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August 6, 2010

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Re: Notice of Violation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65), Section 25249.6 of the California Health and Safety Code, for Exposing Consumers of Protein Supplements to Lead.

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Environmental Law Foundation ("ELF") is a California non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of human health and the environment. ELF has a long-standing interest in reducing health hazards to the public posed by toxic chemicals and protecting the public from harmful substances.

This letter constitutes notice that the entities identified in Exhibit A have violated and continue to violate provisions of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health and Safety Code sections 25249.5 et seq. Specifically, these entities have violated and continue to violate the warning requirement at section 25249.6 of the California Health and Safety Code, which provides, "No person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning to such individual..."

The list of entities subject to this Notice is attached as Exhibit A. Consumer protein supplement products sold by these entities contain lead, a chemical known to the State to cause reproductive toxicity and cancer. On each and every day from August 7, 2009 through the present, these entities have exposed and continue to expose consumers of their protein supplements to lead. Exposure to the consumers has occurred through ingestion of the protein supplements. Specific examples of protein supplement products that are the subject of this Notice are identified in the document attached as Exhibit B.

Because lead is a chemical listed in Proposition 65 as a human carcinogen and a reproductive toxin, pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.6 the entities in Exhibit A were, and are, required to provide clear and reasonable warnings to all consumers of protein supplements before exposing them to lead. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(d), ELF intends to bring suit in the public interest against the entities in Exhibit A sixty days hereafter to correct the violation occasioned by the failure to warn all consumers of the exposure to lead.

Pursuant to 27 California Code of Regulations § 25903(b)(1), attached is a copy of "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary," a summary of Proposition 65 prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment of the California Environmental Protection Agency.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(d)(1), the undersigned hereby includes with the copy of this notice a Certificate of Merit.

While violations are occurring throughout the State of California, the noticing parties are unable to know for certain if violations are occurring in all of the 58 counties in California. Therefore, pursuant to 27 California Code of Regulations § 25903(c)(3), the noticing parties are providing this notice to the district attorney for each of the 58 counties in California. Further, the noticing parties provide this notice to the California Attorney General and the city attorneys for the cities of Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco and San Jose.

ELF is located at: 1736 Franklin, 9th Floor, Oakland, California 94612, telephone (510) 208-4555. The president of ELF is James Wheaton. ELF is represented in this matter by the law firms of Baron & Budd, P.C. and the Law Offices of April Strauss. All communications concerning this matter should be directed to:

Laura J. Baughman Baron & Budd, P.C. 3102 Oak Lawn Avenue, Suite 1100 Dallas, TX 75219 (214) 521-3605 telephone (214) 520-1181 facsimile.

Sincerely,

BARON & BUDD, P.C.

Laura Baughman Attorney for ELF

Enclosures

cc:

Attorney General of California

(with attached confidential factual information supporting Certificate of Merit)

Los Angeles City Attorney

San Diego City Attorney

City Attorney of San Francisco

San Jose City Attorney

District Attorneys for California's 58 Counties

(see attached certificate of service)

Exhibit A

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Exhibit B

- 1. MET-Rx Protein Plus Vanilla
- 2. All One Weight Loss Formula Unflavored
- 3. Nature's Plus Spiru-Tein Whey High Protein Energy Meal Vanilla
- 4. Jarrow Formulas Muscle Optimeal Vanilla Creme
- 5. Nature's Best Perfect Zero Carb Isopure Creamy Vanilla
- 6. VPX Protein Rush Vanilla Dream
- 7. Lean Body Vanilla Ice Cream Hi-Protein Milk Shake
- 8. ABB Pure Pro 50 Vanilla Bean
- 9. TWINLAB 100% Whey Protein Fuel Vanilla Slam
- 10. Nature's Way Metabolic Reset Hunger Control Weight Loss Shake Vanilla
- 11. Champion Nutrition Heavyweight Gainer 900 Vanilla Shake
- 12. PROLAB N-Large2 Vanilla
- 13. OhYeah! Total Protein System Vanilla Crème
- 14. MRM All Natural Gainer French Vanilla

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

I, Laura Baughman, hereby declare:

- 1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached notice of violation in which it is alleged that the parties identified in the notice have violated Health & Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
- 2. I am an attorney representing the Environmental Law Foundation.
- 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 alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is 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 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 & Safety Code section 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: August 6, 2010

Laura Baughman, Attorney for Environmental Law Foundation

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am employed in the City of Dallas in the County of Dallas, Texas. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within action. My business address is 3102 Oak Lawn Ave., Suite 1100, Dallas, Texas 75219.

On August 6, 2010 I served the following document(s):

NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65), SECTION 25249.6 OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, FOR EXPOSING CONSUMERS OF PROTEIN SUPPLEMENTS TO LEAD

by UNITED STATE FIRST CLASS MAIL by placing a true and correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed to each of the persons named below at the address shown, and by sealing and depositing said envelope in the United States mail at Dallas, Texas, with postage fully prepaid to:

See Attached List.

Executed on this 6th day of August, 2010 at Dallas, Texas. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and Texas that the foregoing is true and correct.

Amelia B. Wilson

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