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**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 **KABCO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.** (“Kabco”).

**Chemicals.** These violations involve exposures to lead and lead compounds from the products listed below. On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed lead as a chemical known to cause reproductive toxicity. On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed lead and lead compounds as chemicals known to cause cancer.

**Consumer products.** The products that are the subject of this notice are herbs and herbal products, traditional patent medicines, bulk herbs, infusions, extracted powders, tea pills, traditional pills, patent formulas, bulk teas, liquid extracts and/or capsules that are imported, exported, manufactured, packaged, distributed, marketed and/or sold by Kabco. The phrase “traditional patent medicines” above is used herein as defined by the California Department of Health Services: “herbal and patent medicines consisting of single or multiple herbal ingredients, including botanical, mineral and animal products, formulated into tablets, pills, powders and liquids.” Kabco has manufactured, produced and/or sold one or more of the products that are the subject of this notice, including but not limited to the following:



**Product**

**Chemical**

Swanson Health Products Milk Thistle, Dandelion & Yellow Dock Herbal Liver Purifier	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Ultimate Men's Peak Performance	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Uva Ursi	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Cat's Claw	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Green Tea	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Valerian Root	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Cordyceps Sinensis	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Green, White & Black Tea	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Rhodiola, Holy Basil, Valerian Stress Complex	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Rhodiola Rosea Root	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Rhodiola Ashwaganda Ginseng Complex	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Turmeric	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Ashwaganda	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Triphala	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Graviola	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Women's Prime Multi	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Men's Prime Multi	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Amarin	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Gotu Kola	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Respiratory Essentials	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Grapeseed, Green Tea & Pine Bark Complex	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Cinnamon Gymnema Mulberry Complex	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Boswellia	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products St. John's Wort	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Black Cohosh	lead and lead compounds
Swanson Health Products Burdock Root	lead and lead compounds

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

**Duration of violations.** Each of these ongoing violations has occurred on every day for at least June 17, 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 or until these known toxic chemicals are removed from the products.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Fahn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Larry Fahn  
Executive Director

Enclosure

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**  
**(for As You Sow's Notice of Proposition 65 Violation on  
KABCO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.)**

I, Michael P. Lynes, declare:

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

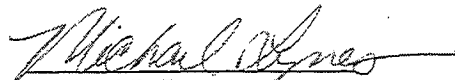
2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.

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 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: June 17, 2008

  
Michael P. Lynes

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, CA 94104.

On June 17, 2008, I served the following documents:

- Notice of Violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 et seq.
- 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:

Abu M. Kabir, Chairman  
Kabco Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
2000 New Horizons Blvd.  
Amityville, NY 11701

On June 17, 2008, I served the following document(s):

- Notice of Violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 et seq.
- 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:

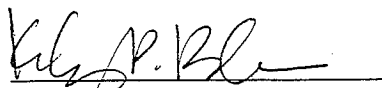
Attn: Ed Weil, Deputy Attorney General  
California Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 70550  
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On June 17, 2008, I served the following document(s):

- Notice of Violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 et seq., including Exhibit A
- 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 June 17, 2008, at San Francisco, California.

  
Karalyn P. Buchner

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