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JUNE 27, 2016

NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS
CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND
TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT

Proposition 65 Enforcement Reporting
Attn: Prop 65 Coordinator
1515 Clay Street
P.O. Box 70550
Oakland, CA 94612

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

Re: Violations of Proposition 65 Concerning Carbon Monoxide Exposures from
Wood-burning outdoor heating products, such as fire pits, fire rings, fire tables
and chimineas

In accord with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, the Ecological Rights Foundation ("ERF") hereby gives you notice that the companies listed on the attached Exhibit A 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 with the attached Certificate of Service.

The above-referenced violations occur when California residents use wood-burning outdoor heating products, such as fire pits, fire rings, fire tables and chimeneas. These products are used primarily for heating, ambience and cooking. Combustion of wood fuel produces and exposes people to **carbon monoxide**, a chemical known to the State of California to cause reproductive toxicity. Because the combustion of wood causes carbon monoxide to be released into the air, people using wood-burning outdoor heating products, and others standing near the products when wood fuel is burning in or on the products, inhale carbon monoxide. Exposure to carbon monoxide is via the inhalation route. These products cause carbon monoxide exposures to occur in peoples yards, at parks and beaches, and everywhere else throughout California where the products are used. These violations are alleged for consumer and environmental exposures.

Included on Exhibit 1 is a non-exclusive list of examples of the types of products manufactured, marketed or sold by the Noticed Parties in the State of California. 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 (wood-burning outdoor heating products, such as fire pits, fire rings, fire tables and chimeneas) of which the named model is an example.

The noticed parties on Exhibit 1, and on the attached Certificate of Service, did not and do not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before exposing those people to carbon monoxide.

The above-referenced violations have occurred every day since at least June 27, 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):

Fredric Evenson
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Sincerely,


Fredric Evenson

Exhibit 1
June 27, 2016 Notice of Violation
Carbon Monoxide Exposures from Wood Burning Fire Pits, Fire Rings and
Chimeneas

Names and Addresses of Responsible Parties	Non-Exclusive Examples of the Products*	Item#, UPC or SKU # or Further Description
<p>President or CEO Aosom, LLC 6710 Mcewan Rd Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035</p> <p>Li Wei Registered Agent Aosom, LLC 6710 Mcewan Rd Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035</p>	<p>- Outsunny Fire Pits</p> <p>- Outsunny Square Fire Pit</p>	<p>Model No. 842-012</p>
<p>President or CEO Asia Direct, Inc. 4070 Buford Highway #4 Duluth, GA 30096</p> <p>Jay Catalina Registered Agent Asia Direct, Inc. 5405 Buford HWY , Ste 400, Norcross, GA 30071</p>	<p>- 35" Copper Fire Bowl</p>	<p>Model No. AD115</p>
<p>President or CEO AZ Patio Heaters, LLC 8550 N 91st Ave., Ste. C-25 Peoria, AZ 85345</p>	<p>- Hiland 36" Slate Top Wood Burning Firepit</p> <p>- Hiland Firepits</p>	<p>Model No. YFP-51133D</p>

<p>Mary Kieman Statutory Agent AZ Patio Heaters, LLC 19419 N 15TH St. Phoenix, AZ 85024</p>		
<p>Stephen M. Lacy Or Current President or CEO Meredith Corporation 1716 Locust Street Des Moines, Iowa 50309</p> <p>John S Zieser Registered Agent Meredith Corporation 1716 Locust Street Des Moines, Iowa 50309</p>	<p>- Better Homes and Gardens 30" Round Fire Pit</p>	<p>Model No. BH16-093-999-02</p>
<p>President or CEO Dagan Industries, Inc. 280 S Beverly Dr #409 Beverly Hills, CA 90212</p> <p>Jeff Dagan Registered Agent Dagan Industries, Inc. 15540 Roxford St Sylmar CA 91342</p>	<p>- "Conversation Table" Bronze Cast Aluminum Fire Pit with 4 Chairs</p> <p>- Round Fire Pits</p> <p>- Pagoda Design Fire Pit</p> <p>- Rectangular Design Fire Pit</p>	<p>Item No. FP-1020</p> <p>Models: FP-1015; FP-1014; FP-1017; FPF-1000; FP-1023; FP-1009; Fp-1013; FP-1019; FP-Ring</p> <p>FP-1012</p> <p>FP-1016</p>

<p>President or CEO Hayneedle Inc. 9394 West Dodge Rd, Suite 300 Omaha, NE 68114</p> <p>C T Corporation System Hayneedle, Inc. Registered Agent 818 West Seventh St. Suite 930 Los Angeles CA 90017</p>	<p>- Red Ember Castle Pines 34" Square Slate Fire Pit</p> <p>- "Fire Sense" Fire Pits</p>	<p>SKU WTL-197-1 Supplier Item # 61578</p>
<p>President or CEO Jensen Metal Products, Inc. 7800 Northwestern Ave. Racine, WI 53046</p> <p>Geeta S. Jensen Registered Agent Jensen Metal Products, Inc. 7800 Northwestern Ave. Racine, WI 53046</p>	<p>- "realflame" Fire Pits</p> <p>- 910 Alderwood Wood Burning Fire Pit</p>	<p>PO # 601152</p>
<p>Bill Krueger Or current President or CEO Krueger Custom Steel & Machining LTD 1610 20th Street East P.O. Box 187 Owen Sound, Ontario Canada , N4K 5P3</p>	<p>- Ultimate 3-Piece Fire Ring</p>	<p># 1012</p>

<p>Jason Loughmiller Or Current President or CEO Loughmiller Machine Tool and Design, Inc. 12851 E. 150 N. Loogootee, IN 47553</p> <p>Loughmiller Machine Tool and Design, Inc. % Jason Loughmiller Registered Agent 109 Brooks Ave., Loogootee, IN, 47553</p>	<p>- "Fire Ring King" Fire Rings</p>	
<p>President or CEO Natural Concrete Products, LLC 3607 East Highway 24 P.O. Box 636 Norfolk, NE, 68702</p> <p>Natural Concrete Products, LLC % McGrath North Mullin & Kratz, PC LLO C/O Jonathan L. Grob Registered Agent 1601 Dodge Street, Suite 3700 Omaha, NE 68102</p>	<p>- Fire Pit Kits</p> <p>- Limestone Round Fire Pit Kit</p>	<p>FSFPL 202708169</p>
<p>Pavestone, LLC % C T Corporation System Registered Agent 818 West Seventh Street, Suite 930 Los Angeles, CA 90017</p>	<p>- Rumblestone Fire Pit Kits</p> <p>- Rumblestone Round Fire Pit Inserts</p> <p>- Rumblestone Round Fire Pit Kit in Greystone</p>	<p>Model # RSK50234</p>

Titan Manufacturing and Distributing, Inc. % Jeffery Alan Hill Registered Agent 141 Eastley St, STE 113 Collierville, TN 38017-2777		
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* These non-exclusive examples of the category or type of product that is subject to this Notice is for the recipient's benefit in its investigation of ERF's allegations. These examples are not meant to be an exhaustive or comprehensive identification of each specific offending product of the category or type of products subject to this notice. It is ERF's position that the alleged Violator is obligated to conduct a good faith investigation into other specific products within the identified category or type that may have been manufactured, distributed, sold, shipped, stored (or otherwise within the notice recipient's custody or control) during the past three years, to ensure that clear and reasonable warnings are provided to California citizens prior to purchase, or retroactively if necessary.

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: June 27, 2016

By:


Fredric Evenson

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am over the age of 18. My business address is P.O. Box 1000, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

On June 27, 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.

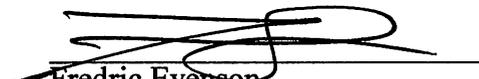
See attached: **Service List-Noticed Parties**

On June 27, 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 June 27, 2016, at Santa Cruz, CA.


Fredric Evenson

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<p>Safavieh, Inc. % Kamran Mandegari Registered Agent for Safavieh, Inc. % 7630 Cherry Ave LLC, 7630 Cherry Avenue Fontana, CA 92336</p>	<p>President or CEO Safavieh International, LLC 40 Harbor Park Drive North Port Washington, NY 11050</p>	<p>Sirio North America, Inc. c/o Joyce Tso Registered Agent 500 Sansome St Suite 502 San Francisco, CA 94111</p>
<p>President or CEO Snow Joe, LLC 305 Veterans Boulevard, Carlstadt, NJ 07072</p>	<p>President or CEO Snow Joe, LLC 86 Executive Avenue Edison, NJ 08817</p>	<p>President or CEO Titan Manufacturing and Distributing, Inc. 141 Eastley St, STE 113 Collierville, TN 38017-2777</p>
<p>Titan Manufacturing and Distributing, Inc. % Jeffery Alan Hill Registered Agent 141 Eastley St, STE 113 Collierville, TN 38017-2777</p>		

- Krueger Custom Steel & Machining LTD sent by Registered Mail

Service List – Public Enforcers

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