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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 violators covered by this notice are **BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS, LLC doing business as FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE and BRIDGESTONE AMERICAS, INC. doing business as FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE** (hereinafter Bridgestone).

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 lead/lead compound tire weights which are imported, exported, manufactured, packaged, distributed, marketed, sold and/or placed on or removed by Bridgestone on tire rims which are balanced by Bridgestone.

Route of exposure. The workplace exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the purchase, acquisition, handling and use of these products. Workers exposures have occurred and continue to occur primarily through inhalation and/or and dermal contact; however, when lead tire weights drop off tires, and onto roadways and/or waters of the State of California, exposure may also occur through dermal contact and/or ingestion, by any person, including workers and consumers.

Duration of violations. Each of these ongoing violations has occurred on every day for at least five years, 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.

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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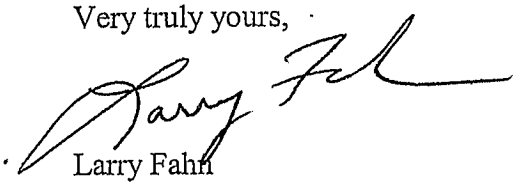
Very truly yours,



Larry Fahn
Executive Director

Enclosure

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

(Notice of Proposition 65 Violation on BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS, LLC doing business as FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE and BRIDGESTONE AMERICAS, INC. doing business as FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTO CARE)

I, Mark S. Pollock, 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 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: 06.11.09

Mark S. Pollock

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 11, 2009, 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 parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the parties listed below, and depositing it at a United States Postal Service Office for delivery by Certified Mail:

Larry Magee, Chairman & President
Bridgestone Retail Operations, LLC
dba Firestone Complete Auto Care
333 E. Lake St. Ste. 300
Bloomingdale, IL 60108

Mark Emkes, Chairman & CEO
Bridgestone Americas, Inc.
dba Firestone Complete Auto Care
535 Marriott Dr.
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On June 11, 2009, 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
1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000
Oakland, CA 94612

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- 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 11, 2009, at San Francisco, California.

Karalyn Buchner

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