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12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, a non-profit corporation,  Plaintiff,  v.  CUTTING EDGE CREATIONS, INC., et al.  Defendants	Case No. RG 10-530300  CONSENT JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANT TWIN PEAK INDUSTRIES, INC. DBA JUNGLE JUMPS			
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#### 1. **INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 On August 11, 2010, the Center for Environmental Health ("CEH"), filed a complaint for civil penalties and injunctive relief for violations of Proposition 65. CEH's Complaint alleges that the named defendants failed to provide clear and reasonable warnings that their inflatable structures made with vinyl such as bounce houses, combos, obstacle courses and interactives (the "Products") contain lead and lead compounds (together "Lead"), and that use of, and contact with, those Products results in exposure to Lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive harm. The Complaint further alleges that under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, Health & Safety Code section 25249.6, also known as "Proposition 65," businesses must provide persons with a "clear and reasonable warning" before exposing individuals to these chemicals, and that the defendants failed to do so.
- 1.2 In accordance with the notice requirements of Proposition 65, CEH first brought the issue of Lead exposures from the Products to the attention of the Attorney General by issuing its first 60-Day Notice of Violation on February 19, 2010. On July 2, 2010, CEH issued another 60-day Notice of Violation (the "Notice") alleging that defendant Jungle Jumps and others were violating Proposition 65 by introducing the Products into the stream of commerce thereby exposing individuals to Lead. CEH filed its case, Center for Environmental Health v. Cutting Edge Creations, Inc., et al., Alameda County Superior Court, Case No. RG 19-530300 (the "Action"), on August 11, 2010. CEH seeks civil penalties and injunctive relief for alleged violations of Proposition 65. CEH subsequently learned that Jungle Jumps is a subsidiary of Twin Peak Industries, Inc. On March 25, 2011, CEH issued another 60-day Notice of Violation, this one to Twin Peak Industries, Inc. ("Settling Defendant"). On June 24, 2011, CEH amended its complaint to name Settling Defendant as a defendant in the Action.
- 1.3 Settling Defendant is a corporation that employs more than ten (10) persons and employed ten or more persons during much of the time relevant to the allegations of the Complaints, and manufactures, distributes and/or sells Products (as defined below) in the State of California and/or has done so in the past four years.
  - 1.4 For purposes of this Consent Judgment only CEH and Settling Defendant stipulate

that this Court has jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the Notice and Complaints and personal jurisdiction over Settling Defendant as to the acts alleged in the Notice and Complaints, that venue is proper in Alameda County, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Judgment as a full and final resolution of all claims which were or could have been raised in the Complaints based on the facts alleged therein.

settlement of all claims relating to the Products (as that term is defined below) arising from the failure to warn regarding the presence of Lead in such Products. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission by the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law or violation of law, nor shall compliance with the Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law or violation of law. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall prejudice, waive or impair any right, remedy argument or defense the Parties may have in this or any other future legal proceedings. By execution of this Consent Judgment and agreeing to provide the relief and remedies specified herein, Settling Defendant does not admit any violations of Proposition 65, applicable Business and Professions Code sections or any other law or legal duty. Settling Defendant expressly asserts that its Products do not require a warning under Proposition 65 and denies any liability whatsoever.

#### 2. **DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 The "Action" shall mean the Center for Environmental Health v. Cutting Edge Creations, Inc., et al., Case No. RG 10-530300, Alameda County Superior Court (filed August 11, 2010).
- 2.2 "Products" shall mean all inflatable structures made with vinyl such as but not limited to bounce houses, combos, obstacle courses and interactives manufactured, distributed or sold by Settling Defendant.
- **2.3** The "Effective Date" of this Consent Judgment shall be the date on which this Consent Judgment is entered as a judgment by the trial court.
  - 2.4 "Parties" shall mean the following entities: CEH and Settling Defendant.

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2.5 "Old Products" means any Products that were manufactured between October 17, 2008, and January 31, 2011, which are the time periods during which Settling Defendant sold Products with levels of Lead exceeding 1,000 parts per million ("ppm").

### 3. <u>INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: LEAD REDUCTION</u>

- 3.1 Immediate Product Reformulation. Immediately upon the Effective Date of this Consent Judgment, Settling Defendant shall reduce the level of Lead in the Products sold in California from the current levels to a level no higher than 100 ppm ("Compliance Level") as determined pursuant to total Lead testing, EPA Method 3050B or CPSIA method CPSC-CH-E1001-08 (the "Test Protocols").
- 3.2 Specification and Certification of Vinyl. For so long as Settling Defendant manufactures, distributes, or ships the Products for sale in California, Settling Defendant shall issue specifications to its vinyl suppliers requiring that the vinyl used in the Products shall not contain Lead in excess of the Compliance Level. Defendant shall obtain and maintain written certification from its suppliers of the vinyl certifying that the vinyl used in the Products does not contain Lead in excess of the Compliance Level.
- 3.3 Settling Defendant's Independent Testing. In order to ensure compliance with Section 3.1, Settling Defendant shall conduct (or cause to be conducted) testing to confirm Products sold in California comply with the Compliance Level. Defendant shall either conduct the testing of the vinyl used in the Products using an X-Ray Fluorescence Analyzer or shall cause to have the testing performed by an independent, CPSIA-approved laboratory in accordance with either of the Test Protocols. Settling Defendant shall perform the testing described in this Section on a minimum of one roll of each color of vinyl contained in each container of vinyl purchased from its suppliers.
  - (a) <u>Vinyl That Exceeds the Compliance Level.</u> If the results of the testing required pursuant to Section 3.3 show Lead levels in excess of the Compliance Level in the vinyl, Settling Defendant shall: (1) refuse to accept all the vinyl that tested above the Compliance Level; and (2) send a notice to the supplier explaining that such vinyl does not comply with either Settling Defendant's specifications for Lead or the supplier's

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### 4. <u>INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: CLEAR AND REASONABLE WARNINGS</u>

- **4.1** CEH alleges that warnings are necessary as to the Old Products because these products purportedly cause continuing exposures to Lead. While expressly denying such allegations, Settling Defendant agrees to implement the following programs to provide clear and reasonable warnings to persons who come into contact with Old Products sold before the Effective Date of this Consent Judgment:
  - (a) <u>Informational Program</u>. Settling Defendant shall provide the mailed warnings and informational materials attached hereto as Exhibit A, in English and Spanish, to all parties who purchased Old Products within the State of California. The informational materials provided pursuant to this Section shall include an offer to perform testing on the Old Products or pay for testing of such Products.
  - (b) <u>Web Notice</u>. For a period of two years following the Effective Date,

    Settling Defendant will maintain a conspicuous link on its primary, customer oriented website that directs users to the web page that CEH will maintain with respect to Lead in the Products.

### 5. <u>ADDITIONAL ACTIONS BY SETTLING DEFENDANT</u>

- California that purchased any Old Products, Settling Defendant shall either perform or pay for testing for all Old Products purchased by the requesting individual or entity located in California. The testing pursuant to this Section may be performed by X-Ray Fluorescence or pursuant to either of the Test Protocols. Any request for testing made pursuant to this section must be initiated within six (6) months from the date of mailing of the warning and informational materials referenced in section 4.1(a) above. Any request for testing pursuant to this section that is initiated more than 6 months after the mailing of the warning and informational materials shall be invalid and individuals or entities shall have no further right pursuant to this provision.
- **5.2** Replacing Certain Old Products. If the testing described in Section 5.1 reveals Lead levels in excess of 1,000 ppm, for a Product that is still in use and good condition, Settling

Defendant shall, at its own cost, provide the present owner of any such Old Product with a credit of 85% of the purchase price toward the purchase of a compatible unit at the published retail price from Twin Peak Industries, on the condition that possession and title to the Old Product be turned over to Twin Peak Industries. A request for replacement or credit hereunder is only valid to the extent it results from the procedures set forth in Section 5.1.

5.3 Discounted Replacement of Products That Exceed CPSIA Levels. To the extent that the testing described in Section 5.1 reveals Lead levels that exceed 300 ppm, but are less than 1,000 ppm for an Old Product that is still in use and in good condition, Settling Defendant shall provide the individual or entity with a credit amounting to 50% of the purchase price toward the purchase of a compatible unit at the published retail price from Twin Peak Industries, on the condition that possession and title to the Old Product be turned over to Twin Peak Industries. A request for replacement or credit hereunder is only valid to the extent it results from the procedures set forth in Section 5.1.

#### 6. <u>PAYMENTS</u>

- 6.1 <u>Payment Timing</u>. The payments under the Consent Judgment shall be due as follows: Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000) within thirty (30) days following the Effective Date and the balance of Eight Thousand (\$8,000) within one hundred twenty (120) days following the Effective Date.
- **6.2** <u>Civil Penalties</u>. Settling Defendant shall pay a civil penalty of \$2,000 pursuant to California Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.7(b) and 25249.12. Pursuant to § 25249.12, 75% of these funds shall be remitted to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"), and the remaining 25% apportioned evenly among the Attorney General and CEH.
- 6.3 <u>Cy pres.</u> Settling Defendant shall make the following payments in lieu of additional civil penalties. Settling Defendant shall pay \$3,250 to CEH to be used exclusively for testing of inflatable structures made with vinyl such as bounce houses, combos, obstacle courses and interactives. The payment required under this section shall be made payable to CEH.
- **6.4** <u>CEH's Attorneys' Fees.</u> Settling Defendant shall pay \$7,750 to reimburse CEH and its attorneys for their reasonable investigation fees and costs, attorneys' fees, and any other

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costs incurred as a result of investigating, bringing this matter to the attention of Settling Defendant, litigating and negotiating a settlement in the public interest. The payment required under this Section shall be made payable to Lexington Law Group.

6.5 The payments due to CEH and the Lexington Law Group shall be made payable as set forth above and sent to: Mark N. Todzo, Lexington Law Group, 503 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, CA 94117.

### 7. MODIFICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

- **7.1** This Consent Judgment may only be modified by express written agreement of the Parties with the approval of the Court; by an order of this Court on noticed motion from CEH or Settling Defendant in accordance with law; or by the Court in accordance with its inherent authority to modify its own judgments.
- 7.2 Before filing an application with the Court for a modification to this Consent Judgment, the Party seeking modification shall meet and confer with the other parties to determine whether the modification may be achieved by consent. If a proposed modification is agreed upon, then the Parties will present the modification to the Court by means of a stipulated modification to the Consent Judgment.

### 8. <u>ENFORCEMENT</u>

- 8.1 Enforcement by CEH. CEH may, by motion or application for an order to show cause before this Court, enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Consent Judgment or seek resolution of any dispute arising under this Consent Judgment. In any proceeding to enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment, CEH may seek whatever fines, costs, penalties, or remedies are provided by law for failure to comply with the Consent Judgment. However, CEH may not seek any fees or costs if Settling Defendant agrees to take the action demanded by CEH during the meet and confer process described in Section 8.3, below, and implements such action in a prompt manner.
- **8.2** Enforcement by Separate Action. Where violations of this Consent Judgment constitute subsequent violations of Proposition 65 or other laws independent of the Consent Judgment and/or those alleged in the Complaint, CEH is not limited to enforcement of the

Consent Judgment, but may instead elect to seek, in another action, whatever fines, costs, penalties, or remedies are provided for by law for failure to comply with Proposition 65 or other laws. In any action brought by the CEH and/or another enforcer alleging subsequent violations of Proposition 65 or other laws, Settling Defendant may assert any and all defenses that are available, including the *res judicata* or collateral estoppel effect of this Consent Judgment. CEH must elect whether (a) to use the enforcement provisions of Section 8.1 of this Consent Judgment or (b) to bring a new action pursuant to this Subsection 8.2.

- **8.3** Meet and Confer Required. Before any party institutes any proceeding or separate action based on an alleged violation of the Consent Judgment, the moving or enforcing party (Moving Party) shall meet and confer with the other party (Other Party) in good faith in an attempt to informally resolve the alleged violation.
- **8.4** The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be enforced exclusively by the Parties hereto.

### 9. AUTHORITY TO STIPULATE TO CONSENT JUDGMENT

**9.1** Each signatory to this Consent Judgment certifies that he or she is fully authorized to stipulate to this Consent Judgment and to enter into and execute the Consent Judgment on behalf of the party he or she represents.

#### 10. CLAIMS COVERED

10.1 Full and Binding Resolution. This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between CEH and Settling Defendant of any violations of Proposition 65 that have been or could have been asserted in the Notice or Complaint against Settling Defendant and its downstream distributors, wholesalers and retailers for failure to provide clear and reasonable warnings of exposure to Lead from the use of the Products, or any other claim based on the facts or conduct alleged in the Notice or Complaints, whether based on actions committed by Settling Defendant or by any entity to whom Settling Defendant distributes or sells Products, or any entity that sells the Products to consumers. Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment resolves any issue now and in the future, concerning compliance by Settling Defendant, its divisions, subdivisions, subsidiaries, sister companies, affiliates, cooperative members, licensors

#### 12. COURT APPROVAL

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**12.1** This Consent Judgment shall be submitted to the Court for entry by noticed motion

1	or as otherwise may be required or permitted by the Court. If this Consent Judgment is not					
2	approved by the Court, it shall be of no force or effect and may not be used by the CEH or					
3	Settling Defendant for any purpose.					
4	13. <u>ENTIRE AGREEMENT</u>					
5	13.1 This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding					
6	of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof, and any and all prior discussions,					
7	negotiations, commitments and understandings related hereto. No representations, oral or					
8	otherwise, express or implied, other than those contained herein have been made by any Party					
9	hereto. No other agreements not specifically referred to herein, oral or otherwise, shall be deemed					
10	to exist or to bind any of the Parties.					
11	14. <u>RETENTION OF JURISDICTION</u>					
12	14.1 This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to implement and enforce the					
13	Consent Judgment, and to resolve any disputes that may arise as to the implementation of this					
14	Judgment.					
15	15. EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS					
16	15.1 The stipulations to this Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by					
17	means of facsimile, which taken together shall be deemed to constitute one document.					
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### Exhibit A

### **Letter to Customers of Unreformulated Products**

Dear Customer:

Our records show that you purchased products from us between October 17, 2008, and January 31, 2011. This letter is written to inform you that some of the products manufactured by Twin Peaks Industries, Inc. during those time periods may contain levels of lead which require a warning notice under Proposition 65.

WARNING – Lead is a chemical known to the state of California to cause cancer and reproductive harm.

All of our products have now been formulated to reduce the amount of lead to levels below those of concern.

We would like to provide you with the opportunity to have the products you purchased directly from us during those time periods tested to determine if such products contain high levels of lead. If you purchased a product or products from us that was manufactured during the period from October 17, 2008, to January 31, 2011, that are still in use and in good condition, please contact [Name] at [telephone number] to arrange for testing of those products. Twin Peaks Industries, Inc. will conduct or pay for testing of the products.

If the testing of any of the products reveals lead levels in excess of 1,000 parts per million, Twin Peak Industries, Inc. will provide the present owner of the product with 85% credit of the original purchase price. Credit can be used toward the purchase of a new similar product from Twin Peak Industries, Inc. at the published retail price of the product, on the condition that possession and title to the old product is turned over to Twin Peak Industries, Inc.

If the testing of any product that is in good condition reveals lead levels less than 1,000 parts per million, but in excess of 300 parts per million, Twin Peak Industries, Inc. will provide the current owner of the product a 50% credit of the original purchase price. This credit can be used toward the purchase of a new similar product from Twin Peak Industries, Inc. at the published retail price of the product, on the condition that possession and title to the old product is turned over to Twin Peak Industries, Inc.

You must request the testing within 6 months after the date of this letter in order to qualify for the testing and replacement discussed in this letter.

In the meantime, you can reduce exposures to lead from these products by employing the following practices:

- a. Keeping the products clean;
- b. Having children wash their hands after playing in or on one of the products;
- c. Food, beverages and other ingestible items should not be allowed in or on the products; and
- d. Clothing worn when playing on the products should be cleaned after use.

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