

AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY INSTITUTE  
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PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA 94301

MAY 6, 2008

NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND  
TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986  
(California Health and Safety Code §25249.5 *et seq.*)

To

• RHODIA USA / RHODIA INC.

First Class Mail-Proof of Service Attached

Rhodia USA / Rhodia Inc.  
Current CEO / President / Gen. Counsel  
CN 7500  
8 Cedar Brook Drive  
Cranbury, NJ 08512

Re: Consumer Toothpaste Products

Dear Sir or Madam:

The American Environmental Safety Institute serves this Notice of Violation ("Notice") upon Rhodia USA / Rhodia Inc. (hereinafter "Rhodia") pursuant to and in compliance with California Health and Safety Code ("H&S Code") §25249.7(d) and 22 California Code of Regulations ("CCR") §12903. This Notice satisfies a prerequisite for Noticing Party to commence an action against the Companies to enforce the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986. The violations addressed by this Notice occur in every county and city in California. This Notice is being served upon each violator, the California Attorney General, the district attorney of every California county and the city attorney of every California city with a population (according to the most recent decennial census) of over 750,000. If the Companies have a current registration with the California Secretary of State that identifies a Chief Executive Officer, President, or General Counsel, this Notice is being addressed to, and served upon, one of those persons.

Attached as Exhibit A to this Notice is a copy of "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary." The attached Summary was prepared by the California EPA and provides general information about the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986. Copies of the Summary are not required to be, and are not being, provided to the public enforcement agencies.

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Description of the Noticing Entity, the Violator, and the Violations Addressed by this  
Notice:

- ◆ This Notice is provided by the American Environment Safety Institute. The American Environmental Safety Institute is a California non-profit corporation and is acting in the public interest pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d), its business address is 555 Bryant Street, #218, Palo Alto, California 94301. Deborah A. Sivas, President of the American Environmental Safety Institute, is a responsible individual within the American Environmental Safety Institute.
- ◆ The violator's name and address is: Rhodia USA / Rhodia Inc., CN 7500, 8 Cedar Brook Drive, Cranbury, NJ 08512.
- ◆ The violations addressed by this Notice began on February 27, 1988, have occurred on numerous occasions each and every day since February 27, 1988, and are ongoing and continuing.
- ◆ This Notice of Violation covers the "warning provision" of Proposition 65, which is found at H&S Code §25249.6.
- ◆ The name of each chemical that is listed pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 involved in the violations addressed by this Notice is Lead and lead compounds (carcinogen); and Lead (reproductive); (the "Listed Chemicals"). The Listed Chemicals are listed (and has been so listed for more than twelve months) by the Governor of the State of California as being a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity, or both cancer and reproductive toxicity. See Exhibit B attached hereto.
- ◆ The type of consumer products causing the exposures addressed by this Notice are toothpaste consumer products where Rhodia's products are used as ingredients in toothpaste products ("Products"), including but not limited to Jason Natural Products, Inc.'s toothpaste Products (*e.g.*, Oral Comfort, Healthy Mouth, Powersmile, Nutrismile, and Sea Fresh), but excluding any toothpaste Products manufactured by Burt's Bees, Inc.; Church & Dwight Co., Inc.; Colgate-Palmolive Company; GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare, LP; Kiss My Face Corp.; Laclede, Inc.; Levlad, Inc.; Personal Products Company, a Division of McNeil-PPC, Inc.; Rowpar Pharmaceuticals; Tom's of Maine, Inc.; The Procter & Gamble Distributing Company; The Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Company; The Gillette Company; Zooth, Inc.; and Xlear, Inc.
- ◆ The routes of exposure for the violations addressed by this Notice are dermal contact and/or ingestion during use of the Product(s).

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- ◆ There are numerous sources of the exposures addressed in this Notice. These exposures occur in homes, the workplace and everywhere else in California where these products are consumed. These exposures occur principally off the property of the Noticed Company.
- ◆ In the course of doing business, Rhodia knowingly and intentionally have exposed, and continues to expose, individuals (especially children) to the Listed Chemicals in the Products. No clear and reasonable warning is or has been provided by Rhodia to individuals regarding exposure to the Listed Chemicals or regarding the fact that the Listed Chemicals are known to the State of California to be a carcinogen and/or reproductive toxin.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this notice to counsel for the American Environmental Safety Institute:

Roger Lane Carrick, Esq.  
The Carrick Law Group, P.C.  
350 S. Grand Avenue, Suite 2930  
Los Angeles, CA 90071  
Tel.: (213) 346-7930  
Fax: (213) 346-7931

**EXHIBIT B**  
**NOTICED PARTY(IES):**

◆ **RHODIA USA / RHODIA INC.**

List Of Chemicals Contained In The Attached 60-Day Notice of Violation That Are Listed By The Governor Of The State Of California As Being Known To The State Of California To Cause Cancer Or Reproductive Toxicity

**CARCINOGENS**

<u>Chemical</u>	<u>CAS No.</u>	<u>Date Added to List</u>
Lead and lead compounds	---	October 1, 1992

**REPRODUCTIVE TOXINS**

<u>Chemical</u>	<u>CAS No.</u>	<u>Date Added to List</u>
Lead	---	February 27, 1987

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**  
**HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.7(d)**

◆ **LEAD AND LEAD COMPOUNDS**  
◆ **LEAD**

**NOTICED PARTY(IES):**

● **RHODIA USA / RHODIA INC.**

I, Roger Lane Carrick, on behalf of American Environmental Safety Institute hereby declare:

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

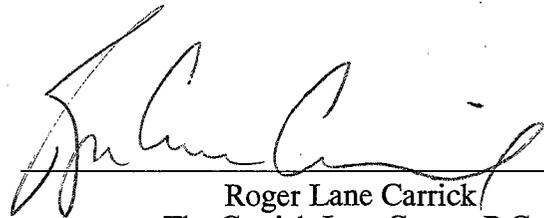
2. I am the attorney for the noticing party.

3. I have consulted with 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(s) that is the subject of this action.

4. Based upon the information obtained through those consultations, and 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 private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all the 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 24249.7(h)(2), *i.e.*, (1) the identity of the person consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Date: May 6, 2008



Roger Lane Carrick  
The Carrick Law Group, P.C.  
Attorneys for  
American Environmental Safety Institute

**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 350 S. Grand Avenue, Suite 2930, Los Angeles, CA 90071-3406.

On May 6, 2008, I served copies of the documents listed immediately hereafter by first class mail by placing same in sealed envelopes, fully preparing postage thereon, and depositing said envelopes in the U.S. Mail at Los Angeles, California. Said envelopes were addressed as follows:

**SEE ATTACHED DISTRIBUTION LIST**

*(sent via certified mail with applicable postage to those parties listed with an asterisk)*

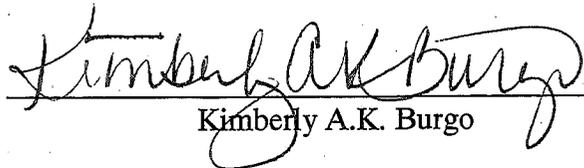
Documents mailed:

1. **NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (California Health and Safety Code §25249.5 et seq.)**

**NOTICED PARTY(IES):**

- **RHODIA USA / RHODIA INC.**
2. **Exhibit A - THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY (only sent to those parties listed with an asterisk)**
  3. **Exhibit B - Details of Relevant Proposition 65 Chemical Listing**
  4. **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT – (attachments, if any, only sent to California Attorney General's Office)**

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 May 6, 2008, at Los Angeles, California.

  
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Kimberly A.K. Burgo

**DISTRIBUTION LIST – NOTICED PARTIES**

*By Certified Mail U.S. Mail – Return Receipt Requested*

- (1) 60-Day Notice of Violation; (2) Exhibit A - Summary of Prop. 65;  
 (3) Exhibit B - Details of Relevant Proposition 65 Chemical Listing;  
 (4) Certificate of Merit; and (5) Certificate of Service**

\*Rhodia USA / Rhodia Inc.  
 Current CEO / President / Gen.  
 Counsel  
 CN 7500  
 8 Cedar Brook Drive  
 Cranbury, NJ 08512

\*CT Corporation System  
 818 W. Seventh Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 Los Angeles, CA 90017

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**DISTRIBUTION LIST – GOVERNMENT ENTITIES**

- (1) 60-Day Notice of Violation; (2) Exhibit B - Details of Relevant Proposition 65  
 Chemical Listing; (3) Certificate of Merit (w/atts. AG’s office only); and  
 (4) Certificate of Service**

Alameda City Attorney’s Office Alameda City Hall 2263 Santa Clara Avenue, Room 280 Alameda, CA 94501	<b>CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL</b> CA Department of Justice <b>PROP. 65 ENFORCEMENT REPORTING</b> Attn: Prop 65 Coordinator 1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000 Post Office Box 70550 Oakland, CA 94612-0550	Fresno City Attorney’s Office Fresno City Hall 2600 Fresno Street, Second Floor Fresno, CA 93721-3600
Orange City Attorney’s Office Orange City Hall 300 E. Chapman Avenue Orange, CA 92866	Sacramento City Attorney’s Office Sacramento City Hall 915 I Street, Fourth Floor Sacramento, CA 95814	San Bernardino City Attorney’s Office San Bernardino City Hall 300 N. "D" Street, Sixth Floor San Bernardino, CA 92418
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Office of the District Attorney of Lassen County County Courthouse 220 South Lassen Street, Suite 8 Susanville, CA 96130	Office of the District Attorney of Los Angeles County 18000 Criminal Courts Building 210 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012	Office of the District Attorney of Madera County 209 West Yosemite Avenue Madera, CA 93637
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