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APRIL 29, 2016

#### NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS

CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT

Alfresco Home, LLC Corporation Service Company 2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400 Wilmington, DE 19808

Alfresco Home, LLC Current President or CEO 1000 Armand Hammer Blvd. Pottstown, PA 19464

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

Re: Violations of Proposition 65 Concerning Carbon Monoxide Exposures from Wood Smoking Chips

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 use wood smoking chips, such as "Fornetto Wood Smoking Chips" and "Fornetto Red Wine Barrel Smoking Chips", to flavor food in a smoking oven, wood fired oven and smoker, or other smoker, grill or food smoking apparatus. Combustion of wood smoking chips produces and exposes people to carbon monoxide, a chemical known to the State of California to cause reproductive toxicity. Because the combustion of wood smoking chips causes carbon monoxide to be released into the air, people using wood smoking chips, and others standing near the burning wood smoking chips, inhale carbon monoxide. Exposure to carbon monoxide is via the inhalation route. The noticed party, named above and on the attached Certificate of Service, did not and does not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before it exposes them to carbon monoxide.

The above-referenced violations have occurred every day since at least April 29, 2013 and will continue every day 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

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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.

| Alfresco Home, LLC               | Alfresco Home, LLC       |  |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Corporation Service Company      | Current President or CEO |  |
| 2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400 | 1000 Armand Hammer Blvd. |  |
| Wilmington, DE 19808             | Pottstown, PA 19464      |  |

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

|  |   | OCC Est - District Attornor                            | Office of the District Attorney             |
|--|---|--|---|
| Office of the District Attorney                        | Office of the District Attorney                 | Office of the District Attorney San Benito County      | Tehama County                               |
| Alameda County   | Lassen County 220 S. Lassen Street, Suite 8     | 419 4th Street   | P.O. Box 519                                |
| 1225 Fallon Street, Room 900                           | Susanville, CA 96130                            | Hollister, CA 95023                                    | Red Bluff, CA 96080                         |
| Oakland, CA 94612 Office of the District Attorney      | Office of the District Attorney                 | Office of the District Attorney                        | Office of the District Attorney             |
| •  | Los Angeles County                              | San Bernardino County                                  | Trinity County                              |
| Alpine County<br>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<br>800 South Victoria Avenue |
| 891 Mountain Ranch Road                                | P.O. Box 730                                    | 222 East Weber Ave., #202                              | Ventura, CA 93009                           |
| San Andreas, CA 95249                                  | Mariposa, CA 95338                              | Stockton, CA 95202                                     | Office of the District Attorney             |
| Office of the District Attorney                        | Office of the District Attorney                 | Office of the District Attorney                        | Yolo County                                 |
| Colusa County  | Mendocino County                                | San Luis Obispo County                                 | 301 Second Street                           |
| 346 5th Street, Suite 101                              | P.O. Box 1000                                   | County Govt. Center, #450<br>San Luis Obispo, CA 93408 | Woodland, CA 95695                          |
| Colusa, CA 95932                                       | Ukiah, CA 95482 Office of the District Attorney | Office of the District Attorney                        | Office of the District Attorney             |
| Office of the District Attorney                        |   | San Mateo County                                       | Yuba County                                 |
| Contra Costa County                                    | Merced County 550 West Main Street              | 400 County Center, Third Floor                         | 215 Fifth Street, Suite 152                 |
| 900 Ward Street  | Merced, CA 95340                                | Redwood City, CA 94063                                 | Marysville, CA 95901                        |
| Martinez, CA 94553                                     | Office of the District Attorney                 | Office of the District Attorney                        | Oakland City Attorney                       |
| Office of the District Attorney Del Norte County       | Modoc County                                    | Santa Barbara County                                   | City Hall, 6th Floor                        |
| 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 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                                  |   |  | San Francisco, CA 94102                     |
| 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<br>200 E. Santa Clara St.  |
| P.O. Box 430   | P.O. Box 720                                    | 1355 West Street                                       | San Jose, CA 95113                          |
| Willows, CA 95988                                      | Napa, CA 94559                                  | Redding, CA 96001                                      | Office of the City Attorney                 |
| Office of the District Attorney                        | Office of the District Attorney                 | Office of the District Attorney                        | City of Los Angeles                         |
| Humboldt County  | Nevada County                                   | Sierra County P.O. Box 457                             | 200 N. Main Street, Suite 800               |
| 825 5th Street, 4th Floor                              | 201 Commercial Street                           | Downieville, CA 95936                                  | Los Angeles, CA 90012                       |
| Eureka, CA 95501                                       | Nevada City, CA 95959                           | Downlevine, CA 93930                                   | Los raigoles, err 70012                     |
|  | Office of the District Attorney                 | Office of the District Attorney                        | Office of the City Attorney                 |
| Office of the District Attorney                        | Orange County                                   | Siskivou County  | City of San Diego                           |
| Imperial County  | 401 Civic Center Drive West                     | P.O. Box 986   | 1200 Third Ave., Suite 1620                 |
| 940 West Main Street, Suite 102<br>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        |
| Inyo County  | Placer County                                   | Solano County  | Attn: Prop 65 Coordinator                   |
| 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                           |
| Office of the Division According to                    | 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<br>Bakersfield, CA 93301           | Quincy, CA 95971                                | 212J   |   |
| Bakeistielu, CA 93301                                  |   | Santa Rosa, CA 95403                                   |   |
| 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                        |   |
| Lake County  | Sacramento County                               | Sutter County 446 Second Street, Suite 102             |   |
| 255 N. Forbes Street                                   | 901 G Street                                    | Yuba City, CA 95991                                    |   |
| Lakeport, CA 95453                                     | Sacramento, CA 95814                            | I VIINA ( ITV ( A UNUU!                                | 1   |