "THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY"** on the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party listed below and depositing it in a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

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Dated: October 14, 2016

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Re: Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.

#### Dear Addressees:

I represent Environmental Research Center, Inc. ("ERC") in connection with this Notice of Violations of California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, which is codified at California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 *et seq.* and also referred to as Proposition 65.

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.

The name of the Company covered by this notice that violated Proposition 65 (hereinafter the "Violator") is:

#### **Blackstone Labs, LLC**

The products that are the subject of this notice and the chemical in those products identified as exceeding allowable levels are:

- Blackstone Labs 3-Whey Strawberry Cheesecake Lead
- Blackstone Labs Dust Extreme Sour Gummy Bear Lead
- Blackstone Labs Dust Extreme Pineapple Mango Lead

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Pursuant to Section 25249.7(d) of the statute, ERC intends to file a citizen enforcement action sixty days after effective service of this notice unless the Violator agrees in an enforceable written instrument to: (1) reformulate the listed products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemical; (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty; and (3) provide clear and reasonable warnings compliant with Proposition 65 to all persons located in California who purchased the above products in the last three years. Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and my client's objectives in pursuing this notice, ERC is interested in seeking a constructive

resolution to this matter. Such resolution will avoid both further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemical and expensive and time consuming litigation.

ERC's Executive Director is Chris Heptinstall, and is located at 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108; Tel. 619-500-3090. ERC has retained me in connection with this matter. We suggest that communications regarding this Notice of Violations should be directed to my attention at the above listed law office address and telephone number.

Sincerely,

Richard Drury

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

#### **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

Re: Environmental Research Center, Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by Blackstone Labs, LLC

#### I, Richard Drury, declare:

- 1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-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 chemical that is 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: November 14, 2016

Richard Drury

#### **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.

On November 14, 2016, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5** *ET SEQ.*; **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; "THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY"** on the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party listed below and depositing it in a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

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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 November 14, 2016, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

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Dated: December 16, 2016

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**COUNTY OF ALAMEDA** 

ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER, INC. a non-profit California corporation,

Plaintiff,

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BLACKSTONE LABS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company,

Defendant.

CASE NO. RG17850885

ASSIGNED FOR ALL PURPOSES TO: JUDGE WINIFRED Y. SMITH

**DEPARTMENT 21** 

[PROPOSED] ORDER

Date: April 27, 2018 Time: 11:00 AM

Reservation No.: R-1935550

Case Filed: February 27, 2017

Trial Date: None

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Plaintiff Environmental Research Center, Inc.'s Unopposed Motion to Approve and Enter Stipulated Consent Judgment came on regularly for hearing before this court on April 27, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in Department 21 of this Court. Having read and considered the Motion, the points and authorities, the declarations, and all other evidence and argument presented by Plaintiff, and good cause appearing therefore, the Court makes the following findings pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 25249.7, subd. (f)(4):

- 1) Any warnings that may be required by the Stipulated Consent Judgment fully comply with Proposition 65.
- 2) The attorneys' fee provision in the Stipulated Consent Judgment is reasonable under

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