

February 16, 2018

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

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Greetings:

This office and the Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation ("Mateel") give you notice that the private business listed on the accompanying service list ("business") has been, is, and threatens to 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 at both Mateel and this office. The above referenced violations occur when California residents ingest kombucha served on tap at locations operated by the business or to whom the business has sold kombucha. This kombucha is contaminated with lead, a chemical known to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm. When people ingest kombucha, they also ingest (and are therefore exposed to) lead. The route of exposure to lead from kombucha is, therefore, are via the ingestion route of exposure. The business did not and does not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before it exposes California residents to lead in kombucha. These violations have occurred every day since at least February 16, 2015, and will continue every day until the lead stops being added to the kombucha, or until clear and reasonable warnings are given.

## **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: February 16, 2018

William Verick

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Matt Lang, declare:

If called, I could and would testify as follows: I am over eighteen. My business address is 1125 Sixteenth Street, Suite 204, Arcata, California, 95521. On February 16, 2018, 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 February 16, 2018, at Arcata, California.

Matt Lang

## SERVICE LIST

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