# SUPPLEMENTAL 60-DAY NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(d) (PROPOSITION 65)

Date: October 10, 2025

To: Chad Effinger, President, Crown Engineering Corporation;

Devin Malone, Chief Executive Officer, Mueller Streamline Co.,

California Attorney General's Office;

District Attorney's Office for 58 Counties; and

City Attorneys for San Francisco, San Diego, San Jose, Sacramento & Los Angeles

From: Blue Sky Forever

#### I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

Blue Sky Forever is a California nonprofit corporation acting in the public interest pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d). Blue Sky Forever seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals in products sold in California and, if possible, to improve human health by eliminating hazardous substances contained in such items, promoting corporate responsibility.

This Supplemental 60-Day Notice of Violation ("Notice") supplements the 60-Day Notice of Violation sent on August 18, 2025 and is being provided to the alleged violators, Crown Engineering Corporation and Mueller Streamline Co. ("Notice Recipients"), as well as the California Attorney General's Office, the District Attorney's Offices for 58 Counties, and City Attorneys for San Francisco, San Diego, San Jose, Sacramento and Los Angeles.

Blue Sky Forever provides this Notice after identifying violations of California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, codified at California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 et seq. ("Proposition 65"), based on the failure to provide a clear and reasonable health hazard warning in connection with the sale or use of the products, listed below, in the State of California. The Notice Recipients are hereby given notice it violated and continues to violate Proposition 65 with respect to the warning requirement, codified at California's Health & Safety Code § 25249.6: "No 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 giving a clear and reasonable warning to such individual." Without proper warnings about the toxic effects of exposures to listed chemicals, citizens in California lack the information necessary to make an informed decision as to whether or how to eliminate or reduce their risk of exposure from the reasonably foreseeable use of products containing listed chemicals.

#### II. NATURE OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

<u>Product.</u> The specific type or category of products ("Products") that are the subject of this Notice are as follows:

| <b>Exemplar Product</b> | Category/Type | Retailer            | Manufacturer/Distributor |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 3/16 X 16 OIL LINE      | Brass Tubing  | Controls Central    | Crown Engineering        |
| COILED                  | *             | controlscentral.com | Corporation; Mueller     |
| Model No. 40455         |               |                     | Streamline Co.           |
| Crown 41406 VAC         | Brass Gauges  | Controls Central    | Crown Engineering        |
| GAUGE 0-30 Hg, 2"       |               | controlscentral.com | Corporation; Mueller     |
| FACE, 1/4 NPT           |               |                     | Streamline Co.           |

Identified above are specific examples of Products recently purchased and witnessed as being available for sale or use in the State of California, within the *categories* of offending products covered by this Notice. The identified retailers, manufacturers and/or distributors of the Products are based on publicly available information.

The Exemplar Products are identified for the Notice Recipient's benefit to assist in its investigation into the alleged violations that are the subject of this Notice. The specific identified Exemplar Product is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all such products potentially in violation of Proposition 65. The Notice Recipients are now obligated to conduct a good faith investigation into other products within the categories or of the types, identified above, that were manufactured, imported, sold or distributed for sale, or that have otherwise been in the Notice Recipient's custody or control during the relevant period, identified below, to ensure the requisite health hazard warnings are provided to individuals in California prior to purchase.

<u>Listed Chemical.</u> The chemical that is the subject of this Notice is the heavy metal, Lead. The State of California listed Lead as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity, male reproductive toxicity, and female reproductive toxicity on February 27, 1987, and as a chemical known to cause cancer on October 1, 1992.

Routes of Exposure. The exposures subject to this Notice result from the purchase, acquisition and handling of Products containing Lead. Exposures occur when individuals, including women of childbearing age, handle, touch or otherwise utilize brass tubing and brass gauges containing Lead in accordance with the Products' reasonably foreseeable uses, resulting in exposures through ingestion and dermal absorption. Individuals ingest Lead when they touch or handle the Products or intermediary objects, transferring the chemical from their fingers or hands to their mouths. Dermal absorption of Lead occurs when individuals handle, touch, or utilize the Products.

The California State Plan for Occupational Safety and Health incorporates the provisions of Proposition 65, as approved by Federal OSHA on June 6, 1997. This approval specifically placed certain conditions with regard to occupational exposures on Proposition 65, including that it does not apply to the conduct of manufacturers occurring outside the State of California. The approval also provides that an employer may use the means of compliance in the general hazard communication requirements to comply with Proposition 65. It also requires that supplemental enforcement is subject to the supervision of the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Accordingly, any settlement, civil complaint, or substantive court orders in this matter must be submitted to the Attorney General.

<u>Violations and Time Period of Exposure.</u> Blue Sky Forever alleges the Notice Recipients knowingly and intentionally exposed, and continues to knowingly and intentionally expose, individuals within the State of California to Lead, without first giving a health hazard warning regarding the chemical's toxic effects, as required by Proposition 65, by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings to consumers and users that the Products can expose users to Lead.

Exposures caused by the use of the Products have occurred each day since the Products were introduced into the California marketplace, but, at a minimum, since August 18, 2024, and, potentially, as far back as August 18, 2022. Because the Products lack clear and reasonable warnings regarding the toxic effects of exposures to Lead, each Product sold during this period and not accompanied by a warning constitutes a violation by the Notice Recipients and/or other sellers of the Products, whether sold directly through retailers located in, or with locations in, California, via the internet, or through catalog purchases by customers and individuals located in California. Moreover, these exposures are ongoing and will continue either until clear and

reasonable warnings are provided to protect consumers and users or until this known toxic chemical is removed from the Products or reduced to allowable levels.

#### III. RESOLUTION OF NOTICED CLAIMS

Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65, Blue Sky Forever seeks to pursue a constructive resolution of this matter to quickly rectify ongoing violations of California law. To that end, based on the allegations set forth in this Notice and pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d), Blue Sky Forever 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 diligently prosecuting an action to rectify these allegations. If the Notice Recipients seek to resolve the claims alleged in this Notice without litigation, it may contact Blue Sky Forever's counsel at the address listed below.

It should be noted neither Blue Sky Forever or its counsel can: (1) finalize any settlement until after the expiration of the 60-day Notice period; or (2) speak for the California Attorney General or any District or City attorney in receipt of this Notice. Therefore, while reaching an agreement with Blue Sky Forever will satisfy its claims, the agreement may not satisfy any public prosecutors.

#### IV. GENERAL INFORMATION AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSITION 65

A copy of a summary of Proposition 65's provisions, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("**OEHHA**") is enclosed with the copy of the Notice served on the Notice Recipients for its reference. For further general information concerning Proposition 65, contact OEHHA's Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900.

#### V. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d) and Cal. Code. Regs. tit 11, § 3100, a Certificate of Merit is attached hereto. A copy of the Notice and Certificate of Merit is served on the California Attorney General and marked "Attorney General Copy: Contains Official Information Pursuant to Evidence Code Section 1040" with all supporting documentation, as required by Cal. Code. Regs. tit 11, § 3102, attached thereto.

#### VI. CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions, issues or communications regarding this 60-Day Notice of Violation and its potential resolution to Blue Sky Forever's counsel at the following address:

Blue Sky Forever c/o Kimberly Gates Johnson, Esq. Seven Hills LLP 1 Embarcadero Center, Suite 1200 San Francisco, California 94111 Telephone: (415) 926-7247

Email: kimberly@sevenhillsllp.com

Represented private enforcer's contact information:
Anthony Nguyen, CEO
Blue Sky Forever
1142 West Orangethorpe Avenue
Fullerton, CA 92833

Telephone: (657) 364-9585

<u>Attachments:</u> Certificate of Merit; Proof of Service; Appendix A: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary (to Violator only); and Additional Confidential Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to Attorney General only.)

#### **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(d)

Re: Blue Sky Forever's Notice of Proposition 65 Violations

- I, Kimberly Gates Johnson, hereby declare and certify:
- 1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged the party identified in the notice violated Health & Safety Code § 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 alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the notice.
- 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 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 Health & Safety Code § 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: October 10, 2025

Kimberly Gates Johnson

#### **PROOF OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury:

I am over the age of 18 years of age and not a party to this case. Seven Hills LLP's business address is 1 Embarcadero Center, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94111.

On October 10, 2025, I caused to be served the following:

SUPPLEMENTAL 60-DAY NOTICE OF VIOLATION SENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(d); APPENDIX A: THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY; and CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

XXXX by Certified First Class Mail through the United States Postal Service by placing true and correct copies of the above documents in a sealed envelope, individually addressed to each alleged violator listed below and providing such envelope to a United States Postal Service Representative:

Chad Effinger, President Crown Engineering Corporation P.O. Box 846 Farmingdale, NJ 07727

Devin Malone, CEO Mueller Streamline Co. 150 Schilling Boulevard, Suite 100 Collierville, TN, 38017 Chad Effinger, President Crown Engineering Corporation 550 Squankum Yellowbrook Road Farmingdale, NJ 07727

C T Corporation System, Registered Agent Mueller Streamline Co. 300 Montvue Road Knoxville, TN 37919

On October 10, 2025, I caused to be served true and correct copies of the following documents:

SUPPLEMENTAL 60-DAY NOTICE OF VIOLATION SENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(d); and CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

XXXX by **First Class Mail** through the United States Postal Service by placing copies of the above documents in a sealed envelope, addressed to each entity on the attached "Service List" and providing such envelope to a United States Postal Representative, with correct postage.

XXXX via Electronic Mail, by sending copies of the above documents, addressed individually, to the Recipients listed on the attached "Electronic Mail Service List".

On October 10, 2025, I caused to be served true and correct copies of the following documents:

SUPPLEMENTAL 60-DAY NOTICE OF VIOLATION SENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(d); CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; and CERTIFICATE OF MERIT ATTACHMENTS

XXXX via **Electronic Mail**, by uploading the documents, addressed to California Attorney General at their website address, listed under the "Electronic Upload Service List".

Executed on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025, at Folsom, California.

Wing Yee Mercier

## **SERVICE LIST**

| T1 II1-1- N f: -11 A f 11           | T1. TT 1.1. T1.' T   | T1 T1 1.1 - T - 1.1 D' - 1 -   |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| The Honorable Michael Atwell        | The Honorable Jackie Lacey   | The Honorable Todd Riebe   |
| Alpine County District Attorney     | Los Angeles County District Attorney   | Amador County District Attorney  |
| P.O. Box 248                        | 211 West Temple Street, Ste 1200   | 708 Court Street, #202   |
| Markleeville, CA 96120              | Los Angeles, CA, 90012   | Jackson, CA 95642  |
| The Honorable Michael Ramsey        | The Honorable Matthew R. Beauchamp   | Del Norte County District Attorney   |
| Butte County District Attorney      | Colusa County District Attorney  | 450 H street, Room 171   |
| 25 County Center Drive, Suite 245   | 346 5th Street, Suite 101  | Crescent City, CA 95531  |
| Oroville, CA 95965                  | Colusa, CA 95932   | 500.5  |
| The Honorable Gregg Cohen           | The Honorable Gilbert Otero  | The Honorable Dwayne Stewart   |
| Tehama County District Attorney     | Imperial County District Attorney  | Glenn County District Attorney   |
| P.O. Box 519                        | 940 West Main Street, Suite 102  | P.O. Box 430   |
| Red Bluff, CA 96080                 | El Centro, CA 92243  | Willows CA 95988   |
| The Honorable Maggie Fleming        | The Honorable Donald Anderson  | The Honorable Lisa Green   |
| Humboldt County District Attorney   | Lake County District Attorney  | Kern County District Attorney  |
| 825 5th Street, 4th Floor           | 255 N. Forbes Street   | 1215 Truxtun Avenue  |
| Eureka, CA 95501                    | Lakeport, CA 95453   | Bakersfield, CA 93301  |
| The Honorable Keith Fagundes        | The Honorable Mike Feuer   | enanti in sene misa in senementa de la constanta del constanta del constanta del constanta del constanta del c |
| Kings County District Attorney 1400 | Office of the City Attorney, Los Angeles   | Sally O. Moreno, District Attorney   |
| West Lacey Blvd.                    | Kames K. Hahn Hall East  | Madera County Justice Center   |
| Hanford, CA 93230                   | 200 North Main Street, 8th Floor   | 300 South G Street, Suite 300  |
| Hamoru, CA 93230                    | Los Angeles, CA 90012  | Madera, CA 93637   |
|                                     |  |  |
| The Honorable Jordan Funk           | The Honorable Patrick McGrath Yuba   | The Honorable C. David Eyster  |
| Modoc County District Attorney      | County District Attorney 215 Fifth   | Mendocino County District Attorney   |
| 204 S. Court Street Room 202        | street, Suite 152  | P.O. Box 1000  |
| Alturas, CA 96101                   | Marysville, CA 95901   | Ukiah, CA 9548   |
| The Honorable Birgit Fladager       | The Honorable Candace Hooper   | The Honorable Tim Kendall  |
| Stanislaus County District Attorney | San Benito District Attorney   | Mono County District Attorney  |
| 832 12th street, Suite 300          | 419 4th Street   | P.O. Box 2053  |
| Modesto, CA 95353                   | Hollister, CA 95023  | Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546  |
| The Honorable Stephen Wagstaffe     | The Honorable Michael Ramos  | The Honorable Stephanie Bridgett   |
| San Mateo County District Attorney  | San Bernardino County District Attorney  | Shasta County District Attorney  |
| 400 County Center, Third Floor      | 303 W. Third Street  | 1355 West Street   |
| Redwood City, CA 94063              | San Bernardino, CA 92415   | Redding, CA 96001  |
| The Honorable James Kirk Andrus     | The Honorable Krishna Abrams   | The Honorable Amanda Hopper  |
| Siskiyou County District Attorney   | Solano County District Attorney  | Sutter County District Attorney  |
| P.O. Box 986                        | 675 Texas Street, Suite 4500   | 446 Second Street, Suite 102   |
| Redding, CA 96097                   | Fairfield, CA 94533  | Yuba City, CA 95991  |
|                                     | The Honorable Lawrence Allen   | The Honorable Eric Heryford  |
| The Honorable Laura Krieg           | PARTICIPATION CONTRACTOR CONTRACT |  |
| Tuolumne County District Attorney   | Sierra County District Attorney  | Trinity County District Attorney   |
| 423 N. Washington Street            | 100 Courthouse Square  | P.O. Box 310   |
| Sonora, CA 95370                    | Downieville, CA 95936  | Weaverville, CA 96093  |

### ELECTRONIC UPLOAD SERVICE LIST

Office of the California Attorney General Proposition 65 Enforcement Reporting ATTN: Prop 65 Coordinator P.O. Box 70550 Oakland, CA 94612-0550 https://oag.ca.gov/prop65/add-60-day-notice

## ELECTRONIC MAIL SERVICE LIST

| T II 11 N 024 II                      | m  | TI 11 4 36 ' C 1 1 4                |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| The Honorable Nancy O'Malley          | The Honorable Tori Verber Salzar   | Honorable Anne Marie Schubert       |
| Alameda County District Attorney      | San Joaquin County District Attorney   | Sacramento County District Attorney |
| 7776 Oakport Street, Suite 650        | 222 E. Weber Avenue, Room 202  | 901 G Street                        |
| Oakland, CA 94621                     | Stockton, CA 95202   | Sacramento, CA 95814                |
| CEPDProp65@acgiv.org                  | DAConsumer.Environmental@sjcda.org   | Prop65@sacda.org                    |
| The Honorable Allison Haley           | The Honorable Jeffrey S. Rosell  | The Honorable Summer Stephan        |
| Napa County District Attorney         | Santa Cruz County District Attorney  | San Diego County District Attorney  |
| 1127 First St., Suite C               | 701 Ocean Street   | 300 West Broadway                   |
| Napa, CA 94559                        | Santa Cruz, CA 95060   | San Diego, CA 92101                 |
| CEPD@countyofnapa.org                 | Prop65DA@santacruzcounty.us  | SanDiegoDAProp65@sdcda.org          |
| The Honorable Jeff W. Reisig          | Michelle Latimer, Program Coordinator  | Mark Ankcorn, Deputy City Attorney  |
| Yolo County District Attorney         | Lassen County  | City of San Diego                   |
| 301 Second Street                     | 220 S. Lassen Street   | 1200 Third Avenue                   |
| Woodland, CA 95695                    | Susanville, CA 96130   | San Diego, CA 92101                 |
| cfepd@yolocounty.gov                  | mlatimer@co.lassen.ca.us   | CityAttyProp65@sandiego.gov         |
| Bud Porter                            | Alethea M. Sargent   | Christopher Dalbey,                 |
| Supervising Deputy District Attorney  | Assistant District Attorney  | Deputy District Attorney            |
| Santa Clara County                    | San Francisco District Attorney's Office   | Santa Barbara County                |
| 70 W Hedding Street                   | 350 Rhode Island Street  | 1112 Santa Barbara Street           |
| San Jose, CA 95110                    | San Francisco, CA 94103  | Santa Barbara, CA 93101             |
| EPU@da.sccgov.org                     | alethea.sargent@sfgov.org  | DAProp65@co.santa-barbara.ca.us     |
| The Honorable Gregory D. Totten,      | The Honorable Barbara Yook   | Henry Lifton, Deputy City Attorney  |
| Ventura County District Attorney      | Calaveras County District Attorney   | Office of the City Attorney         |
| 800 S Victoria Avenue                 | 891 Mountain Ranch Road  | 1390 Market Street, 7th Floor       |
| Ventura, CA 93009                     | San Andreas, CA 95249  | San Francisco, CA 94102             |
| daspecialops@ventura.org              | Prop65Env@co.calaveras.ca.us   | Prop65@sfcityatty.org               |
| Stacey Grassini                       | Eric J. Dobroth  | Jeannine M. Pacioni                 |
|                                       | and the state of t |                                     |
| Deputy District Attorney              | Deputy District Attorney   | Deputy District Attorney            |
| Contra Costa County                   | San Luis Obispo County   | Monterey County                     |
| 900 Ward Street                       | County Govt Center Annex, 4th Floor  | 1200 Aguajito Road                  |
| Martinez, CA 94553                    | San Luis Obispo, CA 93408  | Monterey, CA 93940                  |
| sgrassini@contracostada.org           | edobroth@co.slo.ca.us  | Prop65DA@co.monterey.ca.us          |
| The Honorable Thomas Hardy            | The Honorable Phillip J. Cline   | The Honorable Clifford Newell       |
| Inyo County District Attorney         | Tulare County District Attorney  | Nevada County District Attorney     |
| 168 N. Edwards Street                 | 221 S Mooney Blvd  | 201 Commercial Street               |
| Independence, CA 93526                | Visalia, CA 95370  | Nevada City, CA 95959               |
| inyoda@inyocounty.us                  | Prop65@co.tulare.ca.us   | DA.Prop65@co.nevada.ca.us           |
| The Honorable Paul E. Zellerbach      | The Honorable Stephan Passalacqua  | The Honorable David Hollister       |
| Riverside County District Attorney    | Sonoma County District Attorney  | Plumas County District Attorney     |
| 3072 Orange Street                    | 600 Administration Drive   | 520 Main Street, Room 404           |
| Riverside, CA 92501                   | Sonoma, CA 95403   | Quincy, CA 95971                    |
| Prop65@rivcoda.org                    | ECLD@sonoma-county.org   | davidhollister@countyofplumas.com   |
| The Honorable Walter W. Wall          | The Honorable Kimberly Lewis   | The Honorable Morgan Briggs Gire    |
| Mariposa County District Attorney     | Merced County District Attorney  | Placer County District Attorney     |
| P.O. Box 730                          | 550 West Main Street   | 10810 Justice Center Drive          |
| Mariposa, CA 95338                    | Merced, CA 95340   | Roseville, CA 95678                 |
| mcda@mariposacounty.org               | Prop65@countyofmerced.com  | prop65@placer.ca.gov                |
| Nora V. Frimann, City Attorney        | Lisa A. Smittcamp, District Attorney   | The Honorable Edward Berberian      |
| 200 E. Santa Clara Street, 16th Floor |  | Marin County District Attorney      |
| San Jose, CA 96113                    | Fresno, CA 93721   | 3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 130   |
| Proposition65notices@sanjoseca.gov    | consumerprotection@fresnocountyca.gov  | San Rafael, CA 94903                |
| 1                                     | 22.50.000.000.000.000.000.000.000.000.00   | consumer@marincounty.org            |
| The Honorable Todd Spitzer            | The Honorable Vern Pierson   |                                     |
| Orange County District Attorney       | El Dorado County District Attorney 778   |                                     |
| 300 North Flower Street               | Pacific Street   |                                     |
| Santa Ana, CA 92703                   | Placerville, CA 95667  |                                     |
| Prop65Notice@ocdapa.org               | EDCDAPROP65@EDCDA.US   |                                     |
| r repost reasona companers            | ELODITI KOI OJ (MELDODII.OD  |                                     |