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- 1. This settlement is made pursuant to C.C.P. § 664.6. The court shall retain jurisdiction over the parties to enforce the settlement until performance in full of the terms of the settlement. Plaintiff Russell Brimer ("Brimer") and Defendant Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc. ("Provo Craft") (collectively Brimer and Provo Craft shall be referred to as the "Parties"), consent to the jurisdiction and venue of the San Francisco County Superior Court.
- 2. Brimer brought this lawsuit in the public interest, and hereby warrants and represents that he has the authority to bind the plaintiff to this settlement and to enter into the release noted herein in the public interest.
- 3. Donald Olsen, General Counsel, Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc., hereby warrants and represents that he has the authority to bind Provo Craft to this settlement.
- 4. On or about October 29, 2010, Brimer served Provo Craft and various public enforcement agencies with a 60-Day Notice of Violation ("Notice") alleging a violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 regarding a storage binders with storage pages. The listed chemical at issue was lead. No public enforcer has diligently prosecuted the allegations set forth in the Notice. A copy of this Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
- 5. On or about September 1, 2011, Brimer served Provo Craft and various public enforcement agencies with a Supplemental 60-Day Notice of Violation ("Supplemental Notice") alleging a violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 regarding the same storage binders with storage pages noted in Para. 4, herein. The listed chemical at issue was the phthalate DEHP. No public enforcer has diligently prosecuted the allegations set forth in the Supplemental Notice. A copy of this Supplemental Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."
- 6. On or about November 17, 2011, Brimer served Provo Craft and various public enforcement agencies with a Second Supplemental 60-Day Notice of Violation" ("Second Supplemental Notice") alleging a violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 regarding the aforementioned storage binders and additionally binder inserts/pages, shoulder bags, and tote bags with keychains. The listed chemicals were either lead or DEHP, or both. No public enforcer has diligently prosecuted the allegations set forth in the Second Supplemental Notice. A copy of this Second Supplemental Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "C."

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- 7. The Notice, the Supplemental Notice, and the Second Supplemental Notice shall be collectively referred to as the "NOTICE." The specific items set forth in the NOTICE are listed in Paragraph 11 herein.
- 8. On or about February 28, 2011, a complaint was filed in the Superior Court in and for the County of San Francisco entitled Brimer v. Provo Craft et al, Case No. CGC-11-508609, regarding the product and violations stated in the Notice.
- 9. On or about December 9, 2011, a complaint in the Superior Court in and for the County of San Francisco entitled Brimer v. Provo Craft et al, Case No. CGC-11-516509, regarding the product and violations stated in the Supplemental Notice. This complaint was amended on or about Feb. 10, 2012, and addressed matters set forth in the Second Supplemental Notice.
- 10. Brimer and Provo Craft have agreed to settle this case and Case No. CGC-11-516509 in order to avoid the cost and uncertainty of litigation. The case denominated CGC-11-508609 and CGC-11-516509 shall collectively be referred to as the "CASE."
- 11. The products addressed in the NOTICE and the CASE (hereinafter the "Products At Issue") are:

The Cuttlebug storage binder and the Cuttlebug storage binder with page insert (aka Cuttlebug Die & Embossing Folder Storage), #37-1575 (#0 93573  $415753)^{1}$ ;

Cuttlebug A2 Binder Insert, #37-1576 (#0 93573 41576 0);

Cuttlebug Tote, #2000970 (#0 93573 58871 6);

Cricut Shoulder Bag, #29-0692 (#0 93573 10692 7); and,

Cuttlebug 2x2 Binder Insert, #37-1577 (#0 93573 41577 7).

12. Brimer asserts and alleges violations of Proposition 65 as set forth in the NOTICE and the CASE. Defendant Provo Craft denies that it has any liability for the Products At Issue as

Erroneously identified in San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CGC-11-516509 as #37-1575 (#0 93573 41575 7).

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asserted in the CASE. Provo Craft further denies the material, factual, and legal allegations contained in the NOTICE and the CASE, and maintains that all products it has sold, imported and/or distributed in California, and all Provo Craft products manufactured, imported, sold, or distributed by others, including the Products At Issue, have been and are in compliance with all laws, including but not limited to Proposition 65. Nothing herein shall be construed as an admission by Provo Craft of any fact, finding, issue of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with this settlement constitute or be construed as an admission by Provo Craft of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law.

- Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc. agrees that, as of June 30, 2012, it shall not sell or 13. distribute the Products At Issue in California unless they comply with either Section 13.1, 13.2, or 13.3, at Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc.'s sole discretion:
- Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc. may sell Products At Issue in California if 13.1 clear and reasonable warnings, as set forth below, are provided. Each warning shall be affixed to the product and prominently placed with such conspicuousness as compared with other words, statements, designs, or devices as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions before purchase or use. Each warning shall be provided in a manner such that the consumer or user understands to which specific product the warning applies, so as to minimize the risk of consumer confusion and shall state as follows:

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

13.2 Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc. may sell Products At Issue in California if, for any Products At Issue containing lead, they: (1) contain residual surface lead in an amount less than 1.0 microgram (µg) when analyzed pursuant to the NIOSH 9100 testing protocol or (2) no more than 100 parts per million ("ppm") of lead when analyzed pursuant to EPA testing methodologies 3050B and 6010B, or equivalent methodologies utilized by federal or state agencies for the purpose of determining lead content in a solid substance; and, for any Products At Issue containing DEHP, they contain less than 1,000 ppm of DEHP, when analyzed pursuant

- 13.3 Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc. may sell Products At Issue in California if, for any Products At Issue containing lead, the Product At Issue will not cause an exposure that exceeds 0.5 micrograms of lead on any given day; and, for any Products At Issue containing DEHP, the Product At Issue will not cause an exposure that exceeds the "No Observable Effect Level," as per California Health & Safety Code § 25249.10 and its implementing regulations. Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc., for a period of not less than three years, shall maintain records demonstrating compliance with this Section 13.3. Brimer, upon thirty (30) days written notice, may request copies of such records.
- 14. Provo Craft agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$20,000, to be apportioned in accordance with Health & Safety Code section 25249.12, subdivisions (c)(1) and (d), with 75% of these funds earmarked for the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") and the remaining 25% of these monies earmarked for plaintiff Brimer.
- 15. Provo Craft agrees to reimburse Brimer's counsel, pursuant to C.C.P. § 1021.5, a total of \$57,500 for fees and costs incurred as a result of this litigation. This figure includes those future fees and costs to be incurred in seeking judicial approval of this settlement as well as any other legal work performed after the execution of this settlement which is incurred in an effort to obtain finality of the case.
- 16. Provo Craft shall convey those payments noted in Paragraphs 14 and 15 herein within five calendar days of receipt of notification from plaintiff that the settlement has been approved by the Court and that no entity has given formal or informal notice within such five-day period that it intends to appeal the approval of the settlement by the Court. Upon receipt of the payments noted in Paragraphs 14 and 15 herein, Brimer shall dismiss the CASE with prejudice. Brimer shall keep Provo Craft fully informed of any scheduled date(s) for hearing on a motion for judicial approval of the settlement (or an ex parte motion to shorten time for hearing a motion for judicial approval of the settlement) in order to allow Provo Craft to plan payment in the normal course of business operations.

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A. All payments noted in Paragraphs 14 and 15 shall be delivered to The Chanler Group at the following address:

> The Chanler Group Attn: Proposition 65 Controller 2560 Ninth Street Parker Plaza, Suite 214 Berkeley, CA 94710

- B. After this settlement has been approved and the settlement funds required by Paragraphs 14 and 15 have been transmitted to The Chanler Group, Provo Craft shall issue three separate 1099 forms, as follows:
  - i. The first 1099 shall be issued to the OEHHA, P.O. Box 4010, Sacramento, CA 95814 (EIN: 68-0284486) in the amount of \$15,000;
  - ii. The second 1099 shall be issued to Russell Brimer in the amount of \$5,000; Brimer's address and tax identification number shall be furnished to Provo Craft upon request; and,
  - iii. The third 1099 shall be issued to The Chanler Group (EIN: 94-3171522) at the address noted in Para. 28 herein in the amount of \$57,500.
- 18. Brimer, suing in the public interest, hereby releases Provo Craft; all entities that supplied or distributed the Products At Issue to Provo Craft; all entities that manufactured the Products At Issue that were directly or indirectly supplied to Provo Craft; all distributors and retailers of the Products At Issue, including, but not limited to, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.; Amazon.com, Inc.; Hancock Fabrics, Inc.; Kmart Corporation; Scrapbook Island; Sears Holding Corporation; Notions Marketing Corp.; Ensign Group International; and, the affiliates and subsidiaries of each of these aforenoted entities; all entities served with a 60-day notice, and, the divisions, successors, subsidiaries, parent corporations, related entities, affiliates, agents, contractors, experts, consultants, counsel, service providers, officers, directors, and employees of Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc., Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.; Amazon.com, Inc.; Hancock Fabrics, Inc.;

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Kinari Corporation, Scrapbook Island, Seals riolung Corporation, Notions Marketing Corp.,
Ensign Group International; and, the aforementioned entities described or named in this Para. 18
(collectively, all of these entities are referred to herein as the "DEFENDANT"), of any liability
whatsoever under Proposition 65 related to the Products At Issue and the alleged failure to warn
California consumers of an alleged exposure to lead or to DEHP from any of the Products At
Issue, including but not limited to as set forth in Brimer v. Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc., et al, San
Francisco Superior Court, Docket No. CGC-11-508609 and Brimer v. Provo Craft & Novelty,
lnc., et al, San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CGC-11-516509; and further waives
all rights to institute any form of legal or equitable action or defense (including without limit
contribution, indemnity, set-off and by right of subrogation) against the DEFENDANT for any
and all acts or omissions or statements made or activities directed to be undertaken or activities
that were undertaken by DEFENDANT in the course of those lawsuits known as Brimer v. Provo
Craft & Novelty, Inc., et al, San Francisco Superior Court, Docket No. CGC-11-508609 and
Brimer v. Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc., et al, San Francisco County Superior Court Case No.
CGC-11-516509, or in responding to the enforcement of any cause of action which may exist as
of the date of this release but which Brimer does not know exists pertaining to an alleged
violation of Proposition 65 regarding lead and/or DEHP in the Products At Issue, and which, if
known, would materially affect his decision to enter into this C.C.P. § 664.6 settlement,
regardless of whether the lack of knowledge is the result of ignorance, oversight, error,
negligence, or any other cause.

19. Additionally, Brimer in his individual capacity and not in his representative capacity, hereby waives any and all rights and benefits which he now has, or in the future may have, conferred upon him with respect to any and all legal or equitable actions that arise from or are related to Brimer v. Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc., et al, San Francisco Superior Court, Docket No. CGC-11-508609 or Brimer v. Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc., et al, San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CGC-11-516509, the Products At Issue, or by virtue of the provisions of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

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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.

Brimer understands and acknowledges the significance and consequence of this waiver pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1542, and understands and acknowledges that the waiver applies to any and all legal or equitable actions that arise from or are related directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, to the Products At Issue, Brimer v. Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc., et al, San Francisco Superior Court, Docket No. CGC-11-508609, or Brimer v. Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc., et al, San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CGC-11-516509, statements made regarding Brimer v. Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc., et al, San Francisco Superior Court, Docket No. CGC-11-508609 or Brimer v. Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc., et al, San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CGC-11-516509, acts and omissions related to investigating Brimer v. Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc., et al, San Francisco Superior Court, Docket No. CGC-11-508609 or Brimer v. Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc., et al, San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CGC-11-516509, and the underlying facts of the lawsuit or claims made in Brimer v. Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc., et al, San Francisco Superior Court, Docket No. CGC-11-508609 or Brimer v. Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc., et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CGC-11-516509. Furthermore, Brimer acknowledges that he intends these consequences for any such claims related to the Products At Issue which may exist as of the date of this release but which Brimer does not know exist, and which, if known, would materially affect his decision to enter into this Agreement, regardless of whether the lack of knowledge is the result of ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or any other cause.

20. Provo Craft, on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against Brimer, his attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made (or those that could have been taken or made) by Brimer and his attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course

of investigating claims or otherwise seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against it in this matter with respect to the Products At Issue.

- 21. The Parties agree, understand, and acknowledge that this settlement represents a compromise of this action and the release of claims as set forth herein, and neither the fact nor the terms of this settlement is to be construed as an admission of liability or wrongdoing on the part of the Parties.
- 22. Each of the Parties acknowledge that they had the right and ability to consultation with and the advice of counsel of their choice, and each voluntarily has entered into this settlement.
- 23. Except to the extent otherwise noted, each of the Parties shall bear its own costs and fees.
- 24. This settlement may be modified only: (1) by written agreement of the Parties and upon entry of a modified settlement by the Court thereon; or (2) upon a successful noticed motion of any Party and entry of a modified settlement by the Court.
- 25. Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notices required to be provided pursuant to this settlement shall be in writing and personally delivered or sent by: (i) first-class registered or certified mail with a return receipt requested; or (ii) overnight courier to the following addresses:

To Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc.:

To Brimer:

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Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc. Attn.: Don Olsen, General Counsel 10876 South River Front Pkwy, Ste. 600

South Jordan, UT 84095-5929

Proposition 65 Coordinator The Chanler Group 2560 Ninth Street Parker Plaza, Ste. 214 Berkeley, CA 94710-2565

With a copy to:

Thomas H. Clarke, Jr. **RMKB** 201 Spear St., Ste. 1000

San Francisco, CA 94105-1667

For all notices and correspondence required to be provided pursuant to this settlement in writing, the Parties shall also send a courtesy notice by electronic mail to counsel with the correspondence

or notice attached thereto. The provision of such courtesy notice shall not lessen, diminish, or void the requirement noted herein regarding how actual notices and correspondence are to be sent. Further, any party, from time to time, may specify in writing to the other party a change of address to which all notices and other communications shall be sent.

- 26. The Parties agree that pending approval of this settlement agreement by the Superior Court, no responsive pleading is required of any defendant named in San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CGC-11-516509.
- 27. Brimer has sent trial subpoenas (with document production) to various individuals and entities requiring their appearance at the trial of San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CGC-11-508609. Subsequent to sending the subpoenas, Brimer agreed to modify the subpoenas so that they were converted to subpoenas duces tecum only, and that any person or entity served would have 14 days notice of the requirement for document production. As part of this settlement herein, the Parties agree that Brimer shall notify the persons and entities subject to the subpoenas, and inform them that the subpoenas are being withdrawn by Brimer and thus rendered null and void. Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc. shall receive a draft copy of the letter withdrawing the subpoenas and shall have five days upon receipt to comment upon its language. The Parties agree to use good in resolving any disagreement regarding the wording of such letter. The Parties agree that the withdrawal of the subpoenas is a term and condition of the settlement noted herein.

 28. As discussed in paragraphs 4-7, above, Brimer served sixty-day notices to various persons and entities in connection with the Products at Issue. The Parties agree that Provo Craft shall notify the persons and entities subject to these sixty-day notices, that the allegations in the NOTICE have been resolved by this settlement and that each is a party to the release contained herein. Brimer shall, consistent to with Code and Regulations, report this settlement on the Attorney General's website so that there is a public record of this settlement, which resolves all outstanding claims with respect to the NOTICE.

Dated: 3-15-12

BY! Russell Brimer, Plaintiff

Dated:

FOR: Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc., Defendant

BY: Donald Olsen ITS: General Counsel

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Attorney General's website so that there is a public record of this settlement, which resolves all
outstanding claims with respect to the NOTICE.
Dated:
BY: Russell Brimer, Plaintiff
Dated:    Dated:   Date   Date

# 60-DAY NOTICE OF VIOLATION

SENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.7(d)

**DATE:** October 29, 2010

Jim Thornton, President – Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc.

California Attorney General's Office;

District Attorney's Office for 58 Counties; and

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

FROM: Russell Brimer

#### I. INTRODUCTION

My name is Russell Brimer. I am a citizen of the State of California acting in the interest of the general public. I seek to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals in products sold in California and, if possible, to improve human health by reducing hazardous substances contained in such items. This Notice is provided to the public agencies listed above pursuant to California Health & Safety Code §25249.6 et seq. ("Proposition 65"). As noted above, notice is also being provided to the violator, Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc. (the "Violator"). The violations covered by this Notice consist of the product exposures, routes of exposure, and types of harm potentially resulting from exposure to the toxic chemical ("listed chemical") identified below, as follows:

Product Exposure: See Section VII. Exhibit A

Listed Chemical: Lead

Routes of Exposure: Ingestion, Dermal

Types of Harm: Birth Defects and Other Reproductive Harm

#### II. NATURE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION (PRODUCT EXPOSURE)

The specific type of product that is causing consumer and occupational exposures in violation of Proposition 65, and that is covered by this Notice, is listed under "Product Category/Type" in Exhibit A in Section VII below. All products within the type covered by this Notice shall be referred to hereinafter as the "products." The sales of these products in California dating as far back as October 29, 2007 are subject to this Notice. As a result of the sales of these products, exposures to the listed chemical have been occurring without clear and reasonable warnings as required by Proposition 65. Without proper warnings regarding the toxic effects of exposure 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 toxic chemical from the reasonably foreseeable use of the products.

#### A. CONSUMER PRODUCT EXPOSURE

California consumers, through the act of buying, acquiring or utilizing the products, are exposed to the listed chemical. By way of example but not limitation, exposures occur when California citizens use, display, clean, repair, pack, unpack, arrange, store or otherwise handle the products. These tasks cause consumers to be exposed directly or indirectly through the routine touching of the parts or portions of the products containing readily available surface amounts of the listed chemical. Additionally, exposure can occur through the routine touching and ingesting of other materials that are contaminated with the listed chemical from the products as a result of these tasks. People likely to be exposed include both children and adults.

#### B. OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE

Similarly, men and women in California use or otherwise handle the products as a part of their jobs and are, therefore, subject to occupational exposures to the listed chemical. Employees are exposed at any California business locations of the apparent manufacturer, distributor and retailer (and their agents, assigns and divisions) as well as all other California locations where the products, or the component parts thereof that include the listed chemical are, by way of example but not limitation, used, packed, unpacked, labeled, arranged, displayed, cleaned, stocked, stored, repaired or otherwise handled. These tasks cause employee exposure directly and/or indirectly to the listed chemical through the routine touching of the parts or portions of the products containing readily available amounts of the listed chemical on the surface. Additionally, exposure can occur through the routine touching and ingesting of other materials that are contaminated with the listed chemical from the products as a result of these tasks. These products are also used by sole proprietors and other persons in settings not covered by the federal Occupational Safety Health Act ("OSHA"). This Notice alleges the violation of Proposition 65 with respect to occupational exposure governed by the California State Plan for Occupational Safety and Health (the "State Plan"). The State Plan incorporates the provisions of Proposition 65, as approved by 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 contained in the general hazard communication requirement 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 California Attorney General.

#### III. CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions concerning this notice to me through my counsel's office at the following address:

Russell Brimer c/o Clifford A. Chanler The Chanler Group Parker Plaza 2560 Ninth Street, Suite 214 Berkeley, CA 94710 Telephone: (510) 848-8880

#### IV. PROPOSITION 65 INFORMATION

For general information concerning the provisions of Proposition 65, please feel free to contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's ("OEHHA") Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900. For the Violator's reference, I have attached a copy of "Proposition 65: A Summary" which has been prepared by OEHHA.

### V. RESOLUTION OF NOTICED CLAIMS

Based on the allegations set forth in this Notice, I intend to file a citizen enforcement lawsuit against the alleged Violator unless such Violator enters into a binding written agreement to: (1) recall products already sold or undertake best efforts to ensure that the requisite health hazard warnings are provided to those who have received such products; (2) provide clear and reasonable warnings for products sold in the future or reformulate such products to eliminate the lead exposures; and (3) pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health & Safety Code §25249.7(b). If the alleged Violator is interested in resolving this dispute without resorting to time-consuming and expensive litigation, please feel free to contact my counsel identified in Section III above. It should be noted that neither my counsel nor I can: (1) finalize any settlement until after the 60-day notice period has expired; nor (2) speak for the Attorney General or any District or City Attorney who received this Notice. Therefore, while reaching an agreement with me will resolve my claims, such agreement may not satisfy the public prosecutors.

#### VI. ADDITIONAL NOTICE INFORMATION

Identified below is a specific example of a product recently purchased and witnessed as being available for purchase or use in California that is within the category or type of offending product covered by this Notice. Based on publicly available information, the retailers, distributors and/or manufacturers of the example within the category or type of product are also provided below. I believe and allege that the sale of the offending products also has occurred without the requisite Proposition 65 "clear and reasonable warnings" at one or more locations and/or via other means including, but not limited to, transactions made over-the-counter, business-to-business, through the internet and/or via a catalog by the Violator and other distributors and retailers of the manufacturer.

Product*	Retailer(s)	Manufacturer(s)/Distributor(s)
Cuttlebug Storage Binder, #37-1575 (#0 93573 41575 7)	Scrapbook Island Santa Clara County, Northern California	Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc.

#### VII. EXHIBIT A

Product Category/Type	Such As*	Toxins
Storage Binders with Storage Pages containing Lead	Cuttlebug Storage Binder, #37-1575 (#0 93573 41575 7)	Lead

<sup>\*</sup>The specifically identified example of the type of product that is subject to this Notice is for the recipient's benefit to assist in its investigation of, among other things, the magnitude of potential exposure to the listed chemical from other items within the product category/type listed in Exhibit A. It is important to note that this example is not meant to be an exhaustive or comprehensive identification of each specific offending product of the type listed under "Product Category/Type" in Exhibit A. Further, it is this citizen's position that the alleged Violator is obligated to continue to conduct in good faith an investigation into other specific products within the type or category described above that may have been manufactured, distributed, sold, shipped, stored (or otherwise within the notice recipient's custody or control) during the relevant period so as to ensure that the requisite toxic warnings were and are provided to California citizens prior to purchase.

# PROOF OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury:

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action; my business address is Parker Plaza, 2560 Ninth Street, Suite 214, Berkeley, CA 94710.

On October 29, 2010, I served the following documents:

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

**PROPOSITION 65: A SUMMARY;** 

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; AND** 

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT ATTACHMENTS (SERVED ONLY ON THE ATTORNEY GENERAL)

on the Violator 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 such Violator and providing such envelope to a United States Postal Service Representative:

Jim Thornton, President Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc. 10876 South River Front Parkway, Suite 600 South Jordan, UT 84095

as well as providing copies of the notice to the public enforcers by placing a true and correct copy in a sealed envelope, addressed to each party listed below, and served as follows:

The Attorney General of the State of California;
The District Attorney for Each of the 58 counties in California; and
The City Attorney for Los Angeles, San Diego, San Jose, San Francisco and Sacramento;

A list of addresses for each of these recipients is attached.

Executed on October 29, 2010, at Berkeley, California.

Eleanor Chen-Ranstrom

# CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

#### I, Clifford A. Chanler, hereby declare:

- 1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged the party identified in the notice has violated Health and Safety Code §25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings;
- 2. I am the attorney for the noticing party;
- 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 this 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 information identified in Health and 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: 10/29/10

Clifford A Charler

#### SERVICE LIST

The Honorable Nancy O'Malley Alameda County District Attorney 1225 Fallon Street, Room 900 Oakland, CA 94612

The Honorable William Richmond Alpine County District Attorney 270 Laramie Street, PO BOX 248 Markleeville, CA 96120

The Honorable Todd Riebe Amador County District Attorney 708 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642

The Honorable Michael Ramsey Butte County District Attorney 25 County Center Drive Oroville, CA 95965

The Honorable Jeffrey Tuttle Calaveras County District Attorney 891 Mountain Ranch Road San Andreas, CA 95249

The Honorable John R. Poyner Colusa County District Attorney 547 Market Street, Suite 102 Colusa, CA 95932

The Honorable Robert J. Kochly Contra Costa County District Attorney 900 Ward Street Martinez, CA 94553

The Honorable Michael Riese Del Norte County District Attorney 450 H Street, Room 171 Crescent City, CA 95531

The Honorable Vernon Pierson El Dorado County District Attorney 515 Main Street Placerville, CA 95667

The Honorable Elizabeth Egan Fresno County District Attorney 2220 Tulare Street, #1000 Fresno, CA 93721

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The Honorable Michael Ramos San Bernardino County District Attorney 316 N. Mountain View Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92415

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The Honorable Bob Lee Santa Cruz County District Attorney 701 Ocean Street, Room 200 Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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The Honorable Lawrence Allen Sierra County District Attorney 100 Courthouse Square, Second Floor Downieville, CA 95936

The Honorable James Kirk Andrus Siskiyou County District Attorney P.O. Box 986 Yreka, CA 95097

The Honorable David Paulson Solano County District Attorney 675 Texas Street, Suite 4500 Fairfield, CA 94533

The Honorable Stephan Passalacqua Sonoma County District Attorney 600 Administration Drive, Room 212J Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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The Honorable Donald Segerstrom, Jr Tuolumne County District Attorney 423 North Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370

The Honorable Gregory Totten Ventura County District Attorney 800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009

The Honorable Jeff Reisig Yolo County District Attorney 301 Second Street Woodland, CA 95695

The Honorable Patrick McGrath Yuba County District Attorney 215 Fifth Street Marysville, CA 95901

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The Honorable Jan Goldsmith Office of the City Attorney, San Diego 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1620 San Diego, CA 92101

The Honorable Elleen M. Telchert Office of the City Attorney, Sacramento P.O. Box 1948 Sacramento, CA 95812

The Honorable Dennis J. Herrera Office of the City Attorney, San Francisco-City Hall, Room 234 San Francisco, CA 94102

The Honorable Richard Doyle Office of the City Attorney, San Jose 200 East Santa Clara Street San Jose, CA 95113

Office of the California Attorney General Proposition 65 Enforcement Reporting ATTN: Prop 65 Coordinator 1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000 Oakland, CA 94612-0550

# SUPPLEMENTAL 60-DAY NOTICE OF VIOLATION

SENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(d)

DATE: September 1, 2011

To: Jim Thornton, President - Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc.

California Attorney General's Office;

District Attorney's Office for 58 Counties; and

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

FROM: Russell Brimer

#### I. INTRODUCTION

My name is Russell Brimer. I am a citizen of the State of California acting in the interest of the general public. I seek to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals in products sold in California and, if possible, to improve human health by reducing hazardous substances contained in such items. This Notice is provided to the public agencies listed above pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 et seq. ("Proposition 65") and supplements the 60-Day Notice of Violation sent on October 29, 2010. As noted above, notice is also being provided to the alleged violator, Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc. (the "Violator"). The violations covered by this Notice consist of the product exposures, routes of exposure, and types of harm potentially resulting from exposure to the toxic chemicals ("listed chemicals") identified below, as follows:

Product Exposure: See Section VII. Exhibit A

Listed Chemicals: Lead; Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate ("DEHP")

Routes of Exposure: Ingestion, Dermal

Types of Harm: Birth Defects and Other Reproductive Harm

### II. NATURE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION (PRODUCT EXPOSURE)

The specific types of products that are causing consumer and occupational exposures in violation of Proposition 65, and that are covered by this Notice, are listed under "Product Category/Type" in Exhibit A in Section VII below. All products within the types covered by this Notice shall be referred to hereinafter as the "products." The sales of these products in California dating as far back as September 1, 2008 are subject to this Notice. As a result of the sales of these products, exposures to the listed chemicals have been occurring without clear and reasonable warnings as required by Proposition 65. Without proper warnings regarding the toxic effects of exposure to the listed chemicals, 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 toxic chemicals from the reasonably foreseeable use of the products.

### A. CONSUMER PRODUCT EXPOSURE (DEHP)

California citizens, through the act of buying, acquiring or utilizing the products, are exposed to the listed chemical. Infants, children and/or women of childbearing age ingest the listed chemical when they, among other activities, place the product, or a portion thereof, into their mouth, or otherwise suck, lick, teethe and/or bite the product thereby allowing the listed chemical to leach out of the substrate directly into their mouths. Infants, children and/or women of childbearing age ingest the listed chemical when they, among other activities, touch the products and transfer the listed chemical from the products to their mouths through hand-to-mouth activities that may continue to occur for a significant period after contact with the products stops. Infants, children and/or women of childbearing age are exposed to the listed chemical through direct dermal contact when they, among other activities, handle, touch or otherwise use the products.

### B. CONSUMER PRODUCT EXPOSURE (LEAD)

California consumers, through the act of buying, acquiring or utilizing the products, are exposed to the listed chemical. By way of example but not limitation, exposures occur when California citizens use, display, clean, repair, pack, unpack, arrange, store or otherwise handle the products. These tasks cause consumers to be exposed directly or indirectly through the routine touching of the parts or portions of the products containing readily available surface amounts of the listed chemical. Additionally, exposure can occur through the routine touching and ingesting of other materials that are contaminated with the listed chemical from the products as a result of these tasks. People likely to be exposed include both children and adults.

### C. OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE (LEAD)

Similarly, men and women in California use or otherwise handle the products as a part of their jobs and are, therefore, subject to occupational exposures to the listed chemical. Employees are exposed at any California business locations of the apparent manufacturer, distributor and retailer (and their agents, assigns and divisions) as well as all other California locations where the products, or the component parts thereof that include the listed chemical are, by way of example but not limitation, used, packed, unpacked, labeled, arranged, displayed, cleaned, stocked, stored, repaired or otherwise handled. These tasks cause employee exposure directly and/or indirectly to the listed chemical through the routine touching of the parts or portions of the products containing readily available amounts of the listed chemical on the surface. Additionally, exposure can occur through the routine touching and ingesting of other materials that are contaminated with the listed chemical from the products as a result of these tasks. These products are also used by sole proprietors and other persons in settings not covered by the federal Occupational Safety Health Act ("OSHA"). This Notice alleges the violation of Proposition 65 with respect to occupational exposure governed by the California State Plan for Occupational Safety and Health (the "State Plan"). The State Plan incorporates the provisions of Proposition 65, as approved by 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 contained in the general hazard communication requirement 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 California Attorney General.

#### III. CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions concerning this notice to me through my counsel's office at the following address:

Russell Brimer c/o Laralei Paras The Chanler Group 81 Throckmorton Avenue, Suite 203 Mill Valley, CA 94941 Telephone: (415) 381-1128

#### IV. PROPOSITION 65 INFORMATION

For general information concerning the provisions of Proposition 65, please feel free to contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's ("OEHHA") Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900. For the Violator's reference, I have attached a copy of "Proposition 65: A Summary" which has been prepared by OEHHA.

#### V. RESOLUTION OF NOTICED CLAIMS

Based on the allegations set forth in this Notice, I intend to file a citizen enforcement lawsuit against the alleged Violator unless such Violator enters into a binding written agreement to: (1) recall products already sold or undertake best efforts to ensure that the requisite health hazard warnings are provided to those who have received such products; (2) provide clear and reasonable warnings for products sold in the future or reformulate such products to eliminate the exposures; and (3) pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b). If the alleged Violator is interested in resolving this dispute without resorting to time-consuming and expensive litigation, please feel free to contact my counsel identified in Section III above. It should be noted that neither my counsel nor I can: (1) finalize any settlement until after the 60-day notice period has expired; nor (2) speak for the Attorney General or any District or City Attorney who received this Notice. Therefore, while reaching an agreement with me will resolve my claims, such agreement may not satisfy the public prosecutors.

#### VI. ADDITIONAL NOTICE INFORMATION

Identified below is a specific example of a product recently purchased and witnessed as being available for purchase or use in California that is within the categories or types of offending products covered by this Notice. Based on publicly available information, the retailers, distributors and/or manufacturers of the example within the categories or types of products are also provided below. I believe and allege that the sale of the offending products also has occurred without the requisite Proposition 65 "clear and reasonable warnings" at one or more locations and/or via other means including, but not limited to, transactions made over-the-counter, business-to-business, through the internet and/or via a catalog by the Violator and other distributors and retailers of the manufacturer.

Retailer(s)	Manufacturer(s)/Distributor(s)
Scrapbook Island	Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc.
Santa Clara County, Northern California	
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#### VII. EXHIBIT A

Product Category/Type	Such As*	Toxins
Storage Binders with Storage Pages containing Lead	Cuttlebug Storage Binder, #37-1575 (#0 93573 41575 7)	Lead
Storage Binders containing Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	Cuttlebug Storage Binder, #37-1575 (#0 93573 41575 7)	Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate

\*The specifically identified example of the types of products that are subject to this Notice is for the recipient's benefit to assist in its investigation of, among other things, the magnitude of potential exposure to the listed chemicals from other items within the product categories/types listed in Exhibit A. It is important to note that this example is not meant to be an exhaustive or comprehensive identification of each specific offending product of the types listed under "Product Category/Type" in Exhibit A. Further, it is this citizen's position that the alleged Violator is obligated to continue to conduct in good faith an investigation into other specific products within the types or categories described above that may have been manufactured, distributed, sold, shipped, stored (or otherwise within the notice recipient's custody or control) during the relevant period so as to ensure that the requisite toxic warnings were and are provided to California citizens prior to purchase.

# PROOF OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury:

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action; my business address is Parker Plaza, 2560 Ninth Street, Suite 214, Berkeley, CA 94710.

On September 1, 2011, I served the following documents:

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

PROPOSITION 65: A SUMMARY;

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; AND

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT ATTACHMENTS (SERVED ONLY ON THE ATTORNEY GENERAL)

on the alleged Violator 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 entity listed below and providing such envelope to a United States Postal Service Representative:

Jim Thornton, President Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc. 10876 South River Front Parkway, Suite 600 South Jordan, UT 84095

as well as providing copies of the notice to the public enforcers by placing a true and correct copy in a sealed envelope, addressed to each party listed below, and served as follows:

Via 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day Air Service by placing such envelope in a Federal Express Drop-Off Box:	The Attorney General of the State of California;
By placing each envelope in a United States Postal Service mailbox, postage prepaid:	The District Attorney for Each of the 58 counties in California; and  The City Attorney for Los Angeles, San Diego, San Jose, San Francisco and Sacramento;

A list of addresses for each of these recipients is attached.

Executed on September 1, 2011, at Berkeley, California.

Eleanor Chen-Ranstrom

# CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

### I, Clifford A. Chanler, hereby declare:

- 1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached supplemental sixty-day notice in which it is alleged the party identified in the notice has violated Health and Safety Code § 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 chemicals that is the subject of this 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;
- 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 information identified in Health and 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: September 1, 2011

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# SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL 60-DAY NOTICE OF VIOLATION

SENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(d)

DATE: November 17, 2011

To: Jim Thornton, President – Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc.

Laurie Jimenez, Owner - Scrapbook Island

Steven Morgan, President – Hancock Fabrics, Inc. Louis D'Ambrosio, President – Kmart Corporation

Louis D'Ambrosio, President - Sears Holdings Corporation

Mike Duke, President – Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Jeffrey Bezos, President – Amazon.com, Inc.

California Attorney General's Office;

District Attorney's Office for 58 Counties; and

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

FROM: Russell Brimer

#### I. INTRODUCTION

My name is Russell Brimer. I am a citizen of the State of California acting in the interest of the general public. I seek to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals in products sold in California and, if possible, to improve human health by reducing hazardous substances contained in such items. This Notice is provided to the public agencies listed above pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 et seq. ("Proposition 65") and supplements the 60-Day Notices of Violation sent on October 29, 2010 and September 1, 2011. As noted above, notice is also being provided to the alleged violators, Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc., Scrapbook Island, Hancock Fabrics, Inc., Kmart Corporation, Sears Holdings Corporation, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and Amazon.com, Inc. (the "Violators"). The violations covered by this Notice consist of the product exposures, routes of exposure, and types of harm potentially resulting from exposure to the toxic chemicals ("listed chemicals") identified below, as follows:

Product Exposure: See Section VII. Exhibit A

Listed Chemicals: Lead; Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate ("DEHP")

Routes of Exposure: Ingestion, Dermal

Types of Harm: Birth Defects and Other Reproductive Harm

# II. NATURE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION (PRODUCT EXPOSURE)

The specific types of products that are causing consumer and occupational exposures in violation of Proposition 65, and that are covered by this Notice, are listed under "Product Category/Type" in Exhibit A in Section VII below. All products within the types covered by this Notice shall be referred to hereinafter as the "products." The sales of these products in California dating as far back as November 17, 2008 are subject to this Notice. As a result of the sales of these products, exposures to the listed chemicals have been occurring without clear and reasonable warnings as required by Proposition 65. Without proper warnings regarding the toxic effects of exposure to the listed chemicals, 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 toxic chemicals from the reasonably foreseeable use of the products.

### A. CONSUMER PRODUCT EXPOSURE (DEHP)

California citizens, through the act of buying, acquiring or utilizing the products, are exposed to the listed chemical. Infants, children and/or women of childbearing age ingest the listed chemical when they, among other activities, place the product, or a portion thereof, into their mouth, or otherwise suck, lick, teethe and/or bite the product thereby allowing the listed chemical to leach out of the substrate directly into their mouths. Infants, children and/or women of childbearing age ingest the listed chemical when they, among other activities, touch the products and transfer the listed chemical from the products to their mouths through hand-to-mouth activities that may continue to occur for a significant period after contact with the products stops. Infants, children and/or women of childbearing age are exposed to the listed chemical through direct dermal contact when they, among other activities, handle, touch or otherwise use the products.

### B. CONSUMER PRODUCT EXPOSURE (LEAD)

California consumers, through the act of buying, acquiring or utilizing the products, are exposed to the listed chemical. By way of example but not limitation, exposures occur when California citizens use, display, clean, repair, pack, unpack, arrange, store or otherwise handle the products. These tasks cause consumers to be exposed directly or indirectly through the routine touching of the parts or portions of the products containing readily available surface amounts of the listed chemical. Additionally, exposure can occur through the routine touching and ingesting of other materials that are contaminated with the listed chemical from the products as a result of these tasks. People likely to be exposed include both children and adults.

### C. OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE (LEAD)

Similarly, men and women in California use or otherwise handle the products as a part of their jobs and are, therefore, subject to occupational exposures to the listed chemical. Employees are exposed at any California business locations of the apparent manufacturer, distributor and retailer (and their agents, assigns and divisions) as well as all other California locations where the products, or the component parts thereof that include the listed chemical are, by way of example but not limitation, used, packed, unpacked, labeled, arranged, displayed, cleaned, stocked, stored, repaired or otherwise handled. These tasks cause employee exposure directly and/or indirectly to the listed chemical through the routine touching of the parts or portions of the products containing readily available amounts of the listed chemical on the surface. Additionally, exposure can occur through the routine touching and ingesting of other materials that are contaminated with the listed chemical from the products as a result of these tasks. These products are also used by sole proprietors and other persons in settings not covered by the federal Occupational Safety Health Act ("OSHA"). This Notice alleges the violation of Proposition 65 with respect to occupational exposure governed by the California State Plan for Occupational Safety and Health (the "State Plan"). The State Plan incorporates the provisions of Proposition 65, as approved by 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 contained in the general hazard communication requirement 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 California Attorney General.

#### III. CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions concerning this notice to me through my counsel's office at the following address:

Russell Brimer c/o Stephen S. Sayad The Chanler Group 81 Throckmorton Avenue, Suite 203 Mill Valley, CA 94941 Telephone: (415) 381-1128

#### IV. PROPOSITION 65 INFORMATION

For general information concerning the provisions of Proposition 65, please feel free to contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's ("OEHHA") Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900. For the Violators' reference, I have attached a copy of "Proposition 65: A Summary" which has been prepared by OEHHA.

#### V. RESOLUTION OF NOTICED CLAIMS

Based on the allegations set forth in this Notice, I intend to file a citizen enforcement lawsuit against the alleged Violators unless such Violators enter into a binding written agreement to: (1) recall products already sold or undertake best efforts to ensure that the requisite health hazard warnings are provided to those who have received such products; (2) provide clear and reasonable warnings for products sold in the future or reformulate such products to eliminate the exposures; and (3) pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b). If the alleged Violators are interested in resolving this dispute without resorting to time-consuming and expensive litigation, please feel free to contact my counsel identified in Section III above. It should be noted that neither my counsel nor I can: (1) finalize any settlement until after the 60-day notice period has expired; nor (2) speak for the Attorney General or any District or City Attorney who received this Notice. Therefore, while reaching an agreement with me will resolve my claims, such agreement may not satisfy the public prosecutors.

#### VI. ADDITIONAL NOTICE INFORMATION

Identified below are specific examples of products recently purchased and witnessed as being available for purchase or use in California that are within the categories or types of offending products covered by this Notice. Based on publicly available information, the retailers, distributors and/or manufacturers of the example within the categories or types of products are also provided below. I believe and allege that the sale of the offending products also has occurred without the requisite Proposition 65 "clear and reasonable warnings" at one or more locations and/or via other means including, but not limited to, transactions made over-the-counter, business-to-business, through the internet and/or via a catalog by the Violators and other distributors and retailers of the manufacturer.

# VI. ADDITIONAL NOTICE INFORMATION (continued)

Product*	Retailer(s)	Manufacturer(s)/Distributor(s)
Cuttlebug Storage Binder, #37-1575 (#0 93573 41575 3)	Scrapbook Island Santa Clara County, Northern California	Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc.
Cuttlebug A2 Binder Insert, #37-1576 (#0 93573 41576 0)	Hancock Fabrics, Inc. (http://www.hancockfabrics.com)	Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc.
Cuttlebug Tote, #2000970 (#0 93573 58871 6)	Hancock Fabrics, Inc. (http://www.hancockfabrics.com)	Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc.
Cricut Shoulder Bag, #29-0692 (#0 93573 10692 7)	Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Alameda County, Northern California	Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc.
Cuttlebug Storage Binder, #37-1575 (#0 93573 41575 3)	Kmart Corporation; Sears Holdings Corporation (http://www.kmart.com)	Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc.
Cuttlebug Storage Binder, #37-1575 (#0 93573 41575 3)	Amazon.com, Inc. (http://www.amazon.com)	Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc.
Cuttlebug 2 x 2 Binder Insert, #37-1577 (#0 93573 41577 7)	Amazon.com, Inc. (http://www.amazon.com)	Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc.

### VII. EXHIBIT A

Product Category/Type	Such As*	Toxins
Storage Binders with Storage Pages containing Lead	Cuttlebug Storage Binder, #37-1575 (#0 93573 41575 3)	Lead
Shoulder Bags containing Lead	Cricut Shoulder Bag, #29-0692 (#0 93573 10692 7)	Lead
Storage Binders containing Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	Cuttlebug Storage Binder, #37-1575 (#0 93573 41575 3)	Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate

### VII. EXHIBIT A (continued)

Product Category/Type	Such As*	Toxins
Binder Inserts/Pages containing Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	Cuttlebug A2 Binder Insert, #37-1576 (#0 93573 41576 0)	Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate
1%	Cuttlebug 2 x 2 Binder Insert, #37-1577 (#0 93573 41577 7)	
Tote Bags with Keychains containing Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	Cuttlebug Tote, #2000970 (#0 93573 58871 6)	Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate

<sup>\*</sup>The specifically identified examples of the types of products that are subject to this Notice is for the recipients' benefit to assist in their investigation of, among other things, the magnitude of potential exposure to the listed chemicals from other items within the product categories/types listed in Exhibit A. It is important to note that these examples are not meant to be an exhaustive or comprehensive identification of each specific offending product of the types listed under "Product Category/Type" in Exhibit A. Further, it is this citizen's position that the alleged Violators are obligated to continue to conduct in good faith an investigation into other specific products within the types or categories described above that may have been manufactured, distributed, sold, shipped, stored (or otherwise within the notice recipients' custody or control) during the relevant period so as to ensure that the requisite toxic warnings were and are provided to California citizens prior to purchase.

# PROOF OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury:

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action; my business address is Parker Plaza, 2560 Ninth Street, Suite 214, Berkeley, CA 94710.

On November 17, 2011, I served the following documents:

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

PROPOSITION 65: A SUMMARY;

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; AND** 

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT ATTACHMENTS (SERVED ONLY ON THE ATTORNEY GENERAL)

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 entities listed below and providing each envelope to a United States Postal Service Representative:

Jim Thornton, President
Provo Craft & Novelty, Inc.
10876 South River Front Parkway, Suite 600
South Jordan, UT 84095

Jeffrey Bezos, President Amazon.com, Inc. 1200 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Suite 1200 Seattle, WA 98144

Mike Duke, President Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. 702 SW Eighth Street Bentonville, AR 72716 Laurie Jimenez, Owner Scrapbook Island 1375 Blossom Hill Road, Suite 46 San Jose, CA 95118

Louis D'Ambrosio, President Kmart Corporation 3333 Beverly Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60179 Steven Morgan, President Hancock Fabrics, Inc. One Fashion Way Baldwyn, MS 38824

Louis D'Ambrosio, President Sears Holdings Corporation 3333 Beverly Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60179

as well as providing copies of the notice to the public enforcers by placing a true and correct copy in a sealed envelope, addressed to each party listed below, and served as follows:

Via 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day Air Service by placing such envelope in a Federal Express Drop-Off Box:	The Attorney General of the State of California;
By placing each envelope in a United States Postal Service mailbox, postage	The District Attorney for Each of the 58 counties in California; and
prepaid:	The City Attorney for Los Angeles, San Diego, San Jose, San Francisco and Sacramento;

A list of addresses for each of these recipients is attached.

Executed on November 17, 2011, at Berkeley, California.

Eleanor Chen-Ranstrom

# CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

### I, Clifford A. Chanler, hereby declare:

- 1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached supplemental sixty-day notice in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notice have violated Health and Safety Code § 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings;
- 2. I am the attorney for the noticing party;
- 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 chemicals that is the subject of this 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 Violators 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 information identified in Health and 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: November 17, 2011

Clifford A. Chanler