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Sixty Day Notice of Intent to Sue Continental Girbau Inc. and All of Its Operating Affiliates Under Health & Safety Code §25249.6 served by Noticing Party Dr. Richard F. Sowinski

Dr. Richard F. Sowinski, a California resident (hereinafter the "Noticing Party") hereby gives Notice of Intent to Sue Under Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5, *et seq* (the "Notice") to Continental Girbau Inc. and all of its operating affiliates (hereinafter referred to collectively as "CONTINENTAL"), as well as the governmental entities on the attached proof of service. The Noticing Party, Dr. Sowinski, lives at 1457 Ramsey Circle, Walnut Creek, CA 94597, telephone number (925) 938-2693. Dr. Sowinski is represented by counsel and requests that he be contacted at the following address: Dr. Richard F. Sowinski, Attn: Anthony G. Graham, Graham & Martin LLP, 950 South Coast Drive, Ste. 220, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, telephone number (714) 850-9390, facsimile number (714) 850-9392.

This Notice is intended to inform CONTINENTAL that it is in violation of Proposition 65, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (commencing with California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5) (hereinafter "Proposition 65"), specifically Section 25249.6. Proposition 65 states that when a party, such as CONTINENTAL, an entity with more than ten employees, has been or is knowingly and intentionally exposing its customers and users of products it sells to a detectable level of any chemical designated by the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity (the "Designated Chemical"), it has violated the statute unless, prior to such exposure, it provides clear and reasonable warning of the exposure to the potentially exposed persons (Health & Safety Code § 25249.6).

In October, 2003, Dr. Sowinski filed and served several 60-Day Notices with the violators as well as the Office of the California Attorney General against the gas utilities operating in California noting that, contrary to the assertions of the gas utilities, benzene is not destroyed in the appliance flame and thus the public was not being adequately warned that significant amounts of Benzene bypassed the gas appliance flame unchanged and was being inhaled. In May, 2004, the Office of the California Attorney General requested that Pacific Gas & Electric provide a Proposition 65 Warning which noted that burning natural gas produces chemicals known to the State to cause cancer, birth defects and/or reproductive harm. Within two months all of the utilities complied. Despite these facts, four years later, CONTINENTAL, one of the leading natural gas dryer manufacturers, still fails to warn that burning natural gas in their appliances is known to produce a hazardous chemical known to the State to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity.

In the ordinary course of business, CONTINENTAL, since at least April 11, 2004 through the present date, manufactures, sells and/or distributes throughout California natural gas clothes drying equipment listed on Exhibit A hereto ("the CONTINENTAL Products"). The CONTINENTAL Products produce, in the ordinary course of usage, hazardous emissions in significant amounts that poses

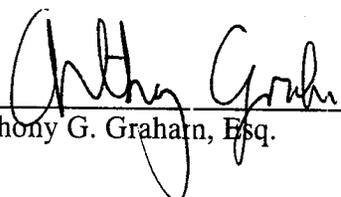
a serious health risk to unsuspecting people. These gas dryers burn natural gas which produce benzene levels that exceed the allowable threshold exposure level set forth in California Health & Safety Code §25249.6. CONTINENTAL now and for at least the four years prior to this Notice has failed to provide its customers with a clear and reasonable warning of this potential exposure to benzene, a chemical known to the State to cause cancer, birth defects and/or reproductive harm.

CONTINENTAL has been manufacturing, selling and/or distributing throughout California the natural gas clothes drying equipment listed on Exhibit A hereto as well as other models used throughout the years for at least four years prior to the date of this Notice. Each of these products, when used to dry clothes, emit vapors, gases and particles containing the following Designated Chemical: benzene, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity. Persons using the CONTINENTAL products will be exposed to this Designated Chemical primarily via inhalation, that is, by breathing in the chemical. CONTINENTAL however has not placed on its products nor anywhere on its internet website, a clear and reasonable warning that use of any such CONTINENTAL Product will expose the user to the Designated Chemical, Benzene. CONTINENTAL is therefore violating Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6.

Proposition 65 requires that notice and intent to sue be given to CONTINENTAL sixty days before a suit is filed. With this letter, Dr. Sowinski gives notice of the alleged violations to CONTINENTAL and the appropriate governmental authorities. This notice covers all violations of Proposition 65 that are currently known to Dr. Sowinski from information now available to him. Dr. Sowinski reserves the right to amend this Notice to inform CONTINENTAL of other violations and/or exposures as it gathers further information. With the copy of this notice submitted to CONTINENTAL, a copy is provided of "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary."

Dated: April 17, 2008

By:



Anthony G. Graham, Esq.

EXHIBIT A

LIST OF PRODUCTS:

Dryer Model Number:

The 30-pound capacity single-pocket ExpressDry dryer
The 55-pound capacity single-pocket ExpressDry dryer
The 75-pound capacity single-pocket ExpressDry dryer
The 30-pound capacity stacked ExpressDry dryer
The 45-pound capacity stacked ExpressDry dryer
The 30-pound capacity single-pocket ExpressDry dryer
The 30-pound capacity stacked ExpressDry dryer
The 55-pound capacity single-pocket ExpressDry dryer
CG20-30 Pro-Series II Commercial Dryer
CG30-40 Pro-Series II Commercial Dryer
The CG50-60 Pro-Series II Drying Tumbler
The CG75-85 Pro-Series II Drying Tumbler
The CG115-125 Pro-Series II Drying Tumbler
The CG165-175 Pro-Series II Drying Tumbler

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

I, Anthony G. Graham, hereby declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notice have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.

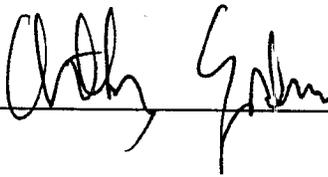
2. I am member of the State Bar of California, a partner of the law firm of Graham & Martin, LLP, and attorney for noticing party Dr. Richard F. Sowinski.

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 alleged exposures 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 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.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Costa Mesa, California on April 17, 2008.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy Galvan", is written over a horizontal line.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this case. I am a resident of or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. My business address is 950 South Coast Drive, Suite 220, Costa Mesa, California 92626.

I SERVED THE FOLLOWING:

- 1.) 60-Day Notice of Intent to Sue Under Health & Safety Code Section 24249.6;
- 2.) The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary (only sent to violators);
- 3.) Certificate of Merit (with supporting papers sent to Office of Attorney General only).

by enclosing a true copy of the same in a sealed envelope addressed to each person whose name and address is shown below and depositing the envelope in the United States mail with the postage fully prepaid:

Date of Mailing: April 17, 2008

Place of Mailing: Costa Mesa, California

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH PERSON TO WHOM DOCUMENTS WERE MAILED:

Michael T. Floyd, President
Continental Girbau, Inc.
2500 State Road 44
Oshkosh, WI 54904

And

Agent for Service of Process
National Registered Agents, Inc.
2030 Main Street, Ste. 1030
Irvine, CA 92614

And all entities on the attachment hereto

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: April 17, 2008

