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August 8, 2024

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 AXS Law Group LA LLP represents EnviroProtect, LLC ("EnviroProtect") with respect to this matter. EnviroProtect is a California company acting in the interest of the general public seeking to further, among other causes, the protection of the environment, awareness of dangerous chemicals in consumer products, and corporate accountability. As described below, EnviroProtect 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 EnviroProtect's Notice of these violations. Pursuant to §25249.7(d) of the Act, EnviroProtect 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.

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

<u>Alleged Violators</u>. 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:

T.J. Maxx of CA, LLC

Buddha Bubbles Boba Inc.

770 Cochituate Road

2336 La Mirada Drive, Suite 1100

Framingham, MA 01701

Vista, CA 92081

<u>Consumer Product</u>. 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)
Boba Drink Mix Strawberry SKU 180394 Boba Drink Mix Honeydew SKU 180402	T.J. Maxx	Buddha Bubbles Boba Inc.

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Listed Chemical and Route of Exposure. The chemical that is the subject of this Notice is Lead ("Lead") The consumer exposures at issue result from the use of the Products in accordance with their intended use including consumption. The primary route of exposure is oral ingestion. The types of harm from the chemicals at issue include Cancer and Reproductive and Developmental toxicity.

Period of Exposure and Violation. Exposures to Lead from the use of the Products have occurred each day since the products were introduced into the California marketplace, but at a minimum since July 11, 2024. Moreover, these exposures 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 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, EnviroProtect is interested in seeking a constructive resolution to this matter to have the ongoing violations of California law quickly rectified. To that end, EnviroProtect 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 early resolution of this matter, you may communicate directly with EnviroProtect's attorneys using the below contact information.

<u>Contact Information.</u> EnviroProtect, LLC, c/o Emilio Zelaya, 3142 W. 59th Pl. Los Angeles, CA 90043, (310) 498-7971. Please direct all questions or issues concerning this Notice to EnviroProtect's counsel at the following address:

James Kawahito AXS Law Group LA, LLP 6080 Center Drive. Suite 210 Los Angeles, CA 90045 tel. 310-746-5300 email james@axslawgroup.com

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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)

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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

Re: EnviroProtect, LLC's Notice of Proposition 65 Violations

I, James Kawahito, 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.

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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 6080 Center Drive, Suite 210, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

On August 8, 2024, 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:

T.J. Maxx of CA, LLC 770 Cochituate Road Framingham, MA 01701 T.J. Maxx of CA, LLC c/o CT Corporation System 330 N. Brand Blvd., Ste. 700 Glendale, CA 91203

Buddha Bubbles Boba Inc. 2336 La Mirada Drive, Suite 1100 Vista, CA 92081

Buddha Bubbles Boba Inc. c/o Colin Thomas Dougherty 2336 La Mirada Drive, Suite 1100 Vista, CA 92081

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. Certificate of Merit (Attorney General Copy); Factual information sufficient to establish the basis of the certificate of merit

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 August 8, 2024, 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.

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

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