NOTICE OF VIOLATION

California Safe Drinking Water
and Toxic Enforcement Act

Cadmium in Artist Paint

March 30, 2011

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. Charlie Pizarro is the Associate Director of, and a responsible individual within CEH.

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 March 30, 2008, 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 name of the listed chemical involved in these violations is cadmium. Exposures to cadmium occur from use of the products identified in this Notice.
- Type of Product: The specific type of product causing these violations is artist paint. Non-exclusive examples of this specific type of product are listed on the attached Exhibit 1.
- Description of Exposure: Use of the products identified in this Notice results in human exposures to cadmium. The paint is made of and contains cadmium. The routes of exposure for the violations are dermal absorption directly through the skin when consumers touch, use, or handle the products; ingestion via hand-to-mouth contact after consumers touch, use, or handle the products; direct ingestion when consumers place their hands in their mouths after touching, using or otherwise handling the products or otherwise placing the products in their mouths; and inhalation of dust formed by scraping dried products which contains cadmium. These exposures occur in homes, workplaces and everywhere else throughout California where these products are handled or used. No clear and reasonable warning is provided with these products regarding the hazards of cadmium.

Resolution of Noticed Claims:

- Based on the allegations set forth in this Notice, CEH intends to file a citizen enforcement lawsuit against each of the alleged violators unless such alleged violator enters into a binding written agreement to: (1) recall products already sold; (2) reformulating such products to eliminate the cadmium exposure or taking appropriate measures to otherwise comply with Proposition 65; and (3) pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(b). If any of the alleged violators 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 through its counsel Mark N. Todzo at Lexington Law Group, 1627 Irving Street, San Francisco, CA 94122, (415) 759-4111.

EXHIBIT 1
March 30, 2011 Notice of Violation
Cadmium in Artist Paint
Non-Exclusive Examples of the Products

Names and Addresses of Responsible Parties	Non-Exclusive Examples of the Products	Item or SKU # or Further Description
Armadillo Arts & Crafts 125 Stryker Lane # 5-8 Hillsborough, NJ 08844	Maimeri Dry Pigment, Cadmium Yellow Medium, 93 Gram bottle	SKU No. 8-032810-082787 Item No. 65244
Chroma Acrylics, Inc. 205 Bucky Drive Lititz, PA 17543	Atelier Interactive Artists' Acrylic Paint, Cadmium Red Light (Scarlet) Series 4, 80ml tube	Item No. 69956
Maimeri U.S.A. Inc. 847 Summerhill Drive Aurora, IL 60506	Maimeri Dry Pigment, Cadmium Yellow Medium, 93 Gram bottle	SKU No. 8-032810-082787 Item No. 65244
Utrecht Manufacturing Corporation 6 Corporate Drive Cranbury, NJ 08512	Atelier Interactive Artists' Acrylic Paint, Cadmium Red Light (Scarlet) Series 4, 80ml tube	Item No. 69956
	Maimeri Dry Pigment, Cadmium Yellow Medium, 93 Gram bottle	SKU No. 8-032810-082787 Item No. 65244
	Utrecht Artists' Watercolor Paint, Series 4, Large Tube (14mL/0.5oz), Cadmium Red Deep Pure	Item No. 28145

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

I, Mark N. Todzo, 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.

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.

March 30, 2011

Mark N. Todzo
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PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL AND ELECTRONIC 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 and my electronic notification address is jbanister@lexlawgroup.com.

On March 30, 2011, 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 asterisk).

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:

See attached service list.

Also on this date, I transmitted via electronic mail the documents listed above to the electronic mail addresses set forth below at 4 :53 p .m. on March 30, 2011:

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The transmission was reported as complete and without error.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on March 30, 2011, at San Francisco, California.

Signed:_____

John Banister

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