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SIXTY-DAY NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUE FOR VIOLATION OF THE SAFE DRINKING
WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986
(Cal Health & Saf. Code §§ 25249.5 *et seq.*) (“Proposition 65”)

May 24, 2006

Kraft Foods
Kraft Foods North America
CEO Roger K. Deromedi
3 Lakes Drive
Northfield, IL 60093

AND THE PUBLIC PROSECUTORS LISTED ON THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Re: Consumer Product Exposure to Benzene

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter constitutes notice that Kraft Foods Inc. (“Kraft”) has violated and continues to violate provisions of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health and Safety Code §§ 25249.5 *et seq.* (“Proposition 65”). Specifically, this entity has violated and continues to violate the warning requirement of § 25249.6 of the California Health and Safety Code, which provides, “[n]o person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning to such individual...” This notice satisfies a prerequisite for Melinda Ziesmer-Rodriguez to commence an action against Kraft in any Superior Court of California to enforce Proposition 65. The violations addressed by this notice have occurred, based on information and belief, in every county in California. Melinda Ziesmer-Rodriguez is serving this notice upon each person or entity responsible for the alleged violations, the California Attorney General, the district attorney for every county where the alleged violations occurred, and the City Attorney for every city with a population (according to the most recent decennial census) of over 750,000 persons located within counties where the alleged violations occurred.

By serving this notice, Melinda Ziesmer-Rodriguez is acting “in the public interest” pursuant to Proposition 65. Kraft may contact Melinda Ziesmer-Rodriguez, 6785 Annmar Dr.

San Diego, CA 92139, telephone number (619) 235-4040 through her attorneys, Jason Hartley, Esq., 550 West B St., Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92101, telephone number (619) 557-4331, and additional undersigned counsel.

Attached to this Notice is a copy of "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary." This summary provides general information about Proposition 65.


For at least the past five years, and continuing to the present, Kraft and/or its predecessor entity or entities have caused consumer product exposure to the carcinogen benzene. Benzene was listed by the Governor of the State of California as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity and has been so listed for more than twelve months. Specifically, Kraft sells Crystal Light brand soft drinks, including Crystal Light Sunrise Classic Orange, which contain benzene, to retailers and consumers throughout California. Specifically, these products contain both Vitamin C and sodium benzoate, which has been known to the soft drink industry since at least 1990 to react in beverages to form benzene. The principal route of exposure to benzene is through ingestion of the product as a ready to consume beverage. The location of the alleged exposures are varied, occurring within the 58 counties of the state of California

Accordingly, Kraft, which has ten or more employees, has knowingly and intentionally exposed, and continues to expose, California consumers to concentrations of benzene that exceed safe harbor levels without first providing clear and reasonable warnings as required by Proposition 65. Kraft was and is required to provide clear and reasonable warnings to all consumers of Crystal Light Sunrise Classic Orange brand beverage stating that Crystal Light Sunrise Classic Orange contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code §25249.7(d)(1), the undersigned counsel hereby include the attached Certificate of Merit, which states that the undersigned counsel have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has or have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of this notice, and that, based on that information, the undersigned counsel believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case. Factual information sufficient to establish the basis of this Certificate of Merit is included with the notice that is served on the Attorney General and is provided to that office in confidence and is not to be disclosed except according to law.

Through this notice, Melinda Ziesmer-Rodriguez provides Kraft and the appropriate government authorities notice of her intent to sue 60 days prior to the commencement of an action. In the absence of any action by the appropriate governmental authorities within 60 days of the sending of this notice, Melinda Ziesmer-Rodriguez may file suit.

Sincerely,



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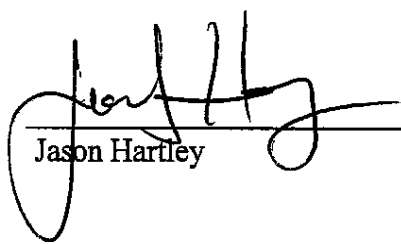
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

I, Jason Hartley, hereby declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) in which it is alleged the party(s) identified in the notice(s) has violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
2. I am the attorney for the noticing party.
3. I have consulted with at least one person with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action.
4. 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.
5. 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 persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: May 24, 2006

By: 
Jason Hartley

PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

I am employed in the County of San Diego, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is 550 West B Street, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92101. On December 6, 2005, I served a copy of the following documents described as follows:

- **NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 DATED 5/24/06 TO See Attached Distribution List FROM Jason Hartley, Esq.**
- **THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY (only sent to alleged violators)**
- **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT – (attachments only sent to California Attorney General’s Office)**

_____ BY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION (C.R.C. Rule 2008): At the time of transmission I was at least 18 years of age and not a party to this legal proceeding. I am "readily familiar" with the firm's practice of sending and receiving facsimile documents for service of process. Under that practice, the document(s) were caused to be sent to the parties via facsimile machine.

 X VIA U.S. MAIL (C.C.P. §1013a(1) and (3)): I am "readily familiar" with the firm's practice of collection and processing correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service; and that the correspondence shall be deposited with the United States Postal Service this same day in the ordinary course of business. A true and correct copy thereof was enclosed in sealed envelope(s) and addressed as follows.

_____ BY OVERNIGHT DELIVERY MAIL (C.C.P. §1013(c)): I am readily familiar with the practice of this firm for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing by FedEx. Pursuant to this practice, correspondence would be deposited in the a FedEx pickup location in San Diego, California in the ordinary course of business on the date of this declaration. A true and correct copy thereof was enclosed in sealed envelope(s) and addressed as follows.

SEE ATTACHED DISTRIBUTION LIST

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct. Executed on May 25, 2006, at San Diego, California.



Stacie A. Agnew

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