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# NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.5 ET SEQ. (PROPOSITION 65)

Dear Alleged Violators and the Appropriate Public Enforcement Agencies:

Aqua Terra Aeris ("ATA") Law Group represents the Center for Advanced Public Awareness, Inc. ("CAPA"), 180 Promenade Circle, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95834. CAPA is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by bringing about a reduction in the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, fostering and increasing the public awareness of chemicals used to manufacture consumer products, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility.

CAPA has identified violations of California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 ("Proposition 65"), which is codified at California Health & Safety Code, section 25249.5 *et seq.*, with respect to the product identified below. These violations have occurred and continue to occur because the alleged Violators identified below failed to provide required clear and reasonable warnings with these products. Section 25249.6 of the statute 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." Without proper warnings regarding the toxic effects of exposures to this listed chemical that results from contact with this product, California citizens lack the information necessary to make an informed decision on whether and/or how to eliminate (or reduce) their risk of exposure to the listed chemical from the reasonably foreseeable use of the product.

This letter serves as a notice of these violations to the alleged Violators and the appropriate public enforcement agencies. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code, section 25249.7, subdivision (d), CAPA intends to file a private enforcement action in the public interest sixty (60) days after effective service of this notice unless the public enforcement agencies have commenced and are diligently prosecuting an action to rectify these violations.

<u>Certificate of Merit and General Information about Proposition 65</u>. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 11, section 3100, a certificate of merit is attached hereto. Pursuant to C.C.R., title 27, section 25903, subdivision (b), a copy of a summary of Proposition



65, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, is enclosed with this letter served to the alleged Violators identified below.

Alleged Violators. The name(s) of the company covered by this notice that violated Proposition 65 (hereinafter the "Violator," individually, or "Violators," collectively) are:

- Two's Company, Inc. 500 Saw Mill River Road Elmsford, NY 10523
- Prep Obsessed, LLC
   9091 N. Military Trail #6
   Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

<u>Consumer Products and Listed Chemical</u>. The products that are the subject of this notice and the chemical in those products identified as exceeding allowable levels are:

 Wash Away Makeup Removal Set – Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate UPC-A No.: 019218 50752 2 EAN-13: 0 019218 507522

On October 24, 2003, the State of California listed DEHP as a chemical known to the State to cause developmental and male reproductive toxicity. The addition took place more than twenty (20) months before CAPA served this Notice.

Chemical	CAS No.	Toxicological Endpoint	Listing Mechanism
Di(2-ethyhexly)phthalate ("DEHP") <sup>1</sup>	117-81-7	Reproductive toxicity	AB-NIOSH/FDA

<u>Violations</u>. The alleged Violators knowingly and intentionally have exposed and continue to knowingly and intentionally expose consumers within the State of California to Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate ("DEHP") at levels that, upon reasonable use of the product, exceed the Maximum Allowable Dose Level without providing clear and reasonable warning of this exposure. In particular, the product does not warn that it contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause developmental and male reproductive toxicity.

The oral Maximum Allowable Dose Level ("MADL") for DEHP is 410  $\mu$ g/day (adult); 58  $\mu$ g/day (infant boys, age 29 days to 24 months); and 20  $\mu$ g/day (neonatal infant boys, age 0 to 28 days). The overall exposure estimate from the Wash Away Makeup Removal Set exceeds the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65/chemicals/di2-ethylhexylphthalate-dehp.



MADL for and infant boys aged 29 days to 2 years based on dermal absorption, object-to-mouth ingestion, and direct and indirect hand-to-mouth ingestion, as applicable. As a result, the Wash Away Makeup Removal Set needs a clear a reasonable warning under Proposition 65.

Route of Exposure. The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the purchase, acquisition, and handling of the product. Consequently, a primary route of exposure to these chemicals is through dermal absorption, and direct and indirect hand-to-mouth ingestion, and object-to-mouth ingestion. Consumers and other individuals, are exposed to the listed chemical through reasonably foreseeable direct dermal contact when they handle, touch, or otherwise use Wash Away Makeup Removal Set. The potential exists for exposure of DEHP through dermal absorption, direct and indirect hand-to-mouth ingestion, and object-to-mouth ingestion, as applicable.

Approximate Time Period of Violations. Ongoing violations have occurred every day since at least March 23, 2017, as well as every day since the products were introduced into the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users or until this known toxic chemical is either removed from or reduced via reformulation to allowable levels in the products. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to the identified chemical. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product label. The Violators violated Proposition 65 because they failed to provide persons handling and/or using these products with clear and reasonable warnings that they are being exposed to this chemical.

Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and a desire to have these ongoing violations of California law quickly rectified, CAPA is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter that includes an enforceable written agreement by the Violators to: (1) reformulate the product to reduce/eliminate further DEHP exposures; (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty; and (3) provide clear and reasonable warnings compliant with Proposition 65 for products sold in the future. Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemical, as well as an expensive and time-consuming litigation.

CAPA has retained ATA Law Group as legal counsel in connection with this matter. Please direct all communications regarding this Notice of Violation to my attention at the law office address and telephone number indicated herein.

Dated: July 19, 2018 Very truly yours,



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Matthew C. Maclear AQUA TERRA AERIS LAW GROUP Attorney for Center for Advanced Public Awareness

### Attachments

Certificate of Merit Certificate of Service OEHHA Summary (to Two's Company, Inc. and Prep Obsessed, LLC) Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to AG only)



#### **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

Re: Center for Advanced Public Awareness, Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations to Two's Company, Inc. and Prep Obsessed, LLC

#### I, Matthew Maclear, declare:

- This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached 60-day notice in which it is alleged that the party identified in the notice violated California Health & Safety Code, section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
  - 2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.
- 3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the notice.
- Based on the information obtained through those consultants, and on 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 plaintiff's case can be established and that the information did not prove that the alleged Violators will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.
- Along with the copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General is attached additional factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in California Health & Safety Code, section 25249.7, subdivision (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.

Dated: July 19, 2018

Matthew C. Maclear

AQUA TERRA AERIS LAW GROUP

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Attorney for Center for Advanced Public

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct:

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years of age, and am not a party to the within entitled action. My business address is 490 43rd Street, Suite 108, Oakland, California 94609. I am a resident or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. The envelope or package was placed in the mail at Oakland, California.

On July 19, 2018, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.5** *ET SEQ.*; **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; "THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986**(**PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY"** on the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party listed below and depositing it at a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

Tom Gottlieb or Current President or CEO Two's Company, Inc. 500 Saw Mill River Road Elmsford, NY 10523

Nina Vitalino or Current President/CEO Prep Obsessed, LLC 1083 Via Jardin Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418 Agent for Service of Process, Two's Company, Inc.: Salon Marrow Dyckman & Newman

Attn: Stuart B. Newman, Esq. 292 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10017

Agent for Service of Process, Prep Obsessed, LLC:

Corey O'Loughlin 5138 Elpine Way

Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

On July 19, 2018, I verified the following documents **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.5** *ET SEQ.*; **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.7(d)(1)** were served on the following party when a true and correct copy thereof was uploaded on the California Attorney General's website, which can be accessed at https://oag.ca.gov/prop65/add-60-day-notice:

Office of the California Attorney General Prop 65 Enforcement Reporting 1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000 Oakland, CA 94612-0550

On July 19, 2018, I verified the following documents **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT** were served on the following parties when a true and correct copy thereof was **sent via electronic mail** to the party listed below:



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On July 19, 2018, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.5** *ET SEQ.*; **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT** on each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to



each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto, and depositing it at a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by U.S. First Class Mail.

Executed on July 19, 2018, in Oakland, California.

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