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January 28, 2019

60-DAY NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.5 ET. SEQ. (PROPOSITION 65)

Dear Alleged Violator(s) and the Appropriate Public Enforcement Agencies:

The Kawahito Law Group APC represents the Center for Advanced Public Awareness, Inc. ("CAPA") 2342 Shattuck Ave., #347, Berkeley, CA 94704. CAPA is a California a non-profit company acting in the interest of the general public seeking to further, among other causes, the protection of the environment, improving human health, and environmentally sound practices. CAPA has identified violations of California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 ("Proposition 65" or "Act"), codified at Cal. Health & Safety Code §25249.5 *et seq.* This letter serves to provide CAPA's Notice of these violations. Pursuant to §25249.7(d) of the Act, CAPA intends to file a private enforcement action in the public interest sixty (60) days after effective service of this Notice unless the appropriate public enforcement agencies have commenced and are prosecuting an action to rectify these violations.

General Information and Summary of Proposition 65. A copy of a summary of Proposition 65 prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment is attached to this letter.

Alleged Violators. The name of the entity or entities covered by this Notice and who are alleged to be in violation of Proposition 65 (collectively the "Violators") are:

Rue 21, Inc.
800 Commonwealth Dr.
Warrendale, PA 15086

Consumer Product. The products ("Products") which are causing an exposure without a warning in violation of Proposition 65, are:

Product(s)	**Retailer(s)**	**Manufacturer(s)/Distributor(s)/ Importer(s)**
Pom Pom String Lights UPC: 400250167599	Rue 21, Inc.	Rue 21, Inc.

Listed Chemical and Route of Exposure. The chemical that is the subject of this Notice is Di-(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate ("DEHP"). The consumer exposures at issue result from the use of the Products in accordance with their intended use including the handling of the Products by hand. The primary routes of exposure are oral ingestion and dermal absorption. The types of harm from the chemicals at issue include Developmental Toxicity, Male Reproductive Toxicity, and Cancer.

Period of Exposure and Violation. Exposures to DEHP, from the use of the Products have occurred each day since the products were introduced into the California marketplace, but at a minimum since September 18, 2018. Moreover, these exposures will continue until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users or until this known toxic chemical is either removed from or reduced to allowable levels in the Products. Without proper warnings regarding the toxic effects of exposures to the listed chemical resulting from contact with the Products, California citizens lack the information necessary to make informed decisions on whether and how to eliminate (or reduce) the risk of exposure to the listed chemical from reasonable foreseeable use of the Products.

Resolution of Noticed Claims. Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65, CAPA is interested in seeking a constructive resolution to this matter to have the ongoing violations of California law quickly rectified. To that end, CAPA intends to file a private enforcement action as provided for in the Act for the alleged violations by the Violators, unless Violators agree in an enforceable written instrument to: (1) recall the listed Products or undertake best efforts to ensure that the requisite health hazard warnings are provided to those who have received such Products; (2) reformulate the Products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemicals or affix clear and reasonable Proposition 65 warning labels for products sold in the future; and (3) pay an appropriate civil penalty. Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemicals, and avoid costly and time-consuming litigation.

To the extent you are interested in discussing a potential resolution of this matter, you may contact CAPA's attorneys using the below contact information.

Contact Information. Please direct al questions or issues concerning this Notice to CAPA's counsel at the following address:

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Attachments
Certificate of Merit
Certificate of Service
OEHHA Summary (to Violators only)
Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to AG only)

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

Re: Center for Advanced Public Awareness, Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations

I, James Kawahito, hereby declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged the parties 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 and have assembled evidence attached to the copy for the California Attorney General as Exhibit 1 to this Certificate of Merit regarding the lack of warnings for the listed chemical that is the subject of the notice.

4. Based on the information obtained 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 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 California Health & Safety Code §25249.7(h)(2).

Dated: January 28, 2019

James Kawahito

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this case. I am a resident of or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. My business address is 222 North Pacific Coast Hwy., Suite 2222, El Segundo, CA 90245.

On January 28, 2019, I served the following: **1. 60-Day Notice of Intent to Sue Under Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 2. Certificate of Merit; Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d) 3. The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65); A Summary** on the alleged Violators listed below via First Class Certified Mail through the United States Postal Service by placing a true and correct copy in a sealed envelope, addressed to the parties listed below and providing such envelope to a United States Postal Service Representative:

Rue 21, Inc.
800 Commonwealth Dr.
Warrendale, PA 15086

Rue 21, Inc.
c/o National Registered Agents, Inc.
818 West Seventh Street, Suite 930
Los Angeles, CA 90017

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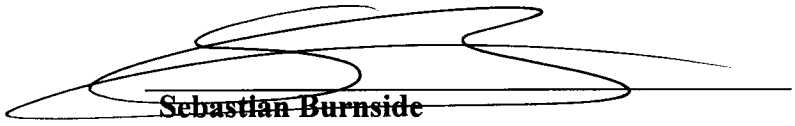
On the following parties by uploading the foregoing documents at the webpage listed below:
Office of the California Attorney General
Prop 65 Enforcement

https://oag.ca.gov/prop65/add-60-day-notice

On January 28, 2019, I served the following: **1. 60-Day Notice of Intent to Sue Under Health and Safety Code section 25249.6; 2. Certificate of Merit; Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)** to the public enforcers by placing a true and correct copy in a sealed envelope, with postage fully prepaid with the U.S. Postal Service, addressed to the parties listed on the attached **Service List**.

I declare under penalty of perjury that under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: January 28, 2019



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