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May 9, 2008

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**

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Mr. Roland Jacques Gahler  
Natural Factors Nutritional Products Inc.  
1111 - 80th Street SW, Suite 100  
Everett, WA 98203

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

Dear Sir,

This firm represents Stephen D. Gillett in connection with this notice of violations of California's Safe Drinking Water & Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, codified at Health & Safety Code §25249.5 *et seq.* (also referred to as "Proposition 65"). This letter serves to provide notification of these violations to you and to the public enforcement agencies.

Pursuant to §25249.7(d) of the statute, Mr. Gillett 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.

The name of the violators covered by this notice are FACTORS GROUP OF NUTRITIONAL COMPANIES and NATURAL FACTORS NUTRITIONAL PRODUCTS, INC. (hereafter, the "Violators"). The Violators manufacture, market, distribute and/or sell in California herbal dietary supplements under the Natural Factors

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Nutritional Products branded product line. These ongoing violations arise out of exposures to lead and lead compounds from the consumer products set forth on the list attached hereto as Attachment 1. On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed lead as a substance known to cause reproductive toxicity. On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed lead and lead compounds as a substance known to cause cancer.

**Route of exposure.** The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the purchase, acquisition, handling and recommended use of these products by consumers. Accordingly, consumer exposures have occurred and continue to occur primarily through the ingestion route, but also may occur through the inhalation and/or and dermal contact routes of exposure.

**Duration of violations.** Each of these ongoing violations has occurred on every day since at least May 9, 2007, 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.

In keeping with the public interest goals of the statute and my client's objectives in issuing this notice, Mr. Gillett is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter. Such resolution will avoid both further unwarned consumer exposures to lead and additional fees and costs incurred by the parties. Mr. Gillett's address is Post Office Box 170142, San Francisco, California 94117. Tel. (415) 850-5233. However, he has retained this firm in the matter all communications regarding this Notice of Violation may be directed to my attention at the above-listed firm address and telephone number.

Very Truly Yours,



Andrew L. Packard

Attachments:

Attachment 1: List of Products  
OEHHA Summary  
Certificate of Merit (w/o AG attachments)  
Certificate of Service

ATTACHMENT 1: List of Products Causing Consumer Exposures to Lead

Bioflavonoids 650mg Cap 90
Shark Cartilage NZ 750mg Cap 90
Enrich Greens Phyto Pwd 5.3oz and 10.6 oz
Enrich Greens w/Phyto Cap 90
Thyroid Health Cap 60
Ech+Goldenseal Cap 90
BlueRich Blueberry 500mg Cap90
Ginkgo Biloba Ext 60MG Cap 60
ThyroSense Vegi Cap 60
AdrenaSense Vegi Cap 120

MultiStart Men Tab 120
MultiStart Men 50+ Tab 120
MultiStart Prenatal Tab 180
MultiStart Women Tab 90 and 180
MultiStart Women 45+ Tab 90 and 180
Cal/Mag Citr 1/1 w/D Tab 90 and 180
Cal Citr 350mg Tab 90
Cal/Mag Citr 1/1 no/D Tab 90
Cal/Mag Chel 2/1 Tab 90
Cal/Mag w/D Cap 180
Cal/Mag Citr w/D 1/1 Cap 90
WellBetX Complete Multi Tab120
WellBetX Gluco Balance Tab 120
OsteoSense Tab 120

WellBetX PGX Cap 180
WellBetX Gluc Mgt Prog Pkt 60
SlimStyles PGX 500mg Cap 180
SlimStyles App Ctrl Pwd 6.4oz
SlimStyles PGX App Ctrl 5.3 oz

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

**(re: Stephen D. Gillett's May 9, 2008 Notice of Proposition 65 Violations  
Issued to FACTORS GROUP OF NUTRITIONAL COMPANIES and NATURAL  
FACTORS NUTRITIONAL PRODUCTS, INC.)**

I, Andrew L. Packard, declare:

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

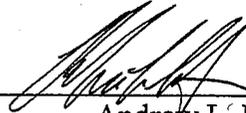
2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.

3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who 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 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. 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: May 9, 2008



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 of age, and am not a party to the within entitled action. My business address is 319 Pleasant Street, Petaluma, California 94952.

On May 9, 2008, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; "SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986: 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 US Postal Service Office for delivery by Certified Mail:

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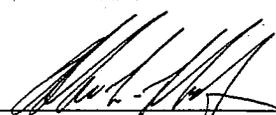
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On May 9, 2008, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT (including supporting documentation required by Title 11 CCR §3102)** on the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party listed below and depositing it in a US Postal Service Office for delivery by Certified Mail:

Office of the California Attorney General  
Prop 65 Enforcement Reporting  
1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000  
Post Office Box 70550  
Oakland, CA 94612-0550

On May 9, 2008, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; 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 in a US Postal Service Office for delivery by First Class Mail.

Executed on May 9, 2008, in Petaluma, California.

  
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Andrew L. Packard

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