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February 16, 2007

NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF
CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.

Dear Public Enforcement Agencies:

As You Sow ("AYS") is a non-profit foundation organized under California's Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation Law. AYS is dedicated to, among other causes, the protection of the environment, the promotion of human health, the improvement of worker and consumer safety, and environmental education.

AYS has documented violations of California's Safe Drinking Water & Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 ("Proposition 65"), codified at Health & Safety Code §25249.5 *et seq.* This letter serves to provide AYS' notification of these violations to the public enforcement agencies and to the violator. Pursuant to §25249.7(d) of the statute, AYS intends to bring an enforcement action sixty (60) days after effective service of this notice unless the public enforcement agencies have commenced and are diligently prosecuting an action to rectify these violations.

A summary of the statute and its implementing regulations, which was prepared by the lead agency designated under the statute, is enclosed with the copy of this notice served upon the violator. The specific details of the violations that are the subject of this notice are provided below.

Alleged violator. The name of the violator covered by this notice is **QUABAUG CORPORATION** ("Quabaug").

Chemicals. These violations involve exposures to toluene. On January 1, 1991, toluene was identified and listed under the statute as a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

Consumer products. The product that is the subject of this notice is an adhesive named *Barge All Purpose Cement.*

Route of exposure. The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the purchase, acquisition, handling and use of the product. Accordingly, the consumer exposures have occurred and continue to occur primarily through the inhalation exposure route, but also may occur through dermal contact and ingestion.

The occupational exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the purchase, acquisition, handling and use of the product. Accordingly, the occupational exposures have

occurred and continue to occur primarily through the inhalation exposure route, but also may occur through dermal contact and ingestion.

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 with regard to occupational exposures outside the State of California. The approval also provided that an employer may use the means of compliance 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.

Duration of violations. These ongoing violations have occurred on every day since the products have been sold in California and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided or toluene is removed from the product.

Pursuant to Title 11, C.C.R. § 3100, a certificate of merit is attached hereto.

In keeping with its public interest mission and to expeditiously rectify these ongoing violations of California law, AYS is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter without engaging in costly and protracted litigation. Please direct all communications regarding this notice to AYS' counsel in this matter:

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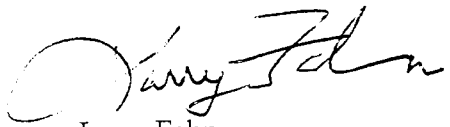
Very truly yours,



Larry Fahn
Executive Director

Enclosure

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

(for As You Sow's Notice of Proposition 65 Violation on QUABAUG CORPORATION)

I, Andrew L. Packard, declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged that **QUABAUG CORPORATION** has violated Health & Safety Code §25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.

2. I am the attorney for the noticing party.

3. 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 chemicals that are 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 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. 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 §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: February 16, 2007

Andrew L. Packard

Attachments (for Attorney General Copy only)

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, and not a party to the within action; my business address is: 311 California Street, Suite 510, San Francisco, California 94104.

On February 16, 2007, I served the following documents:

- Notice of Violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 et seq., including Exhibit A
- Certificate of Merit
- "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary"

on the following party by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party listed below, and depositing it at a United States Postal Service Office for delivery by Certified Mail:

Quabaug Corporation
Roger E. Varnum, Chairman of the Board
18 School Street
North Brookfield, MA 01535

On February 16, 2007, I served the following document(s):

- Notice of Violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 et seq., including Exhibit A
- Certificate of Merit, including Supporting Documentation Required by Title 11, C.C.R. § 3102

on the following party by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party listed below, and depositing it at a United States Postal Service Office for delivery by Certified Mail:

Attn: Ed Weil, Deputy Attorney General
California Department of Justice
P.O. Box 70550
Oakland, CA 94612-0550

On February 16, 2007, I served the following document(s):

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- Certificate of Merit

on each of the parties on the service list attached hereto by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties on the service list attached hereto, and depositing it at United States Postal Service mail box for delivery by First Class Mail.

Executed on February 16, 2007, at San Francisco, California.

Karalyn P. Buchner

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