SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC.

AND

PRESTOLITE WIRE LLC, A DELAWARE LLC.

Consumer Advocacy Group, Inc., on behalf of itself and suing in the public interest pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7, subdivision (d) ("CAG") and Prestolite Wire LLC, a Delaware LLC. ("Prestolite") enter into this agreement ("Settlement Agreement") to settle the case entitled *Consumer Advocacy Group, Inc. v. Prestolite Wire,LLCc., et al.*, filed on December 5, 2008, and pending in the Superior Court of California for the County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC403276 (the "Lawsuit"), as follows:

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 CAG and Prestolite ("Parties") enter into this Settlement Agreement to settle disputed claims between the Parties as set forth hereafter.
- 1.2 The Lawsuit alleges violations of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Saf. Code, §25249.5 et seq.) ("Proposition 65"). Prestolite denies the material allegations of the Lawsuit, and denies liability for the cause of action alleged in the complaint, and in connection with the Lawsuit.
- By execution of this Settlement Agreement, the Parties do not admit any 1.3 facts or conclusions of law, including, but not limited to, any facts or conclusions of law regarding any violation of Proposition 65, or any other statutory, regulatory, common law, or equitable doctrine. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed as an admission by the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law, including, but not limited to, any admission concerning the meaning of the terms "knowingly and intentionally expose" or "clear and reasonable warning" as used in Health and Safety Code section 25249.6. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement, nor compliance with its terms, shall constitute or be construed, considered, offered or admitted as evidence of an admission or evidence of fault, wrongdoing, or liability by Prestolite, its officers, directors, employees, or parent, subsidiary or affiliated corporations, in any administrative or judicial proceeding or litigation in any court, agency, or forum. Except for the cause of action and allegations settled and compromised, nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall prejudice, waive, or

impair any right, remedy, argument, or defense that CAG and Prestolite may have against one another in any other pending legal proceeding.

2.0 Release

- Upon Court approval of the settlement between the Parties and payment of the amounts specified in Section 5,CAG, on behalf of itself and, (as to those matters referenced in the Notice Letters) in the public interest pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d) fully releases and forever discharges Prestolite, its related affiliates, its customers (as it relates only to the product(s) which is subject of the Lawsuit (the "Product")), predecessors, successors, and assigns and all officers, directors, and employees of any of the released entities (collectively, "Released Parties") from all known and unknown rights, claims, causes of action, damages, suits, penalties, liabilities, injunctive relief, declaratory relief, and attorney fees, costs, and expenses related to or arising out of the facts and claims alleged in the Lawsuit. Without limiting the foregoing, the Parties intend the scope of this release to cover all Claims Covered (as defined in Section 3 below) as to the Released Parties put in controversy by the Lawsuit.
- As to any claims, violations (except violations of this Settlement Agreement), actions, damages, costs, penalties, or causes of action which may arise or have arisen after the date of entry of this Settlement Agreement, compliance by Prestolite with the terms of this Settlement Agreement shall be deemed to constitute its full and complete compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to the provision of warnings for lead contained in or otherwise associated with the use of the Product, provided that the concentrations of Lead are materially similar to that associated with the Product with respect to Proposition 65 at the time this Settlement Agreement is approved.
- 2.3 CAG has full knowledge of the contents of Section 1542 of the Civil Code. CAG acknowledges that the claims released in section 2.1 above may include unknown claims and waives Section 1542 as to any such unknown claims. Section 1542 reads as follows:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

CAG acknowledges and understands the significance and consequences of this specific waiver of Civil Code Section 1542.

3.0 Claims Covered

3.1 This Settlement Agreement is a final and binding resolution between the CAG and the Released Parties of the following claims and causes of action:

All Proposition 65 claims that were or could have been asserted in the Lawsuit arising from allegations that the Released Parties exposed, knowingly and intentionally, users of Prestolite products, including without limitation, the Product, and others in proximity to such use to Lead, a chemical designated by the State to cause Cancer, Reproductive Toxicity, Developmental, without first giving clear and reasonable warning of such to persons exposed up to the effective date of this Settlement Agreement.

4.0 <u>Defendant's Duties</u>

4.1 Prestolite agrees, promises, and represents that upon execution of this Settlement Agreement and its approval by the Attorney General's Office and the Court, as provided for in Sections 7 and 9, it will provide Proposition 65 compliant warnings on all containers of the Product sold or distributed in California indicating that the Product contains Lead, a chemical designated by the State to cause Cancer, Reproductive Toxicity and Developmental. Within 60 days of approval of this settlement by the Court (the "Compliance Date"), Prestolite shall not engage in any California sale of the Product without providing the following or something substantially similar to the following warning language:

WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer, and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

This warning shall: (a) be displayed on the Product's packaging, (b) be set out in a text box on a separate line or in a separate paragraph; and (c) be displayed with such conspicuousness, as compared with other words, statements, or designs as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual.

5.0 Payments

5.1 Payment in Lieu of Civil Penalties. Within 10 days following approval of this Settlement Agreement by the Court, Prestolite shall pay CAG, incorporated for the purpose of furthering environmental causes, \$8,500.00. Payment shall be to "Consumer Advocacy Group, Inc." CAG will use the payment for such projects and purposes related to environmental protection, worker health and safety, or reduction of human exposure to hazardous substances (including administrative and litigation costs arising from such projects), as CAG may choose. CAG shall provide its address and federal tax identification number to Prestolite prior to such payment.

payment to Yeroushalmi & Associates. Within 10 days following approval of this Settlement Agreement by the Court, Prestolite shall pay CAG \$46,500.00 for its attorney fees and costs incurred in this matter. The check shall be to "Yeroushalmi & Associates." CAG represents and warrants that CAG has authorized the payment of attorney fees and costs, and that the payment and any application or distribution of such payment will not violate any agreement between CAG and its attorneys with any other person or entity. CAG releases and agrees to hold harmless the Released Parties with regard to any issue concerning the allocation or distribution of the amount paid under this section. Yeroushalmi & Associates shall provide its address and federal tax identification number to Prestolite prior to such payment.

6.0 Authority to Enter Into Settlement Agreement

6.1 CAG represents that its signatory to this Settlement Agreement has full authority to enter into this Settlement Agreement on behalf of CAG and to bind legally CAG. Prestolite represents that its signatory to this Settlement Agreement has full authority to enter into this Settlement Agreement on behalf of Prestolite.

7.0 Attorney General Review

- 7.1 Consistent with section 3003(a) of Title 11 of the California Code of Regulations, CAG shall submit this Settlement Agreement to the Attorney General's Office for review and approval within five days of the Parties' execution of this Settlement Agreement.
- 7.2 Following submittal to and approval by the Attorney General and the Court (as set forth in Section 9.0), the Parties shall proceed as set forth in this Settlement Agreement.

8.0 Execution in Counterparts and Facsimile

8.1 This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts, which taken together shall be deemed to constitute the same document. A facsimile signature shall be as valid as the original.

9.0 Entry of Judgment Pursuant to Settlement Agreement Required

9.1 CAG shall submit this Settlement Agreement to the Court for consideration and approval as required by Health and Safety Code section 25249.7, subdivision (f)(4). CAG will provide the Court with the necessary information to allow the Court to make the findings required by Health and Safety Code section 25249.7, subdivision (f)(4)(A)-(C).

10.0 Entire Agreement

10.1 This Settlement Agreement contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof, and all related prior discussions, negotiations, commitments, and understandings. No other agreements, oral or otherwise, exist to bind any of the Parties.

11.0 Modification of Settlement Agreement

11.1 Any modification to this Settlement Agreement shall be in writing by the Parties.

12.0 Application of Settlement Agreement

12.1 This Settlement Agreement shall apply to, be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the CAG and the Released Parties identified in Section 2.1 above.

13.0 Notification Requirements

13.1 Any notice required or permitted hereunder shall be effective only if in writing and delivered in person or sent by telecopy, certified or registered mail return receipt requested, or traceable overnight delivery service, to the following designees:

For CAG: Reuben Yeroushalmi Yeroushalmi & Associates 3700 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 480 Los Angeles, CA 90010

Fax: 213.382.3430

For Prestolite:
Bruce Jackson, Esq.
BAKER & McKENZIE
TWO Embarcadero Center,
11th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94111
Fax: 415.576.3099

Any party may change its designee(s) for purposes of notification by providing notice of such change pursuant to this section.

Dated: 5 26 09

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PONSTIMER ADVOCACY GROUP INC

Dated: 45 6

PRESTOLITE WIRE, LLC

As to form only:

YEROUSHALMI & ASSOCIATES

Dated: 4/17/09

BAKER & McKENZIE

Ву: