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Greetings:

This office and the Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation ("Mateel") give you notice that Concord Enterprises, Inc. (hereinafter "Concord") has been, is, will be and threatens to be in violation of Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6. Both this office and Mateel are private enforcers of Proposition 65, both may be contacted at the below listed address and telephone number, and I am a responsible individual for both Mateel and this office. The above referenced violations occur when California residents come into contact with cooking utensils, the handles of which are coated with leaded thermoplastic. Though a specific model or SKU or product number is given as an example, this notice pertains to all models, and all variations, of the specific type of product of which the named model is an example: BETTER CHOICE BBQ TONG UPC: 089775 420398. The plastic on the handles of these cooking utensils contains high levels of lead and lead compounds ("lead"), chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm. Concord makes or markets these cooking utensils. People are exposed to lead at work or elsewhere when they use these cooking utensils and their skin comes into contact with the plastic on the handles. Lead is transferred from the cooking utensils to the hands of the people using these products. The lead then enters their bodies when it is absorbed directly through the skin, through mucous membranes, or through cuts and/or abrasions when they touch their hands to their mouths and other mucous membranes, or when they touch cigarettes or food and then smoke the cigarettes and/or ingest the food. These exposures thus occur via the dermal absorption, mucous membrane, subcutaneous, inhalation and ingestion routes. Concord did not and does not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before it exposes them to lead. The above referenced violations have occurred every day since at least November 20, 2005 and will continue every day until the lead is taken out of these products or until warnings are given. These violations are alleged for occupational exposures as well as for consumer and environmental exposures. We do not, however, allege occupational exposure violations as to any of these products made outside of California, except as to workplaces Concord itself maintains in California. Exposures constituting Proposition 65 environmental exposure violations occur both on and off Concord's property and in each of California's 58 counties.

Cordially,

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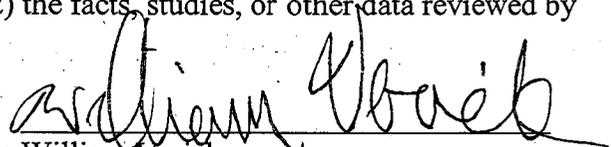
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**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

I, William Verick, hereby declare: This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notices have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings. I am the attorney for the noticing party. 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 that is the subject of the action. 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. 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 person(s) consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: November 20, 2008

  
William Verick

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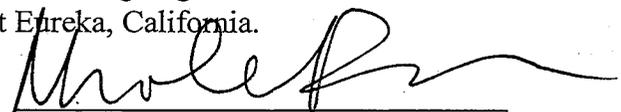
This notice alleges the violation of Proposition 65 with respect to occupational exposures governed by the California State Plan for Occupational Safety and Health. The State Plan incorporates the provisions of Proposition 65, as approved by Federal OSHA on June 6, 1997. This approval specifically placed certain conditions on Proposition 65, including that it does not apply to the conduct of manufacturers occurring outside the State of California. The approval also provides that an employer may use the means of compliances 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.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Nicole Frank, declare:

If called, I could and would testify as follows: I am over eighteen. My business address is 424 First Street, Eureka, California, 95501. On November 20, 2008, I caused the attached 60-DAY NOTICE LETTER, or a letter identical in substance, to be served by U.S. Mail on those public enforcement agencies listed on the attached SERVICE LIST; in addition on the same date and by U.S. Mail I caused the attached 60-DAY NOTICE LETTER and PROPOSITION 65: A SUMMARY to be sent by Certified U.S. Mail to the private business entities also listed on the attached SERVICE LIST. I deposited copies of these documents in envelopes, postage pre-paid, with the U.S. Postal Service on the day on which the mail is collected. 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 November 20, 2008, at Eureka, California.

  
Nicole Frank

