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VIA FIRST-CLASS U.S. MAIL

TO ALL ALLEGED VIOLATORS IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO

RE: NOTICE OF PROPOSITION 65, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.6, VIOLATIONS: EXPOSURE OF CONSUMERS TO CARCINOGENIC SUBSTANCES WITHOUT FIRST GIVING WARNINGS

Dear Gentlepersons:

This firm represents the Council for Education and Research on Toxics ("CERT"), a California public benefit corporation whose charitable purposes are education and research regarding toxic substances.

This letter constitutes notice that the following listed entities have violated and continue to violate provisions of the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 *et seq* (commonly known as California's Proposition 65).

Advantage Sales & Marketing Inc.;

Advantage Sales & Marketing LLC;

Akamai Pacific, LLC;

Aleta Wondo Coffee L.L.C.;

Allegro Coffee Company;

American Coffee Co., Inc.;

Anjae, Inc. fka Barefoot Coffee Roasters Incorporated;

Apffels Coffee, Inc.;

Applied Food Services, Inc. dba Caffe Sanora;

Araban Coffee Co. Inc.;

Arabicadabra Coffee Company LLC:

Barefoot Coffee, Inc.;

Barefoot Coffee Roasters;

Bay Valley Foods, LLC;

Beantrees, Inc.;

Berkeley Coffee and Tea, Inc. dba Uncommon Grounds;

Berres Brothers, Inc.;

Berres Brothers Coffee Roasters Inc.;

Bicycle Coffee LLC;

Big River Coffee Company, Inc.;

Blind Dog Cofee;

Boyer Coffee Company, Inc.;

Buendia Coffee LLC;

BYB Brands, Inc.;

Cafe Moto;

Caffe Calabria Coffee Roasting Company, Inc.;

Caffee Enterprises, LLC;

Caffe Ibis, Inc.;

Cameron's Coffee and Distribution Company;

Carl Landman Co., Inc.;

Carmel Roasters Inc.;

Cascade Coffee, Inc.;

Central Coast Coffee Roasting Company, Inc.;

Churchill Coffee Company, L.L.C.:

CityKid Java Limited;

Clean Foods Inc.;

Coast Roast Coffee;

The Coca-Cola Company;

Coffee Bean International, Inc.;

Coffees of Hawaii, LLC;

Coffees of Molokai, Inc.;

Coffee.Org Inc.;

Coffee Roasters of Arizona, Inc.:

Comfort Foods, Inc.;

The Coming Home Foods Company;

Community Coffee Company, LLC;

Connoisseur Coffee Company;

Continental Mills, Inc.;

Copper Moon Coffee, LLC;

D'Aquino Italian Importing Co., Inc.;

Davan Espresso, Inc.;

Dean Foods Company;

De La Paz Coffee;

Distant Lands Coffee;

Distant Lands, L.L.C.;

Distant Lands Trading Co.;

Dona Mireya, Inc. dba Jones Coffee Roasters;

DPI Specialty Foods, Inc.:

DPI Specialty Foods West, Inc.;

Eagle Coffee Company, Inc.;

Ecco Caffe, Inc.;

EDW. Apffel Company;

Eight O'Clock Coffee Company;

El Dorado Roasting Company LLC;

Equal Exchange, Inc.:

Equator Coffee & Teas, Inc.;

Excellent Coffee Co., Inc.;

Explorer's Bounty, Inc.;

Falcon Trading Company;

Fleming Companies, Inc.:

Fourbarrel Coffee, LLC;

Full Circle Compost, Inc.;

George J. Howe Company;

Gold Coffee Roasters, Inc.:

Gold Medal Products Co.;

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Good Earth Teas, Inc.;

Gourmet Merchants International, Inc.;

Graffeo Coffee Roasting Company, Inc.

Groundwork Coffee, LLC;

Guayaki Sustainable Rainforest Products, Inc.;

Hawaiian Isles Kona Coffee Company, Ltd.;

The Healthy Bean, Inc.;

H.N. Fernandez, Inc.;

Hometown Coffee Company;

How Ya Bean, LLC dba Blind Dog Coffee;

H&R Investments, Inc.;

Hui Hololio, Inc. dba Ka 'lo Farms:

Intelligentsia Coffee & Tea Inc.:

Interamcoffee, Inc.;

International Coffee Trading, LLC;

Internatural Foods, L.L.C.;

James C. Cannell Coffees, Inc. dba Jim's Organic Coffee;

Java Trading Co., LLC;

Java Trading Co., International:

Jayone Foods, Inc.;

JBR, Inc. dba Rogers Family Company;

Jeremiah's Pick Coffee Company;

Joshua's Roasting Company:

Kalani Organica Ltd.;

Kauai Coffee Company, LLC;

Kean Coffee, LLC;

Kehe Distributors, Inc.;

Kehe Distributors, LLC;

Kerry Inc. which will do business in California as Kerry

Ingredients, Inc.:

Keurig, Incorporated;

Komatsu Enterprises, Inc.;

Konaloa Coffee Company;

Konaloa Farms;

L.A. Libations, LLC;

Land O'Lakes, Inc.;

Lavazza Premium Coffees Corp.;

Luberski, Inc.;

Lulu Carpenter's Cafe, Inc.;

M. Block and Sons, Inc.;

Mariposa Coffee Company;

Mark Ferrari Specialty Coffees:

Marley Coffee, LLC;

Masterpiece Coffee;

Mavericks Roasting Co., LLC;

Mayorga Coffee, LLC;

McLane Company, Inc.:

Millstone Coffee, Inc.;

Moksha Coffee Roasting, LLC;

Montana Coffee Traders, Inc.;

Morrison Lamothe Inc. dba The Coming Home Foods

Company;

Mother Parkers Tea & Coffee Inc.;

Mountanos Brothers Coffee Co.;

Muddy Waters Coffee Company, Inc.;

Napa Valley Coffee Roasting Company, Inc.:

Nature's Best;

New England Tea & Coffee Co., Inc.; Newhall Coffee Roasting Company, Inc.;

New Mexico Pinon Company, Inc.;

NFCGC Retail LLC;

North Coast Coffee Roasting Company;

North Pole Coffee Roasting, Inc.;

Northbound Coffee Roasters;

Northeast Merchandising Corp., dba Northeast Coffee

Company:

Ola's Coffee, Tea & Equipment Corp.;

Old Soul Co.;

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Pacific Coffee, Inc. dba Maui Coffee Company;

Paradise Beverages, Inc.:

Peerless Coffee Company, Inc.:

Peerless Coffee Company, Inc. dba Adam's Organic

Coffees:

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Plaza Provision Company;

Portola Handcrafted Coffee Roasters LLC;

Powell Coffee, LLC;

The Procter & Gamble Company;

Pure Bean, Inc. dba Zona Rosa Coffee;

Puroast Coffee Company, Inc.;

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Quartermaine Coffee Roasters;

Raven's Brew Coffee, Inc.;

Regal Commodities;

Reily Foods Company;

Ritual Grounds Coffee Roasting Inc.;

Ritual Coffee Roasters, Inc.;

Roast Coffee Company;

Rockstar, Inc.;

R. Torre & Company, Inc.;

Sacred Grounds Organic Coffee Roasters;

Safari Morning Coffee:

Santa Barbara Coffee, LLC dba Green Star Coffee;

Santa Barbara Roasting Company;

Santa Cruz Coffee Roasting Company;

Sarkisian & Associates;

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S. & D. Coffee, Inc.;

Shaw's Coffee, Ltd.:

Signature Sales and Marketing Inc.;

S.J. McCullough, Inc.;

Snyder's-Lance, Inc.;

Southern Wine and Spirits of America, Inc.;

Steelheart Enterprises:

Steep & Brew, Inc.:

Sunshine Coffee Roasters:

Surf City Coffee Co., Inc.:

Taylor Maid Farms, LLC;

Teeccino Caffe, Inc.:

Temple Coffee:

Thanksgiving Coffee Company, Inc.:

Thomas Acquisition LLC dba Thomas Coffee LLC:

Thomas Acquisition LLC dba Thomas Coffee Company

LLC;

Tieman's Fusion Coffees;

Transnational Foods, Inc.;

True Beans Coffee Roasters LLC:

T & T Enterprises Inc.:

Uncommon Grounds, Inc.;

United Natural Foods, Inc.;

United Natural Foods West, Inc.;

United Stationers Supply Co.;

Vaneli's, Inc.;

Vasquez Coffee Company;

Verve Coffee Roasters;

Verve Pacific Avenue Cafe, LLC dba Verve Coffee

Roasters:

Victor Allen's Coffee, LLC;

Volcanic Red, LLC;

Whitewave Foods Company;

Wild Card Roasters, LLC;

Wild Oats Marketing, LLC;

Wilton Industries, Inc.:

Zavida Coffee Company Inc.

Specifically, the above named entities have violated and continue to violate Health & Safety Code § 25249.6, 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 "

General Information: Pursuant to 22 California Code of Regulations § 12903(b)(1), attached hereto is a copy of "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary," as prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment of the California Environmental Protection Agency.

Description of Violation: Since June 2002, and continuing to the present, the above named entities have exposed and continue to expose California consumers purchasing coffee to high levels of acrylamide — a toxic chemical contained in the coffee produced, distributed and/or sold by the above named entities. As used herein, the term "coffee" means roasted coffee beans, coffee grounds, freeze-dried coffee, flakes/instant coffee, and coffee mixtures used to become drinkable coffee. Exposures to acrylamide unavoidably occurred via ingestion whenever a consumer purchased and thereafter consumed the above named entities' acrylamide-containing, coffee. Testing of coffee has shown that even a single, small (12-ounce) serving of coffee contains anywhere from 4 to well over 100 times more acrylamide than the No Significant Risk Level ("NSRL") for acrylamide established by California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"). Acrylamide is a toxic chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and has been listed since January 1990 as a carcinogen on the list of carcinogenic chemicals published by the Governor of the State of California at 22 California Code of Regulations § 1200(b). Because acrylamide is listed in Proposition 65 as a carcinogen, pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.6, the above named entities were, and are, required to warn California consumers purchasing their coffee that their coffee contains a chemical known by the State of California to cause cancer before exposing said consumers to acrylamide contained therein. Since June 2002, the above named entities violated and continue to violate California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 by exposing numerous individuals within the State of California to acrylamide without first giving clear and reasonable warnings to said individuals that their coffee contains a chemical known by the State of California to cause cancer.

Noticing Entity: The noticing entity is the Council for Education and Research on Toxics ("CERT"), a California public benefit corporation whose charitable purposes are education and research regarding toxic substances. The responsible person within the noticing entity is Raphael Metzger, CERT's General Counsel, to whom all communications should be directed at the following address and telephone number:

Metzger Law Group Raphael Metzger, Esq. 401 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 800 Long Beach, CA 90802 ph: 562-437-4499

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Names of Violators: The violators are:

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Zavida Coffee Company Inc.

<u>Time of Violations</u>: The violations of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 are numerous and have been continuous and uninterrupted since approximately June 2002 to the present throughout the State of California. The timing of the violations is such that they occurred every moment that every individual within the State of California purchased and thereafter ingested acrylamide from the coffee produced, distributed, and/or sold by the above named entities, without first receiving the required Proposition 65 warnings.

<u>Listed Chemicals</u>: The carcinogenic chemical in the coffee produced, distributed, and/or sold by the above named entities which is the subject of the named entities' Proposition 65 violations is acrylamide, CAS No. 79-06-1, which was first listed at 22 California Code of Regulations § 1200(b) as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer on January 1, 1990.

Consumer Product Exposure Description: Since June 2002, and continuing to the present, the above named entities have exposed and continue to expose California consumers purchasing coffee to high levels of acrylamide — a toxic chemical contained in the coffee produced, distributed and/or sold by the above named entities. As used herein, the term "coffee" means roasted coffee beans, coffee grounds, freeze-dried coffee, flakes/instant coffee, and coffee mixtures used to become drinkable coffee. Exposures to acrylamide unavoidably occurred via ingestion whenever a consumer purchased and thereafter consumed the coffee produced, distributed, and/or sold by the above named entities. Tests have shown that the even a single, small (12-ounce) serving of the above named entities' coffee contains anywhere from 4 to well over 100 times more acrylamide than the No Significant Risk Level ("NSRL") for acrylamide established by California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"). Acrylamide is a toxic chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and has been listed since January 1990 as a carcinogen on the list of carcinogenic chemicals published by the Governor of the State of California at 22 California Code of Regulations § 1200(b). Because acrylamide is listed in Proposition 65 as a carcinogen, pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.6, the above named entities were, and are, required to warn

consumers of their coffee in California that the coffee that they produce, distribute, and/or sell contains a chemical known by the State of California to cause cancer before exposing said consumers to acrylamide contained therein. Since June 2002, the above named entities violated and continue to violate California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 by exposing numerous individuals within the State of California to acrylamide without first giving clear and reasonable warnings to said individuals that their coffee contains a chemical known by the State of California to cause cancer. The above named entities' Proposition 65 violations are particularly egregious and hazardous given the high concentrations of acrylamide contained in their coffee and given the fact that most consumers of coffee drink more than a single, small (12-ounce) serving of coffee per day.

Conclusion. Proposition 65 requires that notice and intent to sue be given to a violator sixty (60) days before suit is filed. By this letter, CERT gives notice of the foregoing violations to the above named entities, and to the appropriate governmental authorities. If the above named entities wish to resolve this matter before CERT files suit, they should contact counsel at the above-mentioned address and telephone number. Otherwise, suit will be filed after sixty (60) days have elapsed. We look forward to your prompt action terminating the exposures of California consumers to the toxic hazards of acrylamide contained in your coffee, or providing the required and necessary warnings regarding the acrylamide contained in your coffee.

Very truly yours,

METZGER LAW GROUP A Professional Law Corporation

By: Raphael Metzger, Esq. General Counsel of CERT

cc: all governmental authorities per attached proof of service

attachments: Exhibit "A" - List of Alleged Violators; Summary of Proposition 65; Certificate of Merit; Proof of Service by Mail

Exhibit A (List of Alleged Violators)

Sonny King Principal Advantage Sales & Marketing Inc. Advantage Sales & Marketing LLC 18100 Von Karman Avenue Suite 1000 Irvine, CA 92612

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CEO/President American Coffee Co., Inc. 7609 Energy Parkway, Ste. 1001 Baltimore, MD 21226

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Steven D. Cohan Principal Barefoot Coffee, Inc. 305 Ventana Way Aptos, CA 95003

CEO/President Barefoot Coffee Roasters 76 Sunol Street San Jose, CA 95126

Harry J. Walsh Principal Bay Valley Foods, LLC 2021 Spring Road Suite 600 Oakbrook, IL 60523

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James S. Spohn Principal Berkeley Coffee and Tea, Inc. dba Uncommon Grounds 486 44th Street Oakland, CA 94609

CEO/President Berres Brothers, Inc. W6352 Hill Road Watertown, WI 53098

CEO/President Berres Brothers Coffee Roasters Inc. 202 Air Park Drive Watertown, WI 53094

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Naomi Henderson Principal Big River Coffee Company, Inc. 3345 Industrial Drive, #18 Santa Rosa, CA 95403 CEO/President Blind Dog Cofee 1276 Pit Road Gardenerville, NV 89460

CEO/President Boyer Coffee Company, Inc. 7295 North Washington Street Denver, CO 80229

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Norman George Principal BYB Brands, Inc. P.O. Box 31487 Charlotte, NC 28231

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Torrey Lee Principal Cafe Moto 2619 National Avenue San Diego, CA 92113

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CEO/President Caffee Enterprises, LLC 25 Cedar Top Drive Apartment 4 Lake St. Louis, MO 63367

CEO/President Caffe Ibis, Inc. 52 Federal Avenue Logan, UT 84321

William Kirkpatrick CEO Cameron's Coffee and Distribution Company 5700 12th Ave. East Shakopee, MN 55379 James D. Landman Principal Carl Landman Co., Inc. 44 Visitacion Ave. Suite 104 Brisbane, CA 94005

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CEO/President Cascade Coffee, Inc. 1525 75th Street SW #100 Everett, WA 98203

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Michael J. Sullivan President Comfort Foods, Inc. 25 Commerce Way North Andover, MA 01845

CEO/President The Coming Home Foods Company 1180 W Beekman St. Springfield, MO 65810 CEO/President Community Coffee Company, LLC 3332 Partridge Lane, Bldg. A Baton Rouge, LA 70809

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Jim Mejia Principal DPI Specialty Foods West, Inc. 601 Rockefeller Avenue Ontario, CA 91761

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Douglas Zell Principal Ecco Caffe, Inc. 1850 W. Fulton Chicago, IL 60612

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P.O. Box 2506
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President
Equal Exchange, Inc.
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West Bridgewater, MA 02379

Helen Russell Principal Equator Coffee & Teas, Inc. 115 Jordan St. San Rafael, CA 94901

William Kapos President Excellent Coffee Co., Inc. 259 East Avenue Pawtucket, RI 02860

Caroline Owre President Explorer's Bounty, Inc. 8390 NW 53rd St. Suite 312 Miami, FL 33166

Morton Cohen Principal Falcon Trading Company 423 Salinas Road Pajaro, CA 95076

CEO/President Fleming Companies, Inc. 6301 Waterford Boulevard Oklahoma City, OK 73126

CEO/President Fleming Companies, Inc. P.O. Box 26647 Oklahoma City, OK 73126

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<u>CERTIFICATE OF MERIT</u> Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6

I, Raphael Metzger, hereby declare:

- 1. I am an attorney at law, duly licensed and authorized to practice law in the State of California.
- 2. Unless the context indicates otherwise, I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth hereinafter and, if called as a witness, I would competently testify thereto.
- 3. I am General Counsel for the noticing party, Council for Education and Research on Toxics, a California corporation whose charitable purposes are education and research regarding toxic substances.
- 4. 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 and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings regarding the acrylamide contained in their coffee.
- 5. Council for Education and Research on Toxics alleges that since June 2002, and continuing to the present, the entities identified in the attached sixty-day notice have exposed and continue to expose California consumers purchasing coffee to high levels of acrylamide a toxic chemical contained in the coffee produced, distributed and/or sold by the above named entities. The term "coffee" as used herein and in the attached sixty-day notice means roasted coffee beans, coffee grounds, freeze-dried coffee, flakes/instant coffee, and coffee mixtures used to become drinkable coffee. Exposures to acrylamide unavoidably occurred via ingestion whenever a consumer purchased and thereafter consumed the acrylamide-containing coffee of the entities identified in the attached sixty-day notice. Testing of coffee has shown that even a single, small (12-ounce) serving of their coffee contains anywhere from 4 to well over 100 times more acrylamide than the No Significant Risk Level ("NSRL") for acrylamide established by California's Office of Environmental

Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"). Acrylamide is a toxic chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and has been listed since January 1990 as a carcinogen on the list of carcinogenic chemicals published by the Governor of the State of California at 22 California Code of Regulations § 1200(b). Because acrylamide is listed in Proposition 65 as a carcinogen, pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.6, the entities named in the attached sixty-day notice were, and are, required to warn California consumers purchasing their coffee that their coffee contains a chemical known by the State of California to cause cancer before exposing said consumers to acrylamide contained therein. Since June 2002, the entities identified in the attached sixty-day notice violated and continue to violate California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 by exposing numerous individuals within the State of California to acrylamide without first giving clear and reasonable warnings to said individuals that their coffee contains a chemical known by the State of California to cause cancer.

- 6. I have consulted with an expert who has reviewed facts, studies, and other data regarding the presence of, concentration of, and exposure to acrylamide from coffee. The expert that I consulted has the relevant and appropriate experience and expertise to review said facts, studies, and data because this expert holds a Ph.D. in toxicology, has published a number of peer-reviewed articles regarding risk assessment in general and acrylamide risk assessment in particular, and is employed as a senior researcher who regularly performs risk assessments and who supervises and lectures Ph.D. and masters thesis students in the areas of toxicology and risk assessment.
- 7. Based on the information obtained through my consultation, and on all other information in my possession, I believe that exposures to high levels of acrylamide unavoidably occurred via ingestion whenever a consumer purchased and consumed the coffee of the entities identified in the attached sixty-day notice from approximately June 2002, and continuing to the present. I also believe, based on my consultation and the information in my possession, that there is a reasonable and meritorious case for a private action, pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d). I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for private action" means that

information provides a credible basis that all elements of the private action can be established and that the information did not prove that the alleged violators will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.

8. 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 25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the person consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts and other data reviewed by that person.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed June 21, 2012, at Long Beach, California.

Raphael Metzger

PROOF OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL

(Our File No. 9703)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this matter. My business address is 401 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 800, Long Beach, CA 90802. On June 21, 2012, I served the within Notice of Proposition 65, California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 Violations: Exposure of Consumers to Carcinogenic Substances Without First Giving Warnings; Certificate of Merit; and Statement entitled "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary" on the following violators and governmental attorneys who are required to be served copies of said notice, by placing true copies thereof enclosed in sealed envelopes with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the U.S. mail at Long Beach, CA, addressed as follows:

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