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Greetings:

This office and the Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation ("Mateel") hereby give you notice that the private businesses on the attached service list are in violation of Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6. This office and Mateel are both private enforcers of Proposition 65, both organizations may be reached at the below listed address and telephone number, I may be considered a "responsible individual" at both organizations, and I may be contacted at the same address and telephone number. The above referenced violations occur when California residents come into contact with thermoset/thermoplastic-coated wires, cables, and/or cords/cord sets, including PVC-coated wires, cords/cord sets, plugs and connectors, and both SPT and HPN cords/cord sets (hereinafter collectively "Cords"). These businesses market products with, or that are themselves, Cords. Handling of, and contact with, these Cords exposes people to acrylonitrile, antimony trioxide, arsenic, 1,3 butadiene, carbon tetrachloride, carbon black extracts, chlorinated paraffins, chloroform, ethyl acrylate, ethylene thiourea, nickel, toluene, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, vinyl chloride, lead and lead compounds, lead acetate, lead phosphate, lead subacetate, and di(2ethylhexyl) phthalate. Handling Cords causes these chemicals to come off the coating of the Cords and to be transferred to the skin of the person handling the Cords. These chemicals are then ingested through hand-to-mouth contact and hand-to-food-to-mouth and hand-to-cigarette-to-mouth behavior. These chemicals are also absorbed through the skin and smokers inhale those chemicals transferred from hands to cigarettes. These exposures (and resulting violations) occur occupationally, environmentally, and as the result of the sale of consumer products and services. In occupational settings, the type of work that is done during which the above-referenced exposures occur is the handling of, and contact with, Cords, including during the manufacture, installation, maintenance, handling and/or use of electrical equipment to which these Cords are attached. As described above, the exposures that are the subject of this notice occur via the dermal absorption, inhalation, ingestion and subcutaneous routes. These violations have occurred every day since at least January 23, 1999 and will continue every day until reasonable warnings are given to those people exposed. Environmental exposure violations occur in every county of the State and occur both on and off the property of the aforementioned private businesses.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Gina Klump, declare:

If called, I could and would testify as follows: I am over eighteen. My business address is 424 First Street, Eureka, California, 95501. On January 23, 2003, I caused the attached 60-DAY NOTICE LETTER, or a letter identical in substance, to be served by U.S. Mail on those public enforcement agencies listed on the attached SERVICE LIST; in addition on the same date and by U.S. Mail I caused the attached 60-DAY NOTICE LETTER and PROPOSITION 65: A SUMMARY to be sent by U.S. Mail to the private business entities also listed on the attached SERVICE LIST. I deposited copies of these documents in envelopes, postage pre-paid, with the U.S. Postal Service on the day on which the mail is collected. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on January 23, 2003, at Eureka, California.

This notice alleges the violation of Proposition 65 with respect to occupational exposures governed by the California State Plan for Occupational Safety and Health. The State Plan incorporates the provisions of Proposition 65, as approved by Federal OSHA on June 6, 1997. This approval specifically placed certain conditions on Proposition 65, including that it does not apply to the conduct of manufacturers occurring outside the State of California. The approval also provides that an employer may use the means of compliances in the general hazard communication requirements to comply with Proposition 65. It also requires that supplemental enforcement is subject to the supervision of the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Accordingly, any settlement, civil complaint, or substantive court orders in this matter must be submitted to the Attorney General.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

I, William Verick, hereby declare: This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notices have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings. I am the attorney for the noticing party. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action. Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on all 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 plaintiffs' case can be established and the information did not prove that the alleged violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute. The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the person(s) consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: January 23, 2003

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COMPLIANCE WITH [PROPOSED] 11 CAL. CODE REGS. § 3102

As to those companies included in the accompanying 60-Day Notice but not named in the attachment to the Declaration of Christopher Crow, Mateel has been able to determine through research into the corporations themselves and their product lines (as well as through settlement negotiations) that products subject to the accompanying 60-Day Notice that are manufactured or marketed by all of these companies contain lead and trace amounts of the other chemicals described in the accompanying 60-Day Notice Letter. Based on the extensive research Mateel has conducted into lead exposures caused by thermoplastic insulation, Mateel knows that when there is lead in the insulation, a person is exposed to the lead when they handle the cords and wires that incorporate this insulation. Moreover, those companies included in the accompanying 60-Day Notice but not named in the attachment to the Declaration of Christopher Crow, primarily make spools of wire sold to electricians and to the general public. This wire is especially likely to expose consumers and workers to lead because a common practice used to strip insulation from these wires is to bite down on it, in essence using human teeth as wire strippers. This is perhaps not the smartest thing to do, but Mateel has direct evidence that this is a common practice among electricians as well as do-it-yourself electricians.

LIST OF COMPANIES

BellSouth Corporation
Black Point Products, Inc.
Brother International Corporation
Casio Inc.
Cobra Electronics Corporation.
Do It Best Corporation.
Dollar Tree Stores, Inc.
Funai Corporation, Inc.
Gehr Industries, Inc.
Hitachi America, Ltd.
Homedics - USA, Inc., dba Homedics, Inc.
Konica Corporation
Lennox Electronics Corporation
Masco Corporation
Memorex Products Inc.
Monster Cable Products, Inc.
Samsung Electronics America
Satco Products, Inc.
The Sharper Image Corporation
Starbucks Coffee Company
Sun Microsystems, Inc.
Wilton Industries
Nikon Americas, Inc.

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