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13 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
14 COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

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

17 Plaintiff,

18 v.

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20 GLORYBEE NATURAL SWEETENERS,
INC. dba GLORYBEE and GLORYBEE
21 FOODS, INC., an Oregon corporation,

22 Defendant.

CASE NO. RG17850461

STIPULATED CONSENT
JUDGMENT

Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 *et seq.*

Action Filed: February 23, 2017

Trial Date: None set

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24 **I. INTRODUCTION**

25 **I.1** On February 23, 2017, Plaintiff Environmental Research Center, Inc. ("ERC"), a
26 non-profit corporation, as a private enforcer and in the public interest, initiated this action by
27 filing a Complaint for Injunctive Relief and Civil Penalties (the "Complaint") pursuant to the
28 provisions of California Health and Safety Code section 25249.5 *et seq.* ("Proposition 65"),

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By M. Salcido

1 against GLORYBEE NATURAL SWEETENERS, INC. dba GLORYBEE and GLORYBEE
2 FOODS, INC. (“GLORYBEE”). In this action, ERC alleges that a number of products
3 manufactured, distributed, or sold by GLORYBEE contain lead, a chemical listed under
4 Proposition 65 as a carcinogen and reproductive toxin, and expose consumers to this chemical
5 at a level requiring a Proposition 65 warning. These products (referred to hereinafter
6 individually as a “Covered Product” or collectively as “Covered Products”) are bee hive-related
7 supplements including:

- 8 • GloryBee Inc. Propolis Powder w/ 20% Carob - Lead
- 9 • GloryBee Foods Inc. Hive Complex with Royal Jelly & Ginseng - Lead
- 10 • GloryBee Foods Inc. Tea Blossom Bee Pollen Granules - Lead
- 11 • GloryBee Foods Inc. Wildflower Bee Pollen Granules - Lead
- 12 • GloryBee Foods Inc. Hive Power Capsules - Lead
- 13 • GloryBee Inc. Propolis Capsules - Lead
- 14 • GloryBee Foods Inc. Tea Blossom Bee Pollen Powder - Lead

15 **1.2** ERC and GLORYBEE are hereinafter referred to individually as a “Party” or
16 collectively as the “Parties.”

17 **1.3** ERC is a 501 (c)(3) California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other
18 causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by reducing the use and misuse of
19 hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees,
20 and encouraging corporate responsibility.

21 **1.4** For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the Parties agree that GLORYBEE is a
22 business entity that has employed ten or more persons at all times relevant to this action, and
23 qualifies as a “person in the course of business” within the meaning of Proposition 65.

24 GLORYBEE manufactures, distributes, and/or sells the Covered Products.

25 **1.5** The Complaint is based on allegations contained in ERC’s Notice of Violation
26 dated August 30, 2016, that was served on the California Attorney General, other public
27 enforcers, and GLORYBEE (“Notice”). A true and correct copy of the 60-Day Notice dated
28 August 30, 2016 is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and is incorporated herein by reference. More

1 than 60 days have passed since the Notice was served on the Attorney General, public
2 enforcers, and GLORYBEE and no designated governmental entity has filed a complaint
3 against GLORYBEE with regard to the Covered Products or the alleged violations.

4 **1.6** ERC's Notice and Complaint allege that use of the Covered Products exposes
5 persons in California to lead without first providing clear and reasonable warnings in violation
6 of California Health and Safety Code section 25249.6. GLORYBEE denies all material
7 allegations contained in the Notice and Complaint.

8 **1.7** GLORYBEE denies the material, factual and legal allegations contained in the
9 Complaint and denies any liability whatsoever, and maintains that the products that it has sold
10 and distributed in California, including the Covered Products, have been and are in compliance
11 with all laws, including Proposition 65, and that all products it sells were and are completely safe
12 for their intended use and were and are in compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations.
13 Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission by GLORYBEE of any
14 fact, finding, conclusion of law or violation of law, nor shall compliance with the terms of this
15 Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by GLORYBEE of any fact,
16 finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law, such being specifically denied. This
17 section 1.7, however, shall not diminish or otherwise affect GLORYBEE's obligations,
18 responsibilities, and duties under the Consent Judgment or the releases given herein.

19 **1.8** The Parties have entered into this Consent Judgment without a trial in order to
20 settle, compromise, and resolve disputed claims and thus avoid prolonged and costly litigation.
21 Nothing in this Consent Judgment nor compliance with this Consent Judgment shall constitute or
22 be construed as an admission by any of the Parties or by any of their respective officers,
23 directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, franchisees,
24 licensees, customers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, or retailers of any fact, issue of law, or
25 violation of law.

26 **1.9** Except as expressly set forth herein, nothing in this Consent Judgment shall
27 prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy, argument, or defense the Parties may have in any
28 current or future legal proceeding unrelated to these proceedings.

1 **1.10** The Effective Date of this Consent Judgment is the date on which it is entered as
2 a Judgment by this Court.

3 **2. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

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

11 **3. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, REFORMULATION, TESTING AND WARNINGS**

12 **3.1** As of September 15, 2017, or the Effective Date, whichever is later,
13 GLORYBEE shall be permanently enjoined from manufacturing for sale in the State of
14 California, “Distributing into the State of California”, or directly selling in the State of
15 California, any Covered Products which exposes a person to a “Daily Lead Exposure Level” of
16 more than 0.5 micrograms of lead per day unless it meets the warning requirements under
17 Section 3.2.

18 **3.1.1** As used in this Consent Judgment, the term “Distributing into the State
19 of California” shall mean to directly ship a Covered Product into California for sale in
20 California or to sell a Covered Product to a distributor that GLORYBEE knows or has reason to
21 know will sell the Covered Product in California unchanged and in the same packaging as
22 provided by GLORYBEE.

23 **3.1.2** For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the “Daily Lead Exposure
24 Level” shall be measured in micrograms, and shall be calculated using the following formula:
25 micrograms of lead per gram of product, multiplied by grams of product per serving of the
26 product (using the largest serving size appearing on the product label), multiplied by servings
27 of the product per day (using the largest number of servings in a recommended dosage
28 appearing on the product label), which equals micrograms of lead exposure per day.

1 **3.2 Clear and Reasonable Warnings**

2 If GLORYBEE is required to provide a warning pursuant to Section 3.1, the following
3 warning must be utilized (“Warning”):

4 **WARNING:** This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to
5 cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harms.

6 Or, by no later than August 30, 2018, the following warning must be utilized:

7 **WARNING:** Consuming this product can expose you to chemicals including lead
8 which is 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/food.

9 The phrase “cancer and” must be included in the Warning only if the “Daily Lead Exposure
10 Level” is greater than 15 micrograms of lead as determined pursuant to the quality control
11 methodology set forth in Section 3.4.

12 The Warning shall be securely affixed to or printed upon the container or label of each
13 Covered Product. In addition, for any Covered Product sold over the internet, the Warning shall
14 appear in the product description on the product display page or on the checkout page before
15 any purchase of any Covered Product. An asterisk or other identifying method must be utilized
16 to identify which products on the checkout page are subject to the Warning.

17 The Warning shall be at least the same size as the largest of any other health or safety
18 warnings also appearing on its website or on the label or container of GLORYBEE’s product
19 packaging and the word “**WARNING**” shall be in all capital letters and in bold print. No
20 statements intended to or likely to have the effect of diminishing the impact of, or reducing the
21 clarity of, the Warning on the average lay person shall accompany the Warning. Further no
22 statements may accompany the Warning that state or imply that the source of the listed chemical
23 has an impact on or results in a less harmful effect of the listed chemical.

24 GLORYBEE must display the above Warning with such conspicuousness, as compared
25 with other words, statements, design of the label, container, or on its website, as applicable, to
26 render the Warning likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary
27 conditions of purchase or use of the product.

1 **3.3 Reformulated Covered Products**

2 A Reformulated Covered Product is one for which the “Daily Lead Exposure Level” is no
3 greater than 0.5 micrograms of lead per day as determined by the quality control methodology
4 described in Section 3.4.

5 **3.4 Testing and Quality Control Methodology**

6 **3.4.1** Beginning within one year of the Effective Date, GLORYBEE shall
7 arrange for lead testing of any of the seven specific Covered Products intified in Section 1.1,
8 *supra*, which are being distributed or sold into California without the warning specified in
9 Section 3.2, *supra*, at least once a year for a minimum of three consecutive years by arranging
10 for testing of five randomly selected samples of each such Covered Products, in the form
11 intended for sale to the end-user, which GLORYBEE intends to sell in California, directly
12 selling to a consumer in California or “Distributing into the State of California.” If tests
13 conducted pursuant to this Section demonstrate that no Warning is required for a Covered
14 Product during each of three consecutive years, then the testing requirements of this Section
15 will no longer be required as to that Covered Product. However, if during or after the three-
16 year testing period, GLORYBEE changes ingredient suppliers for any of the Covered Products
17 and/or reformulates any of the Covered Products, GLORYBEE shall test that Covered Product
18 annually for at least two (2) consecutive years after such change is made.

19 **3.4.2** For purposes of measuring the “Daily Lead Exposure Level,” the
20 arithmetic mean of the lead detection results of the five (5) randomly selected samples of the
21 Covered Products will be controlling.

22 **3.4.3** All testing pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be performed using a
23 laboratory method that complies with the performance and quality control factors appropriate
24 for the method used, including limit of detection, qualification, accuracy, and precision that
25 meets the following criteria: Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry (“ICP-MS”)
26 achieving a limit of quantification of less than or equal to 0.010 mg/kg or any other testing
27 method subsequently agreed to in writing by the Parties and approved by the Court through
28 entry of a modified consent judgment.

1 **3.4.4** All testing pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be performed by an
2 independent third party laboratory certified by the California Environmental Laboratory
3 Accreditation Program or an independent third-party laboratory that is registered with the
4 United States Food & Drug Administration, or that otherwise meets the specification set forth
5 in Title 27 California Code of Regulations section 25900(b).

6 **3.4.5** Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall limit GLORYBEE's ability to
7 conduct, or require that others conduct, additional testing of the Covered Products, including
8 the raw materials used in their manufacture.

9 **3.4.6** Within thirty (30) days of ERC's written request, GLORYBEE shall
10 deliver lab reports obtained pursuant to Section 3.4 to ERC. GLORYBEE shall retain all test
11 results and documentation for a period of five years from the date of each test.

12 **4. SETTLEMENT PAYMENT**

13 **4.1** In full satisfaction of all potential civil penalties, additional settlement payments,
14 attorney's fees, and costs, GLORYBEE shall make a total payment of \$34,250.00 ("Total
15 Settlement Amount") to ERC within 10 business days of the Effective Date ("Due Date").
16 GLORYBEE shall make this payment by wire transfer to ERC's escrow account, for which
17 ERC will give GLORYBEE the necessary account information, so long as ERC has provided
18 the necessary taxpayer information before that date. The Total Settlement Amount shall be
19 apportioned as follows:

20 **4.2** \$6,211.20 shall be considered a civil penalty pursuant to California Health and
21 Safety Code section 25249.7(b)(1). ERC shall remit 75% (\$4,658.40) of the civil penalty to the
22 Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") for deposit in the Safe
23 Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Fund in accordance with California Health and Safety
24 Code section 25249.12(c). ERC will retain the remaining 25% (\$1,552.80) of the civil penalty.

25 **4.3** \$1,424.62 shall be distributed to ERC as reimbursement to ERC for reasonable
26 costs incurred in bringing this action.

27 **4.4** \$4,658.39 shall be distributed to ERC as an Additional Settlement Payment
28 ("ASP"), pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 11, sections 3203, subdivision (d) and

1 3204. ERC will utilize the ASP for activities that address the same public harm as allegedly
2 caused by Defendant in this matter. These activities are detailed below and support ERC's
3 overarching goal of reducing and/or eliminating hazardous and toxic chemicals in dietary
4 supplement products in California. ERC's activities have had, and will continue to have, a direct
5 and primary effect within the State of California because California consumers will be benefitted
6 by the reduction and/or elimination of exposure to lead and/or cadmium in dietary supplements
7 and/or by providing clear and reasonable warnings to California consumers prior to ingestion of
8 the products.

9 Based on a review of past years' actual budgets, ERC is providing the following list of
10 activities ERC engages in to protect California consumers through Proposition 65 citizen
11 enforcement, along with a breakdown of how ASP funds will be utilized to facilitate those
12 activities: (1) ENFORCEMENT (65-80%): obtaining, shipping, analyzing, and testing dietary
13 supplement products that may contain lead and/or cadmium and are sold to California
14 consumers. This work includes continued monitoring and enforcement of past consent judgments
15 and settlements to ensure companies are in compliance with their obligations thereunder, with a
16 specific focus on those judgments and settlements concerning lead and/or cadmium. This work
17 also includes investigation of new companies that ERC does not obtain any recovery through
18 settlement or judgment; (2) VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE PROGRAM (10-20%): maintaining
19 ERC's Voluntary Compliance Program by acquiring products from companies, developing and
20 maintaining a case file, testing products from these companies, providing the test results and
21 supporting documentation to the companies, and offering guidance in warning or implementing a
22 self-testing program for lead and/or cadmium in dietary supplement products; and (3) "GOT
23 LEAD" PROGRAM (up to 5%): maintaining ERC's "Got Lead?" Program which reduces the
24 numbers of contaminated products that reach California consumers by providing access to free
25 testing for lead in dietary supplement products (Products submitted to the program are screened
26 for ingredients which are suspected to be contaminated, and then may be purchased by ERC,
27 catalogued, sent to a qualified laboratory for testing, and the results shared with the consumer
28 that submitted the product).

1 ERC shall be fully accountable in that it will maintain adequate records to document and
2 will be able to demonstrate how the ASP funds will be spent and can assure that the funds are
3 being spent only for the proper, designated purposes described in this Consent Judgment. ERC
4 shall provide the Attorney General, within thirty days of any request, copies of documentation
5 demonstrating how such funds have been spent.

6 **4.5** \$8,550.00 shall be distributed to the Law Office of Richard M. Franco as
7 reimbursement of ERC's attorney's fees, while \$13,405.79 shall be distributed to ERC for its
8 in-house legal fees. Except as explicitly provided herein, each Party shall bear its own fees and
9 costs.

10 **4.6** In the event that GLORYBEE fails to remit the Total Settlement Amount owed
11 under Section 4 of this Consent Judgment on or before the Due Date, GLORYBEE shall be
12 deemed to be in material breach of its obligations under this Consent Judgment. ERC shall
13 provide written notice of the delinquency to GLORYBEE via electronic mail. If GLORYBEE
14 fails to deliver the Total Settlement Amount within five (5) days from the written notice, the
15 Total Settlement Amount shall accrue interest at the statutory judgment interest rate provided in
16 the California Code of Civil Procedure section 685.010. Additionally, GLORYBEE agrees to
17 pay ERC's reasonable attorney's fees and costs for any efforts to collect the payment due under
18 this Consent Judgment.

19 **5. MODIFICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT**

20 **5.1** This Consent Judgment may be modified only (i) by written stipulation of the
21 Parties or pursuant to Section 5.4 and 5.5 and (ii) upon entry by the Court of a modified consent
22 judgment.

23 **5.2** If GLORYBEE seeks to modify this Consent Judgment under Section 5.1, then
24 GLORYBEE must provide written notice to ERC of its intent ("Notice of Intent"). If ERC
25 seeks to meet and confer regarding the proposed modification in the Notice of Intent, then ERC
26 must provide written notice to GLORYBEE within thirty (30) days of receiving the Notice of
27 Intent. If ERC notifies GLORYBEE in a timely manner of ERC's intent to meet and confer,
28 then the Parties shall meet and confer in good faith as required in this Section. The Parties

1 shall meet in person or via telephone within thirty (30) days of ERC's notification of its intent
2 to meet and confer. Within thirty (30) days of such meeting, if ERC disputes the proposed
3 modification, ERC shall provide to GLORYBEE a written basis for its position. The Parties
4 shall continue to meet and confer for an additional thirty (30) days in an effort to resolve any
5 remaining disputes. Should it become necessary, the Parties may agree in writing to different
6 deadlines for the meet-and-confer period.

7 **5.3** In the event that GLORYBEE initiates or otherwise requests a modification
8 under Section 5.1 for modification beyond bringing this Consent Judgment into compliance
9 with any revisions to Proposition 65 and its regulations, and the meet and confer process leads
10 to a joint motion or application of the Consent Judgment, GLORYBEE shall reimburse ERC its
11 costs and reasonable attorney's fees for the time spent in the meet-and-confer process and filing
12 and arguing the motion or application. GLORYBEE retains the right to challenge the
13 reasonableness of any costs and attorney fees claims by ERC in this regard.

14 **5.4** Where the meet-and-confer process does not lead to a joint motion or
15 application in support of a modification of the Consent Judgment, then either Party may seek
16 judicial relief on its own.

17 **5.5** In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed or preempted in its entirety or as
18 pertains to the Covered Products, then GLORYBEE shall have no further obligations pursuant
19 to this Consent Judgment to the extent that the Covered Products are so affected.

20 **6. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION, ENFORCEMENT OF CONSENT**

21 **JUDGMENT**

22 **6.1** This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to enforce, modify, or terminate
23 this Consent Judgment.

24 **6.2** If ERC alleges that any Covered Product fails to qualify as a Reformulated
25 Covered Product (for which ERC alleges that no Warning has been provided), then ERC shall
26 inform GLORYBEE in a reasonably prompt manner of its test results, including information
27 sufficient to permit GLORYBEE to identify the Covered Products at issue. GLORYBEE shall,
28 within thirty (30) days following such notice, provide ERC with testing information, from an

1 independent third-party laboratory meeting the requirements of Sections 3.4.3 and 3.4.4,
2 demonstrating GLORYBEE's compliance with the Consent Judgment, if warranted. The
3 Parties shall first attempt to resolve the matter prior to ERC taking any further legal action.

4 **7. APPLICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT**

5 This Consent Judgment may apply to, be binding upon, and benefit the Parties and their
6 respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries,
7 divisions, franchisees, licensees, customers (excluding private labelers), distributors, wholesalers,
8 retailers, predecessors, successors, and assigns. This Consent Judgment shall have no
9 application to any Covered Products which is distributed or sold exclusively outside the State of
10 California and which is not used by California consumers.

11 **8. BINDING EFFECT, CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED**

12 **8.1** This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between ERC,
13 on behalf of itself and in the public interest, and GLORYBEE and its respective officers,
14 directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliated
15 entities under common (full or partial) ownership, suppliers, franchisees, licensees, customers
16 (not including private label customers of GLORYBEE), distributors, wholesalers, retailers, and
17 all other upstream and downstream entities in the distribution chain of any Covered Product,
18 and the predecessors, successors, and assigns of any of them (collectively, "Released Parties")
19 of any alleged violation of Proposition 65 or its implementing regulations and fully resolves all
20 claims that have been or could have been asserted in this Action, including from handling use
21 or consumption of the Covered Products up to and including the Effective Date. ERC, on
22 behalf of itself and in the public interest, hereby fully releases and discharges the Released
23 Parties from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, suits, demands, liabilities, damages,
24 penalties, fees, costs, and expenses asserted, or that could have been asserted from the
25 handling, use, or consumption of the Covered Products, as to any alleged violation of
26 Proposition 65 or its implementing regulations arising from the failure to provide Proposition
27 65 warnings on the Covered Products regarding lead up to and including the Effective Date.

28 **8.2** ERC on its own behalf only, and GLORYBEE on its own behalf only,

1 further waive and release any and all claims they may have against each other for all actions or
2 statements made or undertaken in the course of seeking or opposing enforcement of Proposition
3 65 in connection with the Notice and Complaint up through and including the Effective Date,
4 provided, however, that nothing in Section 8 shall affect or limit any Party's right to seek to
5 enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment.

6 **8.3** It is possible that other claims not known to the Parties, arising out of the facts
7 alleged in the Notice and Complaint, and relating to the Covered Products, will develop or be
8 discovered. ERC on behalf of itself only, and GLORYBEE on behalf of itself only,
9 acknowledge that this Consent Judgment is expressly intended to cover and include all such
10 claims up through and including the Effective Date, including all rights of action therefore.
11 ERC and GLORYBEE acknowledge that the claims released in Sections 8.1 and 8.2 above may
12 include unknown claims, and nevertheless waive California Civil Code section 1542 as to any
13 such unknown claims. California Civil Code section 1542 reads as follows:

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

19 ERC on behalf of itself only, and GLORYBEE on behalf of itself only, acknowledge and
20 understand the significance and consequences of this specific waiver of California Civil Code
21 section 1542.

22 **8.4** Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment shall be deemed to
23 constitute compliance with Proposition 65 by any releasee regarding alleged exposures to lead
24 in the Covered Products as set forth in the Notice and Complaint.

25 **8.5** Nothing in this Consent Judgment is intended to apply to any occupational or
26 environmental exposures arising under Proposition 65, nor shall it apply to any of
27 GLORYBEE's products other than the Covered Products.

28 **9. SEVERABILITY OF UNENFORCEABLE PROVISIONS**

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

1 **10. GOVERNING LAW**

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

4 **11. PROVISION OF NOTICE**

5 All notices required to be given to either Party to this Consent Judgment by the other shall
6 be in writing and sent to the following agents listed below via first-class mail. Courtesy copies via
7 email may also be sent.

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1 **12. COURT APPROVAL**

2 **12.1** Upon execution of this Consent Judgment by the Parties, ERC shall prepare and
3 notice a Motion for Court Approval. The Parties shall use their best efforts to support entry of
4 this Consent Judgment.

5 **12.2** If the California Attorney General objects to any term in this Consent Judgment,
6 the Parties shall use their best efforts to resolve the concern in a timely manner, and if possible
7 prior to the hearing on the motion.

8 **12.3** If this Stipulated Consent Judgment is not approved by the Court, it shall be
9 void and have no force or effect.

10 **13. EXECUTION AND COUNTERPARTS**

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

14 **14. DRAFTING**

15 The terms of this Consent Judgment have been reviewed by the respective counsel for each
16 Party prior to its signing, and each Party has had an opportunity to fully discuss the terms and
17 conditions with legal counsel. The Parties agree that, in any subsequent interpretation and
18 construction of this Consent Judgment, no inference, assumption, or presumption shall be drawn,
19 and no provision of this Consent Judgment shall be construed against any Party, based on the fact
20 that one of the Parties and/or one of the Parties' legal counsel prepared and/or drafted all or any
21 portion of the Consent Judgment. It is conclusively presumed that all of the Parties participated
22 equally in the preparation and drafting of this Consent Judgment.

23 **15. GOOD FAITH ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE DISPUTES**

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

1 **16. ENFORCEMENT**

2 ERC may, by motion or order to show cause before the Superior Court of Alameda
3 County, enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Consent Judgment. In any action
4 brought by ERC to enforce this Consent Judgment, ERC may seek whatever fines, costs,
5 penalties, or remedies as are provided by law for failure to comply with the Consent Judgment.
6 To the extent the failure to comply with the Consent Judgment constitutes a violation of
7 Proposition 65 or other laws, ERC shall not be limited to enforcement of this Consent Judgment,
8 but may seek in another action whatever fines, costs, penalties, or remedies as are provided by
9 law for failure to comply with Proposition 65 or other laws, so long as ERC is not seeking
10 duplicative fines, costs, or penalties for the same alleged violations that occurred prior to entry of
11 the Consent Judgment or are otherwise sought or awarded in a different action.

12 **17. ENTIRE AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZATION**

13 **17.1** This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and
14 understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter herein, and any and all
15 prior discussions, negotiations, commitments, and understandings related hereto. No
16 representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those contained herein have
17 been made by any Party. No other agreements, oral or otherwise, unless specifically referred to
18 herein, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any Party.

19 **17.2** Each signatory to this Consent Judgment certifies that he or she is fully
20 authorized by the Party he or she represents to stipulate to this Consent Judgment.

21 **18. REQUEST FOR FINDINGS, APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AND ENTRY OF**
22 **CONSENT JUDGMENT**

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

26 (1) Find that the terms and provisions of this Consent Judgment represent a fair and
27 equitable settlement of all matters raised by the allegations of the Complaint that the matter has
28 been diligently prosecuted, and that the public interest is served by such settlement; and

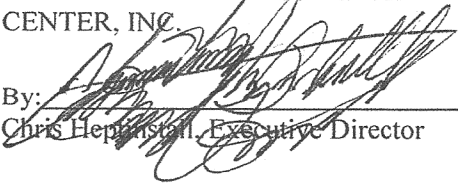
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(2) Make the findings pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(f)(4), approve the Settlement, and approve this Consent Judgment.

IT IS SO STIPULATED:

Dated: 3/24/, 2017

ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER, INC.

By: 
Chris Heppinstall, Executive Director

Dated: _____, 2017

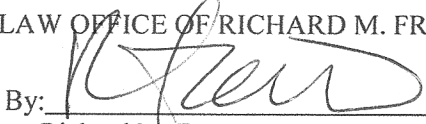
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By: _____
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Dated: March 24, 2017

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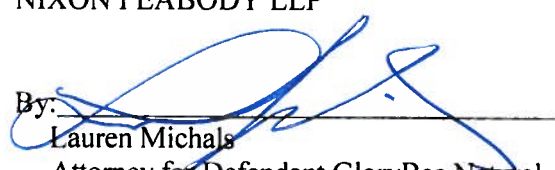
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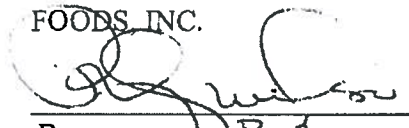
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13 Its: SE Executive Vice President

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ORDER AND JUDGMENT

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

IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED.

Dated: JUN - 1 2017, 2017

DENNIS HAYASHI

Judge of the Superior Court

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

Dear Addressees:

I represent the 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

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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:

Glorybee Natural Sweeteners, Inc. dba Glorybee and Glorybee Foods, Inc.

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

1. **GloryBee Inc. Propolis Powder w/ 20% Carob - Lead**
2. **GloryBee Foods Inc. Hive Complex with Royal Jelly & Ginseng - Lead**
3. **GloryBee Foods Inc. Tea Blossom Bee Pollen Granules - Lead**
4. **GloryBee Foods Inc. Wildflower Bee Pollen Granules - Lead**
5. **GloryBee Foods Inc. Hive Power Capsules - Lead**
6. **GloryBee Inc. Propolis Capsules - Lead**
7. **GloryBee Foods Inc. Tea Blossom Bee Pollen Powder - Lead**

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.

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 has exposed and continues to expose numerous individuals within California to the identified chemical, lead. 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 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. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product's label. The Violator violated Proposition 65 because it failed to provide an appropriate warning to persons using and/or handling these products that they are being exposed to lead. Each of these ongoing violations has occurred on every day since August 30, 2013, as well as every day since the products were introduced in the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users.

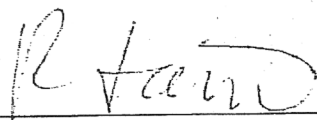
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Pursuant to Section 25249.7(d) of the statute, ERC intends to file a citizen enforcement action sixty days after effective service of this notice unless the Violator agrees in an enforceable written instrument to: (1) reformulate the listed products 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,



Rick Franco

Attachments

Certificate of Merit

Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to Glorybee Natural Sweeteners, Inc. dba Glorybee and Glorybee Foods, Inc., and its Registered Agents for Service of Process only)

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

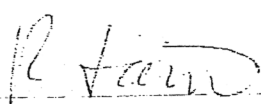
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Re: Environmental Research Center, Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by Glorybee Natural Sweeteners, Inc. dba Glorybee and Glorybee Foods, Inc.

I, Rick Franco, 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: August 30, 2016


Rick Franco

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 30, 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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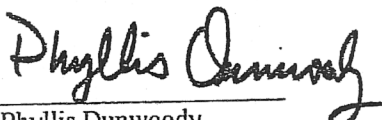
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Phyllis Dunwoody

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Appendix A

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986
(PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY

The following summary has been prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), the lead agency for the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (commonly known as "Proposition 65"). A copy of this summary must be included as an attachment to any notice of violation served upon an alleged violator of the Act. The summary provides basic information about the provisions of the law, and is intended to serve only as a convenient source of general information. It is not intended to provide authoritative guidance on the meaning or application of the law. Please refer to the statute and OEHHA's implementing regulations (see citations below) for further information.

FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BASIS FOR THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE RELATED TO YOUR BUSINESS, CONTACT THE PERSON IDENTIFIED ON THE NOTICE.

The text of Proposition 65 (Health and Safety Code Sections 25249.5 through 25249.13) is available online at: <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65law72003.html>. Regulations that provide more specific guidance on compliance, and that specify procedures to be followed by the State in carrying out certain aspects of the law, are found in Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 25102 through 27001.¹ These implementing regulations are available online at: <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65Regs.html>.

WHAT DOES PROPOSITION 65 REQUIRE?

The "Proposition 65 List." Under Proposition 65, the lead agency (OEHHA) publishes a list of chemicals that are known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity. Chemicals are placed on the Proposition 65 list if they are known to cause cancer and/or birth defects or other reproductive harm, such as damage to female or male reproductive systems or to the developing fetus. This list must be updated at least once a year. The current Proposition 65 list of chemicals is available on the OEHHA website at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65_list/Newlist.html.

Only those chemicals that are on the list are regulated under Proposition 65. Businesses that produce, use, release or otherwise engage in activities involving listed chemicals must comply with the following:

Clear and reasonable warnings. A business is required to warn a person before "knowingly and intentionally" exposing that person to a listed chemical unless an exemption applies. The warning given must be "clear and

reasonable.” This means that the warning must: (1) clearly say that the chemical involved is known to cause cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm; and (2) be given in such a way that it will effectively reach the person before he or she is exposed to that chemical. Some exposures are exempt from the warning requirement under certain circumstances discussed below.

Prohibition from discharges into drinking water. A business must not knowingly discharge or release a listed chemical into water or onto land where it passes or probably will pass into a source of drinking water. Some discharges are exempt from this requirement under certain circumstances discussed below.

DOES PROPOSITION 65 PROVIDE ANY EXEMPTIONS?

Yes. You should consult the current version of the statute and regulations

(<http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html>) to determine all applicable exemptions, the most common of which are the following:

Grace Periods. Proposition 65 warning requirements do not apply until 12 months after the chemical has been listed. The Proposition 65 discharge prohibition does not apply to a discharge or release of a chemical that takes place less than 20 months after the listing of the chemical.

Governmental agencies and public water utilities. All agencies of the federal, state or local government, as well as entities operating public water systems, are exempt.

Businesses with nine or fewer employees. Neither the warning requirement nor the discharge prohibition applies to a business that employs a total of nine or fewer employees. This includes all employees, not just those present in California.

Exposures that pose no significant risk of cancer. For chemicals that are listed under Proposition 65 as known to the State to cause cancer, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure occurs at a level that poses “no significant risk.” This means that the exposure is calculated to result in not more than one excess case of cancer in 100,000 individuals exposed over a 70-year lifetime. The Proposition 65 regulations identify specific “No Significant Risk Levels” (NSRLs) for many listed carcinogens. Exposures below these levels are exempt from the warning requirement. See OEHHA's website at:

<http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html> for a list of NSRLs, and Section 25701 *et seq.* of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures that will produce no observable reproductive effect at 1,000 times the level in question. For chemicals known to the State to cause reproductive toxicity, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure will produce no observable effect, even at 1,000 times the level in question. In other words, the level of exposure must be below the “no observable effect level” divided by 1,000. This number is known as the Maximum Allowable Dose Level (MADL). See OEHHA's website at:

<http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html> for a list of MADLs, and Section 25801 *et seq.* of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures to Naturally Occurring Chemicals in Food. Certain exposures to chemicals that naturally occur in foods (i.e., that do not result from any known human activity, including activity by someone other than the person causing the exposure) are exempt from the warning requirements of the law. If the chemical is a contaminant² it must be reduced to the lowest level feasible. Regulations explaining this exemption can be found in Section 25501.

Discharges that do not result in a "significant amount" of the listed chemical entering any source of drinking water. The prohibition from discharges into drinking water does not apply if the discharger is able to demonstrate that a "significant amount" of the listed chemical has not, does not, or will not pass into or probably pass into a source of drinking water, and that the discharge complies with all other applicable laws, regulations, permits, requirements, or orders. A "significant amount" means any detectable amount, except an amount that would meet the "no significant risk" level for chemicals that cause cancer or that is 1,000 times below the "no observable effect" level for chemicals that cause reproductive toxicity, if an individual were exposed to that amount in drinking water.

HOW IS PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCED?

Enforcement is carried out through civil lawsuits. These lawsuits may be brought by the Attorney General, any district attorney, or certain city attorneys. Lawsuits may also be brought by private parties acting in the public interest, but only after providing notice of the alleged violation to the Attorney General, the appropriate district attorney and city attorney, and the business accused of the violation. The notice must provide adequate information to allow the recipient to assess the nature of the alleged violation. The notice must comply with the information and procedural requirements specified in Section 25903 of Title 27 and sections 3100-3103 of Title 11. A private party may not pursue an independent enforcement action under Proposition 65 if one of the governmental officials noted above initiates an enforcement action within sixty days of the notice.

A business found to be in violation of Proposition 65 is subject to civil penalties of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation. In addition, the business may be ordered by a court to stop committing the violation.

A private party may not file an enforcement action based on certain exposures if the alleged violator meets specific conditions. For the following types of exposures, the Act provides an opportunity for the business to correct the alleged violation:

- An exposure to alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent onsite consumption is permitted by law;
- An exposure to a Proposition 65 listed chemical in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises that is primarily intended for immediate consumption on- or off- premises. This only applies if the chemical was not intentionally added to the food, and was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination;

- An exposure to environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises;
- An exposure to listed chemicals in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking non-commercial vehicles.

If a private party alleges that a violation occurred based on one of the exposures described above, the private party must first provide the alleged violator a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form.

A private party may not file an action against the alleged violator for these exposures, or recover in a settlement any payment in lieu of penalties any reimbursement for costs and attorney's fees, if the notice was served on or after October 5, 2013, and the alleged violator has done *all* of the following within 14 days of being served notice:

- Corrected the alleged violation;
- Agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$5B500 (subject to change as noted below) to the private party within 30 days; and
- Notified the private party serving the notice in writing that the violation has been corrected.

The written notification to the private-party must include a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form completed by the alleged violator as directed in the notice. On April 1, 2019, and every five years thereafter, the dollar amount of the civil penalty will be adjusted by the Judicial Council based on the change in the annual California Consumer Price Index. The Judicial Council will publish the dollar amount of the adjusted civil penalty at each five-year interval, together with the date of the next scheduled adjustment.

An alleged violator may satisfy these conditions only one time for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility or on the same premises. The satisfaction of these conditions does not prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney of a city of greater than 750,000 population, or any full-time city prosecutor with the consent of the district attorney, from filing an enforcement action against an alleged violator. The amount of any civil penalty for a violation shall be reduced to reflect any payment made by the alleged violator for the same alleged violation to a private-party.

A copy of the notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form is included with this notice and can be downloaded from OEHHA's website at: <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/p65law72003.html>.

The notice is reproduced here:

Date: August 30, 2016

Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party: Environmental Research Center, Inc.

Address: 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108

Phone number: 619-500-3090

SPECIAL COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE

PROOF OF COMPLIANCE

You are receiving this form because the Noticing Party listed above has alleged that you are violating California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 (Prop. 65).

The Noticing Party may not bring any legal proceedings against you for the alleged violation checked below if:

1. **You have actually taken the corrective steps that you have certified in this form**
2. **The Noticing Party has received this form at the address shown above, accurately completed by you, postmarked within 14 days of your receiving this notice**
3. **The Noticing Party receives the required \$500 penalty payment from you at the address shown above postmarked within 30 days of your receiving this notice.**
4. **This is the first time you have submitted a Proof of Compliance for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility on the same premises.**

PART 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOTICING PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR THE NOTICING PARTY

The alleged violation is for an exposure to: (check one)

Alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent on-site consumption is permitted by law.

A chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises for immediate consumption on or off premises to the extent: (1) the chemical was not intentionally added; and (2) the chemical was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination.

Environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises.

Chemicals known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking noncommercial vehicles.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. You have no potential liability under California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 if your business has nine (9) or fewer employees.
2. Using this form will NOT prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney, or a prosecutor in whose jurisdiction the violation is alleged to have occurred from filing an action over the same alleged violations, and that in any such action, the amount of civil penalty shall be reduced to reflect any payment made at this time.

Date: August 30, 2016

Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party: Environmental Research Center, Inc.
Address: 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108
Phone number: 619-500-3090

PART 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ALLEGED VIOLATOR OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Certification of Compliance

Accurate completion of this form will demonstrate that you are now in compliance with California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 for the alleged violation listed above. You must complete and submit the form below to the Noticing Party at the address shown above, postmarked within 14 days of you receiving this notice.

I hereby agree to pay, within 30 days of completion of this notice, a civil penalty of \$500 to the Noticing Party only and certify that I have complied with Health and Safety Code §25249.6 by (check only one of the following):

- Posting a warning or warnings about the alleged exposure that complies with the law, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accurately showing its placement on my premises;
- Posting the warning or warnings demanded in writing by the Noticing Party, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accurately its placement on my premises; OR
- Eliminating the alleged exposure, and attaching a statement accurately describing how the alleged exposure has been eliminated.

Certification

My statements on this form, and on any attachments to it, are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith. I have carefully read the instructions to complete this form. I understand that if I make a false statement on this form, I may be subject to additional penalties under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65).

Signature of alleged violator or authorized representative Date

Name and title of signatory

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAW OR REGULATIONS. . .

Contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900 or via e-mail at P65Public.Comments@oehha.ca.gov.

Revised: May 2014

¹ All further regulatory references to sections of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations unless otherwise indicated. The statute, regulations and relevant case law are available on the OEHHA website at: <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html>.

² See Section 25501(a)(4).

Note: Authority cited: Section 25249.12, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 25249.5, 25249.6, 25249.7, 25249.9, 25249.10 and 25249.11, Health and Safety Code.

HISTORY

1. New Appendix A filed 4-22-97; operative 4-22-97 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 97, No. 17).
2. Amendment filed 1-7-2003; operative 2-6-2003 (Register 2003, No. 2).
3. Change without regulatory effect renumbering title 22, section 12903 and Appendix A to title 27, section 25903 and Appendix A, including amendment of appendix, filed 6-18-2008 pursuant to section 100, title 1, California Code of Regulations (Register 2008, No. 25).
4. Amendment filed 11-19-2012; operative 12-19-2012 (Register 2012, No. 47).
5. Amendment of appendix and Note filed 11-19-2014; operative 1-1-2015 (Register 2014, No. 47).

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