

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.6**

July 19, 2019

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**

Michael L. Thornton  
Thornton Industries, Inc.  
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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Office of the California Attorney General  
Proposition 65 Enforcement Reporting  
Attention: Prop 65 Coordinator  
P.O. Box 70550  
Oakland, CA 94612-0550

**VIA MAIL**

[the entities and the public enforcement agencies listed on the distribution list accompanying the attached Certificate of Service]

Re: Violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6

To Whom It May Concern:

Along with co-counsel, I represent Jan Graham (“Noticing Party”). This Notice of Violation (“Notice”) is provided to the public agencies listed on the distribution list accompanying the attached certificate of service. This Notice is also being provided to Thornton Industries, Inc. (the “Violator”) pursuant to and in compliance with California Health and Safety Code § 25249.6, *et seq.* (“Proposition 65”).

This Notice satisfies a prerequisite for the Noticing Party to commence an action against the Violator to enforce Proposition 65. The Noticing Party intends to begin an enforcement action sixty (60) days after effective service of this Notice, unless the public enforcement agencies have commenced an action to rectify the violations discussed in this Notice.

### **The Noticing Party**

This notice is provided on behalf of Jan Graham. Ms. Graham is a resident of San Francisco in the State of California. She is acting in the public interest pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d) and is dedicated to protecting the health of Californians.

Please contact Noticing Party through counsel and direct all questions concerning this Notice to counsel's office at the following addresses:

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### **Name of the of the Violator**

The name of the Violator is:

- Thornton Industries, Inc.

### **Names of Listed Chemicals**

The violations covered by this Notice consist of the types of harm potentially resulting from exposure to the chemicals known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity ("Listed Chemicals") identified below:

Listed Chemicals (type of harm):    Arsenic (Cancer, Reproductive Toxicity, Developmental Toxicity)  
Chromium [hexavalent compounds] (Cancer, Reproductive Toxicity, Developmental Toxicity, Female Reproductive Toxicity, Male Reproductive Toxicity)  
Lead and Lead Compounds (Cancer, Reproductive Toxicity, Developmental Toxicity, Female Reproductive Toxicity, Male Reproductive Toxicity)  
Silica, crystalline [airborne particles of respirable size] (Cancer)

### **Type of Product and Route of Exposure**

The violations covered by this Notice consist of the product types and routes of exposure identified below:

Product Types:	Talcum powder products. See Product Description below.
Routes of Exposure:	Inhalation, perineal (genital), or dermal exposure

### **Description of Violation**

The Violator has failed and continues to fail to provide a clear and reasonable Proposition 65 warning regarding the presence of Listed Chemicals. For example, and without limitation, Violator has failed to provide a clear and reasonable Proposition 65 warning on the product package or label, on their website, or at the point of sale.

On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed Arsenic (inorganic arsenic compounds) as a chemical known to the State to cause cancer. On May 1, 1997, the State of California officially listed Arsenic (inorganic oxides) as a chemical known to the State to cause developmental toxicity. Violator has exposed and continues to expose consumers within the State of California to Arsenic without providing a clear and reasonable warning of this exposure.

On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed Chromium (hexavalent compounds) as a chemical known to the State to cause cancer. On December 19, 2008, the State of California officially listed Chromium (hexavalent compounds) as a chemical known to the State to cause developmental toxicity, male reproductive toxicity, and female reproductive toxicity. Violator has exposed and continues to expose consumers within the State of California to Chromium (hexavalent compounds) without providing a clear and reasonable warning of this exposure.

On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed Lead and Lead Compounds as chemicals known to the State to cause developmental toxicity, male reproductive toxicity, and female reproductive toxicity. On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed Lead and Lead Compounds as chemicals known to the State to cause cancer. Violator has exposed and continues to expose consumers within the State of California to Lead and Lead Compounds without providing a clear and reasonable warning of this exposure.

On October 1, 1989, the State of California officially listed Silica, Crystalline (airborne particles of respirable size) as a chemical known to the State to cause cancer. Violator has exposed and continues to expose consumers within the State of California to Silica, Crystalline (airborne particles of respirable size) without providing a clear and reasonable warning of this exposure.

### **Approximate Duration of Violation**

The violations have been occurring since at least February 27, 1987 and are ongoing.

### **The Consumer Products**

The products that are the subject of this Notice are talc-containing baby, body, or foot powder products, all of which are produced, manufactured, marketed, and/or distributed by each of the Violator. Without limitation, such products include:

- DG Baby Baby Powder

This identification is made in good faith to assist recipients in investigation of, among other things, the magnitude of potential exposures to the Listed Chemicals. Please note that the above examples are not meant to be an exhaustive or comprehensive identification of each specific offending product manufactured, distributed, or sold during the relevant period.

### **General Information Regarding Proposition 65**

Attached to this Notice is a copy of “The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary.” The attached Summary was prepared by the California Environmental Protection Agency and provides general information about Proposition 65.

Pursuant to Title 11 of the California Code of Regulations § 3100, a certificate of merit is attached hereto. Please direct any inquiries regarding this Notice or any communication to the counsel for the Noticing Party.

Very truly yours,



Ali Abtahi

## CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

I, Ali Abtahi, 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 have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the alleged exposure to the listed chemicals that are 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 plaintiff’s 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.

Dated: July 19, 2019



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Ali Abtahi

## **PROOF OF SERVICE**

I am at least 18 years of age, not a party to this action, and I am a resident of or employed in the county where the mailing took place. My residence or business address is 200 W. Madison Street, Suite 2100, Chicago, IL 60606.

On this date, I served or caused to be served a true copy of the following document(s) in the manner specified below:

### **NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.6**

#### **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

#### **THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY**

**XXX** **BY CERTIFIED MAIL** through placing the envelope containing the above documents for collection following our ordinary business practices. I am readily familiar with this business's practice for collecting and processing correspondence for mailing. On the same day that correspondence is placed for collection and mailing, it is deposited in the ordinary course of business with the United States Postal Service in a sealed envelope with postage fully prepaid.

**[SEE ATTACHED CERTIFIED MAIL SERVICE LIST]**

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**FACTUAL INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF  
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

**XXX BY ELECTRONIC FILING** through causing true and correct copies of the above documents to be uploaded to the California Attorney General's website at the web address on the attached "Electronic Filing Service List".

**[SEE ATTACHED ELECTRONIC FILING SERVICE LIST]**

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on July 22, 2019, at Chicago, Illinois.



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Ali Abtahi

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