

August 13, 2015

PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCEMENT REPORTING  
ATTENTION: PROP 65 COORDINATOR  
1515 CLAY STREET, SUITE 2000  
P.O. BOX 70550  
OAKLAND CA 94612-0550

Greetings:

This office and the Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation ("Mateel") give you notice that the private businesses on the attached Service List have been, are and will be in violation of Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6. Both this office and Mateel are private enforcers of Proposition 65, both may be contacted at the below listed address and telephone number, and I am a responsible individual for both Mateel and this office. The above referenced violations occur when California residents come into contact with products which are made, in whole or in part, of shredded or crumbled recycled vehicle tires (collectively, "recycled tire products"). The characteristic common to each of the products subject to this notice is that the product is made from recycled tires that are either shredded, crumbled or otherwise broken down into fragments. Examples of these types of products are listed on the attached Products List. Though specific models or SKU or product numbers are given as examples, this notice pertains to all models, and all variations, of the specific type of product of which the named model is an example. The businesses on the attached Service List market these recycled tire products in California. These recycled tire products, which users of the products play on or apply to their gardens, and thus contact, contain hexavalent chromium, lead and lead compounds, chrysene, benzo(a)pyrene, benzo(a)anthracene, cobalt, nickel, cadmium and arsenic (collectively "tire chemicals"), which are chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm. These businesses either make or market these recycled tire products. People are exposed to tire chemicals at work or elsewhere when they use these products and their skin comes into contact with the recycled tire products, when they play in these products or pour them and then breath the dust generated by these recycled tire products. Tire chemicals come off (or are deposited as dust or grime) on the hands of the people using or playing in these products. Tire chemicals then enter their bodies when they are absorbed directly through the skin, through mucous membranes, or through cuts and/or abrasions when they touch their hands to their mouths and other mucous membranes, or when they touch cigarettes or food and then smoke the cigarettes or ingest the food. These exposures thus occur via the dermal absorption, mucous membrane, subcutaneous, inhalation and ingestion routes. These businesses did not and do not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before they expose Californians to tire chemicals. The above referenced violations have occurred every day since at least August 13, 2012 and will continue every day until the tire chemicals are taken out of these recycled tire products or until warnings are given. These violations are alleged for occupational exposures as well as for consumer and environmental exposures. We do not, however, allege occupational exposure violations as to any of these products manufactured outside of California, except as to workplaces these businesses themselves maintain in California.

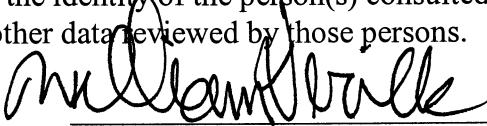
Cordially,

William Verick

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

I, William Verick, hereby declare: This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached notice(s) of violation in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notices have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings. I am the attorney for the noticing party. 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 chemical that is the subject of the action. 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. 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(s) consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: August 13, 2015

  
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William Verick

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This notice alleges the violation of Proposition 65 with respect to occupational exposures governed by the California State Plan for Occupational Safety and Health. The State Plan incorporates the provisions of Proposition 65, as approved by Federal OSHA on June 6, 1997. This approval specifically placed certain conditions on Proposition 65, including that it does not apply to the conduct of manufacturers occurring outside the State of California. The approval also provides that an employer may use the means of compliances in the general hazard communication requirements to comply with Proposition 65. It also requires that supplemental enforcement is subject to the supervision of the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Accordingly, any settlement, civil complaint, or substantive court orders in this matter must be submitted to the Attorney General.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Matt Lang, declare:

If called, I could and would testify as follows: I am over eighteen. My business address is 424 First Street, Eureka, California, 95501. On August 13, 2015, I caused the attached NOTICE OF VIOLATION LETTER, or a letter identical in substance, to be served by U.S. Mail on those public enforcement agencies listed on the attached SERVICE LIST; in addition on the same date and by U.S. Mail I caused the attached NOTICE OF VIOLATION and PROPOSITION 65: A SUMMARY to be sent by Certified U.S. Mail to the private business entities also listed on the attached SERVICE LIST. I deposited copies of these documents in envelopes, postage pre-paid, with the U.S. Postal Service on the day on which the mail is collected. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on August 13, 2015, at Eureka, California.

  
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Matt Lang

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## PRODUCT LIST

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RE-PLAY RUBBER MULCH NUGGETS, BROWN. 0.8 CUBIC FEET  
UPC CODE: 816101 002207

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GROUND SMART RUBBER MULCH BLUE

GROUNDSMART RUBBER MULCH CEDAR RED

GROUNDSMART RUBBER MULCH ESPRESSO BLACK

GROUNDSMART RUBBER MULCH GREEN

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GROUNDSMART RUBBER MULCH MOCHA BROWN SAMPLE

GROUNDSMART RUBBER MULCH SAMPLE PACK  
GREEN  
BLUE  
MOCHA BROWN  
CEDAR RED  
ESPRESSO BLACK

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PERMALIFE RECYCLED PRODUCTS UNCOLORED SPORTSFILL

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