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APRIL 29, 2016

#### NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS

CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT

Bill Robinson, President or Current President/CEO ATD Tools, Inc. 160 Enterprise Drive Wentzville, MO 63385-5571 Julie C. Treloar Registered Agent, ATD Tools, Inc. 10805 Sunset Office Drive, Suite 400 St. Louis, MO 63127

# AND THE PUBLIC PROSECUTORS LISTED ON THE DISRIBUTION LIST ACCOMPANYING THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Re: Violations of Proposition 65 Concerning Exposures from Leaded Brass

In accord with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, Ecological Rights Foundation ("ERF") hereby gives you notice that the above companies have violated and are in ongoing violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6, which provides that "[n]o 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 providing a clear and reasonable warning to such individual."

Pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, ERF intends to bring an enforcement action 60 days after effective service of this notice unless the public enforcement agencies have commenced and are diligently prosecuting an action to rectify the violations discussed in this notice letter. The public enforcement agencies that have been served with copies of this notice of violations are identified in the attached Certificate of Service.

This Notice of Violations ("Notice") is provided to you pursuant to and in compliance with California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d). Attached for your reference is a summary, "Appendix A: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary" prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"). Pursuant to Title 11, C.C.R. § 3100, a Certificate of Merit is also attached.

The above-referenced violations occur when California residents come into contact with tools, including brass hammers and punch sets, which are made, in whole or in part, of leaded-brass or leaded-bronze (collectively "leaded brass"), both of which are alloys that contain **lead and lead compounds** ("lead"). The characteristic common to each of the tool products subject to this Notice is that the product incorporates a component made of leaded brass that is touched or handled by a consumer as part of the normal use of the product. Below is a non-exclusive list of examples of these types of products. 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. This non-exclusive list of examples of the type of products that are subject to this Notice is for the recipient's benefit and is not meant to be an

exhaustive or comprehensive identification of each specific offending product.

Advanced Tool Design ATD-4067 2 lb. brass hammer
Advanced Tool Design ATD-4075 3 Piece Solid Brass Punch Set

The noticed parties, named above and on the attached Certificate of Service, manufacture, market, distribute and/or sell these products in California. The leaded brass parts of the products that are handled by the products' users contain high levels of lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm.

California residents are exposed to lead when they handle or use the products and their skin contacts the leaded brass parts of the products. Lead is transferred from the leaded brass parts of the products to the hands of the people who touch those parts. The lead then enters their bodies when it is absorbed directly through the skin, through mucous membranes, or through cuts and abrasions. Lead enters their bodies when they touch their hands to their mouths, eyes, nose, or other mucous membranes. Lead is also transferred from the products users' hands to food that they handle, and is then ingested with that food. For those product users who smoke, lead is transferred from their hands to cigarettes and is then ingested or inhaled when they smoke. Exposures to lead and lead compounds from the use and/or handling of the products thus occur via the dermal absorption, mucous membrane, subcutaneous, inhalation and ingestion routes. These exposures occur in homes, workplaces, and everywhere else throughout California where these products are handled or used. These violations are alleged for occupational exposures as well as for consumer and environmental exposures. ERF does 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.

The noticed parties did not and do not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before they expose them in California to lead. The above-referenced violations have occurred every day since at least April 29, 2013 and will continue every day until the lead is removed from the products or until clear and reasonable warnings are given.

ERF is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to protecting human and environmental health, including raising awareness of, and reducing exposures to, toxic chemicals. The following individual is the responsible individual within ERF for purposes of this Notice:

James Lamport, Executive Director Ecological Rights Foundation 867 B Redwood Drive Garberville, California 95542 Telephone: (707) 923-4372

ERF has retained the following counsel to represent them in this matter (please direct communications to counsel):

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Notice for Occupational Exposures Governed by the California State Plan for Occupational Safety and Health

In accord with California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 338, subdivision (b), ERF hereby gives you the following notice: This Notice alleges violations 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 with regard to occupational exposures 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 compliance 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.

#### Resolution of Noticed Claims:

ERF is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter that advances the public interest without engaging in costly and protracted litigation. ERF is willing to settle this matter to the extent legally possible prior to the commencement of any enforcement action. Settlement terms would require that the unwarned exposures described in this Notice of Violation be stopped. That would require at least the following: 1) a potential recall of products already sold; 2) that either warnings be given to all future purchasers in California of the products subject to this Notice, that the products be reformulated to eliminate the exposures described in the Notice, or that you stop marketing, distributing or selling the products in California; 3) that you locate and provide a warning compliant with 27 Cal. Code Regs Section 25601 to each person who has been subject to the unwarned exposures described in the Notice to the extent those exposures are caused by products that were sold in California during the past three years; and 4) that you pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health and Safety Code Section 25249(b). It should be noted that ERF cannot finalize any settlement of this matter until 70 days has elapsed since the sending of the Notice and unless no public enforcer has begun an enforcement action concerning the violations described in the Notice. Any settlement on behalf of the public interest must be approved by the California Superior Court on noticed motion with 45 days notice to the California Attorney General. The Attorney General may appear at any approval hearing and oppose a settlement if he or she believes the proposed settlement is not in the public interest. If you wish to discuss settlement of this matter before ERF files suit, please promptly contact ERF's counsel.

Sincerely,

Fredric Evenson

#### **Certificate of Merit**

Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

# I, Fredric Evenson, hereby declare:

- (1) This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) 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.
- (2) I am the attorney for the noticing party.
- (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 and 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.

Date: April 29, 2016

Bv:

Fredric Evenson

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this case. My business address is 1285 Eucalyptus Road, Petaluma CA 94952.

On April 29, 2016 I served the following:

- 1) Notice of Violations: California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act
- 2) Certificate of Merit: Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)
- 3) Appendix A: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary
- 4) Certificate of Service

by enclosing copies of the same in a sealed envelope addressed to each person shown below and depositing the envelope in the U.S. mail with postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail. Place of mailing: Santa Cruz, CA.

Bill Robinson, President or Current President/CEO ATD Tools, Inc. 160 Enterprise Drive Wentzville, MO 63385-5571	Julie C. Treloar Registered Agent, ATD Tools, Inc. 10805 Sunset Office Drive, Suite 400 St. Louis, MO 63127
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On April 29, 2016 I also served the following:

- 1) Notice of Violations: California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act
- 2) Certificate of Merit: Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)
- 3) Certificate of Merit (Attorney General Copy): Factual information sufficient to establish the basis of the Certificate of Merit (only sent to Attorney General)
- 4) Certificate of Service

by enclosing copies of the same in sealed envelopes addressed to each of the public enforcement agencies listed on the attached Service List, and depositing the envelopes in the U.S. mail with postage fully prepaid for delivery by First Class Mail. Place of mailing: Santa Cruz, CA.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed April 29, 2016, at Santa Cruz, CA.

Christopher M. Crow

# Service List

Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Alameda County	Lassen County	San Benito County	Tehama County
1225 Fallon Street, Room 900	220 S. Lassen Street, Suite 8	419 4th Street	P.O. Box 519
Oakland, CA 94612	Susanville, CA 96130	Hollister, CA 95023	Red Bluff, CA 96080
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Alpine County	Los Angeles County		
		San Bernardino County	Trinity County
P.O. Box 248	211 W. Temple Street, Suite 1200	303 W. Third Street	P.O. Box 310
Markleeville, CA 96120	Los Angeles, CA 90012	San Bernardino, CA 92415	Weaverville, CA 96093
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Amador County	Madera County	San Diego County	Tulare County
708 Court Street, #202	209 West Yosemite Avenue	330 W. Broadway, Suite 1300	221 South Mooney Blvd., Suite 224
Jackson, CA 95642	Madera, CA 93637	San Diego, CA 92101	Visalia, CA 93291
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Butte County	Marin County	San Francisco County	Tuolumne County
25 County Center Drive	3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 130	850 Bryant Street, #322	423 N. Washington Street
Oroville, CA 95965	San Rafael, CA 94903	San Francisco, CA 94103	Sonora, CA 95370
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Calaveras County	Mariposa County	San Joaquin County	Ventura County
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891 Mountain Ranch Road	P.O. Box 730	222 East Weber Ave., #202	800 South Victoria Avenue
San Andreas, CA 95249	Mariposa, CA 95338	Stockton, CA 95202	Ventura, CA 93009
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Colusa County	Mendocino County	San Luis Obispo County	Yolo County
346 5th Street, Suite 101	P.O. Box 1000	County Govt. Center, #450	301 Second Street
Colusa, CA 95932	Ukiah, CA 95482	San Luis Obispo, CA 93408	Woodland, CA 95695
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Contra Costa County	Merced County	San Mateo County	Yuba County
900 Ward Street	550 West Main Street	400 County Center, Third Floor	215 Fifth Street, Suite 152
Martinez, CA 94553	Merced, CA 95340	Redwood City, CA 94063	Marysville, CA 95901
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Oakland City Attorney
Del Norte County	Modoc County	Santa Barbara County	City Hall, 6th Floor
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450 H Street, Room 171	204 S. Court Street Room 202	1112 Santa Barbara Street	1 Frank Ogawa Plaza
Crescent City, CA 95531	Alturas, CA 96101	Santa Barbara, CA 93101	Oakland, California 94612
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Mono County	Santa Clara County	City of San Francisco
El Dorado County	P.O. Box 617	70 West Hedding Street	City Hall, Room 234
515 Main Street	Bridgeport, CA 93517	San Jose, CA 95110	1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.
Placerville, CA 95667	Bridgeport, Cri 95517	San 3030, C11 33110	1
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Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Fresno County	Monterey County	Santa Cruz County	City of Sacramento
2220 Tulare Street, Suite 1000	P.O. Box 1131	701 Ocean Street, Room 200	915 I Street, 4th Floor
Fresno, CA 93721	Salinas, CA 93902	Santa Cruz, CA 95060	Sacramento, CA 95814
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Glenn County	Napa County	Shasta County	City of San Jose
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P.O. Box 430	P.O. Box 720	1355 West Street	200 E. Santa Clara St.
Willows, CA 95988	Napa, CA 94559	Redding, CA 96001	San Jose, CA 95113
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Office of the District Attorney	Nevada County	Sierra County	City of Los Angeles
Humboldt County	201 Commercial Street	P.O. Box 457	200 N. Main Street, Suite 800
825 5th Street, 4th Floor	Nevada City, CA 95959	Downieville, CA 95936	Los Angeles, CA 90012
Eureka, CA 95501	ivevaua City, CA 93939	Downleying, CA 73730	Los Augeles, CA 90012
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Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Imperial County	Orange County	Siskiyou County	City of San Diego
940 West Main Street, Suite 102	401 Civic Center Drive West	P.O. Box 986	1200 Third Ave., Suite 1620
El Centro, CA 92243	Santa Ana, CA 92701	Yreka, CA 96097	San Diego, CA 92101
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Proposition 65 Enforcement Reporting
1		1	Attn: Prop 65 Coordinator
Inyo County	Placer County	Solano County	
P.O. Box D	10810 Justice Center Drive	675 Texas Street, Suite 4500	1515 Clay Street
Independence, CA 93526	Roseville, CA 95678	Fairfield, CA 94533	P.O. Box 70550
			Oakland, CA 94612
OSC SA Division	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	
Office of the District Attorney	Plumas County	Sonoma County	
Kern County	520 Main Street, Room 404	600 Administration Drive, Room	
1215 Truxtun Avenue	Quincy, CA 95971	212J	
Bakersfield, CA 93301	Quincy, CA 939/1		
,		Santa Rosa, CA 95403	<u> </u>
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	
Kings County	Riverside County	Stanislaus County	
1400 West Lacey Blvd.	3960 Orange Street	832 12th Street, Suite 300	
Hanford, CA 93230	Riverside, CA 92501	Modesto, CA 95354	
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	
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Lake County	Sacramento County	Sutter County	
255 N. Forbes Street	901 G Street	446 Second Street, Suite 102	
Lakeport, CA 95453	Sacramento, CA 95814	Yuba City, CA 95991	