NOTICE OF VIOLATION

California Safe Drinking Water
and Toxic Enforcement Act

Lead in Backpacks

August 4, 2009

This Notice of Violation is provided to you pursuant to and in compliance with California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d).

- For general information regarding the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act, see the attached summary provided by the California EPA (copies not provided to public enforcement agencies).
- This Notice of Violation is provided by the Center for Environmental Health ("CEH"), 2201 Broadway, Suite 302, Oakland, CA 94612, (510) 655-3900. CEH is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to protecting the environment, improving human health and supporting environmentally sound practices. Michael Green is the Executive Director of and a responsible individual within CEH and may be contacted through counsel for CEH identified below.

Description of Violation:

- Violators: The names and addresses of the violators are listed on the attached Exhibit 1.
- Time Period of Exposure: The violations have been occurring since at least August 4, 2006, and are continuing to this day.
- Provision of Proposition 65: This Notice of Violation covers the "warning provision" of Proposition 65, which is found at California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6.
- Chemical(s) Involved: The names of the listed chemicals involved in these violations are lead and lead compounds ("Lead"). Exposures to Lead occur from use of the products identified in this Notice.
- Types of Product: The specific type of product causing these violations is backpacks. The products are made of and contain Lead. A non-exclusive example of this specific type of product is listed on the attached Exhibit 1.
- Description of Exposure: This notice addresses consumer exposures to Lead. Use of the products identified in this notice results in human exposures to Lead. The personal carrying products contain Lead. The route of exposure for the violations is direct ingestion when consumers (including children) place the products or items that have been stored in the products in their mouths; ingestion via hand to mouth contact after consumers touch or handle the products or items that have been stored in the products; and dermal absorption directly through the skin when consumers touch, handle or wear the products or items that have been stored in the products. No clear and reasonable warning is provided with these products regarding the carcinogenic or reproductive hazards of Lead.

- Location of Exposure: These exposures occur in homes, schools, workplaces and everywhere else throughout California where these products are touched or handled.

Resolution of Noticed Claims:

- Based on the allegations set forth in this Notice, CEH intends to file a citizen enforcement lawsuit against the alleged violator unless such violator enters into a binding written agreement to: (1) recall products already sold; (2) take effective measures to prevent unwarned Lead exposures from products sold in the future; and (3) pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(b). If the alleged violator is interested in resolving this dispute without resort to expensive and time-consuming litigation, please feel free to contact CEH through its counsel identified below. It should be noted that CEH cannot: (1) finalize any settlement until after the 60-day notice period has expired; nor (2) speak for the Attorney General or any District or City Attorney who received CEH's 60-day Notice. Therefore, while reaching an agreement with CEH will resolve its claims, such agreement may not satisfy the public prosecutors.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this Notice to CEH and its counsel Mark N. Todzo at Lexington Law Group, 1627 Irving Street, San Francisco, CA 94122, (415) 759-4111.

EXHIBIT 1
August 4, 2009 Notice of Violation
Lead in Backpacks

Name and Address of Responsible Parties	Non-Exclusive Examples of the Products	Item or SKU # or Further Description
Everest Trading Corporation 655 S. Santa Fe Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90021 **Walgreen Co.** 104 Wilmot Road MS # 1435 Deerfield, IL 60015	Everest Deluxe Double Compartment Backpack	Style No. 7045CD

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d)

I, Howard Hirsch, hereby declare:

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

2. I am an attorney with the Lexington Law Group, and I represent the noticing party, the Center for Environmental Health ("CEH").

3. Members of my firm and 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 exposures to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action.

4. Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on 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 plaintiff's case can be established and the information did not prove that the alleged violators will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.

5. The copy of the 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 & 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.

August 4, 2009

Howard Hirsch
Attorney for CENTER FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL

I declare that:

I am employed in San Francisco County, California; my business address is 1627 Irving Street, San Francisco, California 94122. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within cause.

On August 4, 2009, I served true copies of the following documents:

NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT;

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; and

THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY (only sent to those on service list marked with an asterisks).

On this date, I deposited fully prepaid and sealed envelopes containing the above-mentioned documents with the United States Postal Service, addressed to the following individuals:

Please see attached service list.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on August 4, 2009, at San Francisco, California.

Signed:_____
Ellen Reed

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