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MARCH 28, 2009

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

NEW NOTICE

TO: GRUMA CORPORATION
aka MISSION FOODSERVICE

Priority Mail-Proof of Signature Requested

TO THE PARTIES LISTED ON THE
ATTACHED DISTRIBUTION LIST

TO: Juan Gonzalez, President
GRUMA CORPORATION
aka GRUMA SA
1159 COTTONWOOD LN STE. 200
IRVING, TEXAS 75038

Re: Gruma Corporation aka Mission Foodservice Products

Dear Sir or Madame:

Environmental World Watch, Inc. (the "Noticing Party") serves this Notice of Violation ("Notice") upon GRUMA CORPORATION, AKA GRUMA SA, AKA MISSION FOODSERVICE (hereinafter "Gruma") 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 Gruma 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 Gruma has 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 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 Environmental Protection Agency 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 Party, the Alleged Violator, and the Alleged Violations Addressed by this Notice:

- This Notice is provided by Environmental World Watch, Inc. Environmental World Watch, Inc. (hereinafter "EWW"), is based in Los Angeles and is registered as a Delaware corporation with the office of the California Secretary of State. EWW is acting in the public interest pursuant to H&S Code §25249.7(d), and is dedicated to protecting the environment, improving human health and supporting environmentally sound practices.
- The violators' names and addresses are:
 - Juan Gonzalez, President
 - GRUMA CORPORATION
 - aka GRUMA SA
 - 1159 COTTONWOOD LN
 - STE 200
 - IRVING, TEXAS 75038
- The violations addressed by this Notice began on or after January 1, 1991, have occurred on numerous occasions each and every day since January 1, 1991, 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 Acrylamide; (the "Listed Chemical"). The Listed Chemical is 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 route of exposure for the violations addressed by this Notice is ingestion. There is also a danger of a dermal exposure while preparing the product for consumption.
- The type of consumer products causing the exposures addressed by this Notice are Eagle Snack Chips and Poppers, including but not limited to, the following illustrative products:

TABLE A

Mission Brand Chips:
 Pre-Fried Yellow Round Tortilla Chips
 Pre-Fried White Round Tortilla Chips
 Pre-Fried Yellow Triangle Tortilla Chips
 Pre-Fried Blue Triangle Tortilla Chips
 Pre-Fried Tri-Color Triangle Tortilla Chips

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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 are consumed. These exposures occur principally off the property of the Noticed Company.
- In the course of doing business, Gruma has knowingly and intentionally exposed, and continues to expose, individuals (especially pregnant and post-partum women) to the Listed Chemical. No clear and reasonable warning is or has been provided by Gruma to individuals regarding exposure to the Listed Chemical or regarding the fact that the Listed Chemical is known to the State of California to be a carcinogen, reproductive toxicant, or both a carcinogen and reproductive toxicant.
- These exposures have gone on from 1991 and are ongoing and continuing as EWW believes and so alleges that Gruma has tolled the statute of limitations by fraudulent concealment of the constituents of the ingredients in their from those persons that required warning in the stores where Gruma are sold for consumer consumption in California. The labels on these are further absent any warning that would meet the definition delineated at Title 22 CCR §12601(b)(1)(A), nor do they comply with section (b)(3) and (b)(4)(B) of that regulation.
- The carcinogen, contained in the ingredients of the , and subject to the warning requirements of H&S Code §25249.6 and more specifically 22 CCR §12601(b) *et seq.* are listed below:

1. Acrylamide

- The aforementioned carcinogen is on the Governor's list (Prop 65 List) as expressed at 22 CCR §12000. These chemicals are known to the State of California to cause carcinogenic harm to humans requiring special warning labels and care in handling and use. The concentrations of these toxins in the subject consumer food product exceed the No Significant Risk Level ("NSRL") threshold of 0.2 microgram per day and require a warning of the existence of this chemical danger by the manufacture.
- The principal route of exposure is through a "consumer exposure" via ingestion and inhalation. There is a further danger of contacting these carcinogens via a dermal exposure while using the food product as intended by the manufacture. These exposures have gone on since January 1, 1991, and are ongoing and continuing at every place in California that the listed in TABLE A are offered for sale and consumption. All references to "exposure" in this notice shall be understood to be exposures to the specific product lines in said TABLE and the ingredients of those. The sale of these products constitutes a transfer of a known carcinogenic chemical into the populous and the normal consumption of the product by the purchaser or others will cause the exposure without a clear and reasonable warning.

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- The location of these alleged exposures are many and varied while occurring within the 58 counties of the state of California as evidenced by the District Attorneys addressed in the enclosed distribution list. EWW believes and so alleges that at least one of the jurisdictions identified had Gruma sold within that county by a Gruma retail distributor and that sale caused the utilization of the consumer food product and subsequent exposure. Further that usage caused exposures in that jurisdiction to the constituents of the consumer food product as identified herein, and those exposures by Gruma were allowed to take place without the prerequisite warnings as delineated by the applicable statutes specified in this notice.
- Please direct any inquiries regarding this notice or any communication with the responsible party Dennis Becvar for the noticing entity, Environmental World Watch, Inc. to:

Matthew E. Jackson, Esq.
Environmental World Watch Corp Headquarters,
Los Angeles Offices
4821 Lankershim Blvd Ste 239, Code F
North Hollywood, California 91601

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EXHIBIT B
NOTICED PARTIES:

GRUMA CORPORATION
aka MISSION FOODSERVICE

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> |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Acrylamide | 79061 | January 1, 1990 |

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

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NOTICED PARTY:
GRUMA CORPORATION
aka MISSION FOODSERVICE

I, MATTHEW E. JACKSON, on behalf of Environmental World Watch, Inc., 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: March 28, 2009

Signed by:


Matthew E. Jackson

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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 4821 Lankershim Blvd Ste 239, NH 91601.

On March 28, 2009 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.)**

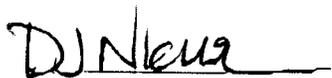
**TO: Juan Gonzalez, President
GRUMA CORPORATION
aka GRUMA SA
1159 COTTONWOOD LN STE 200
IRVING, TEXAS 75038**

2. **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT - (attachments only sent to California Attorney General's Office)**
3. **"SUMMARY" OF THE ACT.**

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 March 26, 2009 at Los Angeles, California.

March 28, 2009

Signed by:



DJ Nichols

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DISTRIBUTION LIST

◆ Current CEO/Pres./Gen. Counsel
 Juan Gonzalez, President
 GRUMA CORPORATION
 AKA GRUMA SA
 1159 COTTONWOOD LN STE
 200
 IRVING, TEXAS 75038

**By Priority Mail-Delivery
 Confirmation Requested**

◆ Agent For Service:
 GRUMA CORPORATION C/O
 CORPORATION SERVICE
 COMPANY WHICH
 WILL DO BUSINESS IN
 CALIFORNIA AS CSC –
 LAWYERS INCORPORATING
 SERVICE
 2730 GATEWAY OAKS DR STE 100
 SACRAMENTO, CA 95833

**By Priority Mail-Delivery
 Confirmation Requested**

◆Proposition 65 Enforcement
 Reporting Attention: Prop 65
 Coordinator
 1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000
 Post Office Box 70550 Oakland,
 California 94612-0550
 Phone: (510) 873-6921
 Fax: (510) 622-2270

**By Certified Mail-Return
 Receipt Requested and
 Facsimile**

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 City Hall, Room 234 San Francisco,
 CA 94102

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 1800 City Hall East 200 N. Main
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 Civic Center Plaza 1200 3rd
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 CA 92101

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 Street, Room 900 Oakland, CA
 94612

San Jose City Attorney's Office
 151 West Mission Street San
 Jose, CA 95110

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 Amador County 708 Court
 Street, Room 202 Jackson, CA
 95642

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 Building 25 County Center
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 Markleeville, CA 96120

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 2220 Tulare Street, Suite 1000
 Fresno, CA 93721

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 Del Norte County Courthouse
 450 H Street, Suite 171 Crescent
 City CA 95531

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 County Courthouse, Rm. 202
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 El Centro, CA 92243

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 Willows, CA 95988

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 168 N. Edwards Street
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 18000 Criminal Courts Building
 210 W. Temple Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

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 11562 "B" Avenue, DeWitt Center
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 92501

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 Sacramento, CA 95814

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 520 Main Street, Room 404
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 Stockton, CA 95201

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880 Bryant Street
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Redding, CA 96001-1632

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