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18	ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER, ) a non-profit California corporation,	Case No. RG 14-711281	
19	Plaintiff,	[PROPOSED] STIPULATED CONSENT	
20		JUDGMENT	
21	v. {	Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.5 et seq.	
22	HEALTHWEST MINERALS, INC., a		
22	Washington corporation,	Dept: 24	
23	Defendant.	Action Filed: January 23, 2014	
24	}	Trial Date: None set	
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1	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by the Parties hereto, as follows:	
2	WHEREAS:	
3	A. ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER ("ERC" or "Plaintiff") is a citizen	
4	enforcer of California Health and Safety Code § 25249.6 et seq. ("Proposition 65") and is a non-	
5	profit corporation organized under California's Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation Law.	
6	B. HEALTHWEST MINERALS, INC. is a Washington Corporation, and is referred	
7	to hereinafter as "Healthwest" or "Defendant". ERC and Healthwest are referred to individually	
8	as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".	
9	C. The name of the Products covered under this Consent Judgment are set forth in	
11	Exhibit A, attached hereto ("Covered Products").	
12	D. On February 27, 1987, the State of California listed the chemical lead as a chemical	
13	known to cause reproductive toxicity, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code § 25249.8.	
14	E. On October 1, 1992, the State of California listed the chemicals lead and lead	
15	compounds as chemicals known to cause cancer, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code	
16	§ 25249.8.	
17	F. ERC alleges that the Covered Products have been sold by Defendant in California	
18	since May 17, 2010.	
19	G. On May 17, 2013 ERC served Defendant and public enforcement agencies with a	
20	document entitled "60-Day Notice" that provided Defendant and the public enforcement	
22	agencies with notice alleging that Defendant was in violation of Proposition 65 for failing to	
23	warn purchasers and individuals using the Group 1 Covered Products, as identified on Exhibit A,	
24	that such use exposes them to lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer	
25	and/or reproductive toxicity ("Initial Proposition 65 Notice"). A copy of the Initial Proposition	
26	65 Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit B. On September 13, 2013 ERC served Defendant and	
27	public enforcement agencies with a document entitled "60-Day Notice" that provided Defendant	
28	and the public enforcement agencies with notice alleging that Defendant was in violation of	
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Proposition 65 for failing to warn purchasers and individuals using the Group 2 Covered Products, as identified on <u>Exhibit A</u>, that such use exposes them to lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity ("Second Proposition 65 Notice"). A copy of the Initial Proposition 65 Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit C. The Initial Proposition 65 Notice and the Second Proposition 65 Notice are referred to together as the "Proposition 65 Notice".

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H. On or about January 23, 2014, ERC filed a Complaint against Defendant in the
Alameda County Superior Court (the "Action"), alleging violations of Proposition 65, based on
the Proposition 65 Notice. This Action is brought by ERC in the public interest at least sixty
(60) days after ERC provided notice of the alleged Proposition 65 violations to Defendant and
the public enforcement agencies and none of the public enforcement agencies had commenced
and/or begun diligently prosecuting an action against Defendant for such violations.

I. For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court
 has jurisdiction over Defendant as to the allegations contained in the Complaint, that venue is
 proper in the County of Alameda, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter and enforce the
 provisions of this Consent Judgment. This Consent Judgment shall have no application or effect
 on Defendant for Covered Products or other products distributed or sold by Defendant to
 consumers outside of the State of California only.

Defendant denies the material, factual and legal allegations contained in Plaintiff's J. 21 Complaint and maintains that all Covered Products that Defendant sold and distributed in 22 California have been and are in compliance with all laws, including Proposition 65. The Parties 23 24 enter into this Consent Judgment pursuant to a settlement of disputed claims between them as 25 alleged in the Complaint for the purposes of avoiding prolonged and costly litigation. By 26 execution of this Consent Judgment, Defendant does not admit any facts or conclusions of law 27 suggesting or demonstrating any violations or the applicability of Proposition 65, or any other 28 statutory, common law or equitable requirements relating to the Covered Products. Nothing in

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this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission by Defendant or Plaintiff of any fact, 2 issue of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with this Consent Judgment constitute or 3 be construed as an admission by Defendant or Plaintiff of any fact, issue of law, or violation of law.

K. Except as expressly provided herein, nothing in this Consent Judgment shall prejudice, waive or impair any right, remedy or defense the Parties may have in any other cr further legal proceeding. This paragraph shall not diminish or otherwise affect the obligations, responsibilities, and duties of any Party to this Consent Judgment; and,

The "Effective Date" of this Consent Judgment shall be the date upon which this L. 10 Consent Judgment is entered by the Court. 11

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, covenants and agreements 12 herein contained, the sufficiency and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged by the Parties: 13 1. Injunctive Relief. On and after the Effective Date of this Consent Judgment, 14

15 Defendant shall not distribute into the State of California, or directly sell in the State of 16 California any Covered Product for which the maximum dose recommended on the label 17 contains more than 0.5 micrograms (mcg) of lead, as calculated in accordance with the formula 18 set forth in Paragraph 4, unless each individual Covered Product (in the form intended for sale 19 to the end-user) bears one of the warning statements specified below on its individual unit label 20 or unit packaging. 21

On and after the Effective Date of this Consent Judgment, for Covered Products for 2. 22 which the maximum dose recommended on the label contains more than 0.5 mcg of lead, 23 Defendant shall, at the point of manufacture, prior to Defendant's shipment to California, or 24 prior to Defendant's distribution within California, affix to or print on the Covered Product 25 26 container, cap, label, or unit package the following warning:

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

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The term "cancer and" shall be included in the warning only if the maximum recommended dose
stated on the Covered Product's label contains more than 15 micrograms (mcg) of lead as
calculated in accordance with the formula set forth in Paragraph 4 below.

4 The warning required above under this Paragraph 2 above shall be prominently affixed to 5 or printed on the labeling of each Covered Product intended for sale to a purchaser in the State of 6 California, with such conspicuousness, as compared with other words, statements, designs, or 7 devices on the labeling as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual 8 under customary conditions of purchase or use. With regard to the sale of the Covered Product 9 via the Internet, the warning stated in this Paragraph 2 shall be given, either: (a) on the same 10 web page on which the Covered Product is displayed; (b) on the same web page as the order 11 form for the Covered Product; (c) on the same page as the price for any Covered Product; or (d) 12 on one or more web pages displayed to a purchaser during the checkout process before purchase 13 is complete. The internet warning shall be used and shall appear in any of the above instances 14 adjacent to or immediately following the display, description, or price of the Product for which it 15 is given in the same type size or larger than the Covered Product's description text.

16 3. The warning shall not exceed the language specified in Paragraph 2 above, and 17 shall not be accompanied by any explanation of Proposition 65, lead, or the "naturally occurring" 18 exemption. If the warning is displayed on the Covered Product container or labeling, the 19 warning shall be at least the same size as the largest of any other health or safety warnings on the 20 container or labeling, and the word "WARNING" shall be in all capital letters and in bold print. 21 If printed on the labeling itself, the warning shall be contained in the same section of the labeling 22 that states other safety warnings concerning the use of the Covered Product. The injunctive 23 relief set forth in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above shall not apply to any of the Covered Products that 24 25 Defendant put into the stream of commerce before the Effective Date.

<sup>26</sup>
 4. Defendant may reformulate the Covered Products to reduce the lead content to
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 <sup>28</sup> Products may be offered for sale in California without the warnings discussed in this Consent

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1 Judgment. If Defendant contends that a Covered Product has been so reformulated, then at least 2 once each year for three consecutive years, Defendant shall undertake testing of any 3 reformulated Covered Product on which it does not intend to place a warning label discussed in 4 Paragraph 2 above. Defendant shall arrange for the testing of at least five (5) randomly-selected 5 samples of each such reformulated Covered Product for lead content, to confirm whether the 6 daily dose is more or less than 0.5 micrograms of lead when the maximum recommended daily 7 dose is taken as directed on the reformulated Covered Product's label. For purposes of 8 determining whether a warning, if any, is required pursuant to Paragraph 1, the second-highest 9 lead detection result of the five (5) randomly selected samples of the reformulated Covered 10 Product will be controlling. For purposes of this Consent Judgment, daily lead exposure levels 11 shall be measured in micrograms and shall be calculated using the following formula: 12 13 micrograms of lead per gram of product, multiplied by grams of product per serving of the 14 product (using the largest serving size appearing on the product's label), multiplied by servings 15 of the product per day (using the largest serving size appearing on the product's label), which 16 equals micrograms of lead exposure per day. All testing pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall 17 be performed by a laboratory certified by the California Environmental Laboratory Accreditation 18 Program for the analysis of heavy metals or a laboratory that is registered with the United States 19 Food & Drug Administration. The method of selecting samples for testing must comply with the 20 regulations of the Food and Drug Administration as set forth in Title 21, Part 111, Subpart E of 21 the Code of Federal Regulations, including section 111.80(c). Testing for lead shall be 22 performed using Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS) achieving a limit of 23 quantification of less than or equal to 0.010 mg/kg or any other testing method agreed upon in 24 25 writing by the Parties. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall limit Defendant's ability to 26 conduct, or require that others conduct, additional testing of the Covered Products, reformulated 27 or otherwise, including the raw materials used in their manufacture. This Consent Judgment, 28 including the testing and sampling methodology set forth in this paragraph, is the result of

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negotiation and compromise, and is accepted by the Parties for purposes of settling, 1 2 compromising, and resolving issues disputed in this Action, including future compliance by 3 Defendant with this Consent Judgment, and shall not be used for any other purpose, or in any 4 other matter and, except for the purpose of determining future compliance with this Consent 5 Judgment, shall not constitute an adoption or employment of a method of analysis for a listed 6 chemical in a specific medium as set forth in 27 California Code of Regulations § 25900(g). For 7 the three-year reporting period, Defendant shall send test results and documentation for any 8 reformulated Covered Product to ERC within twenty (20) days of Defendant's receipt of the test 9 results, and shall retain all test results and documentation for a period of four (4) years from the 10 date of each test. 11

5. The requirements set forth above will only apply to any time during which 12 13 Defendant is a "person in the course of doing business," as that term is defined in Health and 14 Safety Code § 25249.11(b).

15 б. Payments. In full satisfaction of all potential civil penalties, payment in lieu of 16 civil penalty, and attorneys' fees and costs, Defendant shall make a total payment of \$52,500, as follows: 18

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6.1. Civil Penalty Assessment. Defendant agrees to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$7,804.00 pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(b). Plaintiff shall remit 75% of this amount \$5,853.00 to the State of California pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25192, and Plaintiff shall retain the remaining 25% of this amount \$1,951.00.

Payment In Lieu of Further Civil Penalties. Defendant agrees to make an 6.2. additional payment in lieu of further civil penalties in the amount of \$11,705.50 to ERC for projects to reduce exposures to toxic chemicals, and to increase consumer, worker and community awareness of the health hazards posed by toxic chemicals. Of this amount, ERC will give a donation of \$585.00 to the Natural Resources Defense Council

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to address reducing hazardous and toxic chemical exposures in California.

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6.3. Reimbursement of Plaintiff's Fees and Costs. Defendant agrees to reimburse Plaintiff's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred as a result of the work and prosecuting this Action, negotiating a settlement in the public interest, and obtaining required approval from the Office the California Attorney General and the Superior Court. \$19,038.00 shall be considered a reimbursement to ERC for its reasonable work, analysis, and costs associated with the enforcement of Proposition 65 and other expenses and costs incurred as a result of bringing this matter to Defendants' attention and negotiating a settlement. \$13,725.00 shall be considered reimbursement of attorney fees to Law Office of Michael Freund. \$227.50 shall be considered reimbursement of attorney fees to Ryan Hoffman.

6.4. **Payment Schedule.** Pursuant to Paragraphs 6.1., 6.2, and 6.3 herein, Defendant agrees to remit the total amount of \$52,500, with the schedule for the payment of these funds as follows: within 10 days of the Effective Date, Defendant shall pay the sum of \$26,250.00., Subsequently, Defendant shall make seven (7) successive monthly payments, each in the amount of \$3,750.00. The second payment shall be due 30 days after the first payment, and each successive payment shall be made 30 days after the prior payment. If the payment due date falls on a weekend or state or federal holiday, the respective payment shall be due on the next business day. In the event that any payment owed under this Section 6 is not remitted on or before its due date, all future payments due herein shall become immediately due and payable within 15 days of the missed due date payment.

6.5. **Payment Submission**. With respect to all payments required under this Consent Judgment, Defendant shall make all such payments by check payable to "Environmental Research Center" and sent by first-class registered or certified mail, or overnight delivery, to ERC at: Environmental Research Center, 3111 Camino Del Rio

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North Suite 400, San Diego, CA. 92108. ERC will provide to Defendant evidence that a transmittal letter and civil penalty check to OEHHA was sent to OEHHA.

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7.1. This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between ERC, on behalf of itself and in the public interest, and Healthwest, of any alleged violation of Proposition 65 or its implementing regulations for failure to provide Proposition 65 warnings of exposure to lead from the handling, use, or consumption of the Covered Products and fully resolves all claims that have been or could have been asserted in this action up to and including the Effective Date for failure to provide Proposition 65 warnings for the Covered Products as set forth in the Proposition 65 Notice and the Complaint. ERC, on behalf of itself and in the public interest, hereby discharges Healthwest and its respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, suppliers, franchisees, licensees, customers (not including private label customers of Healthwest), distributors, wholesalers, retailers, and all other upstream and downstream entities in the distribution chain of any Covered Product, and the predecessors, successors and assigns of any of them (collectively, the "Released Parties"), from any claims, actions, causes of action, suits, demands, liabilities, damages, penalties, fees, costs and expenses asserted, or that could have been asserted, as to any alleged violation of Proposition 65 arising from the failure to provide Proposition 65 warnings regarding lead in the Covered Products as set forth in the Proposition 65 Notice and the Complaint.

7.2. ERC, on behalf of itself only, hereby releases and discharges the Released Parties from all known and unknown claims for alleged violations of Proposition 65 arising from or relating to alleged exposures to lead in the Covered Products as set forth in the Proposition 65 Notice and the Complaint. It is

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possible that other claims not known to the Parties arising out of the facts alleged in the Proposition 65 Notice or the Complaint and relating to the Covered Products will develop or be discovered. ERC, on behalf of itself only, acknowledges that this Consent Judgment is expressly intended to cover and include all such claims, including all rights of action therefore. ERC has full knowledge of the contents of California Civil Code section 1542. ERC, on behalf of itself only, acknowledges that the claims released in Sections 8.1 and 8.2 above may include unknown claims, and nevertheless waives California Civil Code section 1542 as to any such unknown claims. California Civil Code 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.

ERC, on behalf of itself only, acknowledges and understands the significance and consequences of this specific waiver of California Civil Code section 1542.

7.3. Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment shall be deemed to constitute compliance by any Released Party with Proposition 65 regarding alleged exposures to lead in the Covered Products as set forth in the Proposition 65 Notice and the Complaint.

7.4. ERC and Healthwest each release and waive all claims they may have against each other for any statements or actions made or undertaken by them in connection with the Proposition 65 Notice or the Complaint; provided, however, that nothing in Section 8 shall affect or limit any Party's right to seek to enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment.

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Motion for Approval of Consent Judgment/Notice to the California Attorney

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General's Office. Upon execution of this Consent Judgment by the Parties, Plaintiff shall file a 1 2 Motion for Approval & Entry of Consent Judgment in the Alameda County Superior Court 3 pursuant to 11 California Code of Regulations §3000, et seq. This motion shall be served upon 4 all of the Parties to the Action and upon the California Attorney General. In the event that the 5 Court fails to approve and order entry of the judgment within one (1) year of the Consent 6 Judgment being filed, this Consent Judgment shall become null and void upon the election of any 7 Party as to them and upon written notice to all of the Parties to the Action pursuant to the notice 8 provisions herein. Defendant and ERC shall use their best efforts to support entry of this 9 Consent Judgment in the form submitted to the California Attorney General. If the Attorney 10 General or the Court objects in writing to any term in this Consent Judgment, the Parties shall 11 use their best efforts to resolve the concern in a timely manner, prior to the hearing on the motion 12 13 to approve this Consent Judgment. If the Attorney General elects to file papers with the Court 14 stating that the People shall appear at the hearing for entry of this Consent Judgment so as to 15 oppose entry of the Consent Judgment, then a Party may withdraw from this Consent Judgment 16 prior to the date of the hearing, with notice to all Parties and the Attorney General, and upon 17 such notice this Consent Judgment shall be null and void and any payments made pursuant to 18 this Consent Judgment shall be promptly returned to Defendant. 19

9. Severability. In the event that any of the provisions of this Consent Judgment
 are held by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the enforceable provisions shall not be
 adversely affected.

10. Enforcement. In the event that a dispute arises with respect to any of the
 provisions of this Consent Judgment, this Consent Judgment may be enforced pursuant to Code
 of Civil Procedure § 664.6 or any other valid provision of law. The prevailing party in any such
 dispute shall be awarded all reasonable fees and costs incurred.

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1	12. Notices. All correspondence and notices required to be provided under this	
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3	Consent Judgment shall be in writing and shall be sent by first class registered or certified mail	
4	addressed as follows. All correspondence to ERC shall be mailed to:	
5	Chris Heptinstall, Executive Director	
	Environmental Research Center 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400	
6	San Diego, CA 92108	
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8	With a copy to:	
	Michael Freund	
9	1919 Addison St., Suite 015	
10	Berkeley, CA 94704	
11	Ph: (510) 540-1992	
	Fax: (510) 540-5543	
12	Email: freund1@aol.com	
13	All correspondence to Defendant shall be mailed to:	
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15	Joe Stout, M.S., President	
	Healthwest Minerals, Inc.	
16	279 S.W. 9 <sup>th</sup> Street	
17	Chehalis, WA 98532	
	Ph: (800) 574-1961	
18	Fax: (360) 748-3099	
19	Email: joe@mtcapra.com	
20	Joshua A. Bloom	
20	Barg Coffin Lewis & Trapp, LLP	
21	350 California Street, 22nd Floor	
22	San Francisco, CA 94104-1435 Ph: (415) 228-5406	
	Fax: (415) 228-5400	
23	Email: jab@bcltlaw.com	
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25	13. Integration & Modification. This Consent Judgment, together with the Exhibits	
26	hereto which are specifically incorporated herein by this reference, constitutes the entire	
27	agreement between the Parties relating to the rights and obligations herein granted and assumed,	
28	and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the Parties. This Consent	
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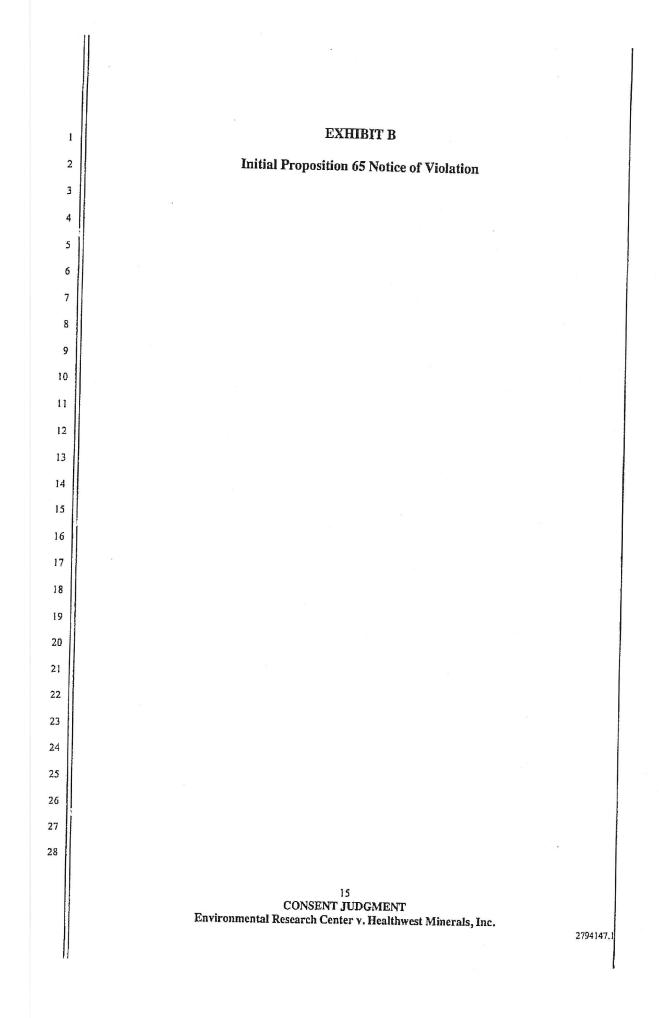
Judgment may be modified only upon the written agreement of the Parties.

14. Counterparts. This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts, each of
which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one
and the same document. Execution and delivery of this Agreement by facsimile transmission or
other electronic means shall constitute legal and binding execution and delivery. Photocopies of
the executed Agreement shall have the same force and effect as an Agreement bearing original
signatures.

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 15. Authorization. The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent
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 Judgment on behalf of their respective Parties and have read, understood, and agree to all of the
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 terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment.

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 12 DATED By: 13 Michael Freund, Law Office of Michael Freund Counsel for ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER 14 15 By: 16 Joshua A. Bloom, Barg Coffin Lewis & Trapp, LLP Chunsel for HEALTHWEST MINERALS, INC. 17 18 APPROVED AS TO SUBSTANCE: 19 DATED: By: 20 Chris Heptinstall, Executive Director ENVIRONMENTAL RÉSEARCH CENTER 21 22 DATED: 3-28-14 By: 23 Joe/Stout, Presiden HEALTHWEST MINERALS 24 IT IS SO ORDERED 25 Dated: 26 Judge of the Superior Court 27 28 13 CONSENT JUDGMENT Environmental Research Center v. Healthwest Minerals, Inc.

	EXHIBIT A
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2	Product List
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4	Group 1 Covered Products (Initial Proposition 65 Notice):
5	Yo-Quick! Sensational Strawberry Goat Milk Yogurt
6	Capra Mineral Whey
7	CapraGreens
8	Caprotein Deep <sup>2</sup> 30 Strawberry Splash
	Double Bonded Protein Dark Chocolate
9	CapraFlex
10	CapraCleanse CapraZyme
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12	Group 2 Covered Products (Second Proposition 65 Notice):
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May 17, 2013

### NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.5 *ET SEQ.* (PROPOSITION 65)

Dear Alleged Violator and the Appropriate Public Enforcement Agencies:

I represent Environmental Research Center ("ERC"), 3111 Camino Del Rio North. Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108; Tel. (619) 500-3090. ERC's Executive Director is Chris Heptinstall. ERC is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by bringing about a reduction in the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility.

ERC has identified violations of California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 ("Proposition 65"), which is codified at California Health & Safety Code §25249.5 *et seq.*, with respect to the products identified below. These violations have occurred and continue to occur because the alleged Violator identified below failed to provide required clear and reasonable warnings with these products. This letter serves as a notice of these violations to the alleged Violator and the appropriate public enforcement agencies. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d), ERC intends to file a private enforcement action in the public interest 60 days after effective service of this notice unless the public enforcement agencies have commenced and are diligently prosecuting an action to rectify these violations.

<u>General Information about Proposition 65</u>. A copy of a summary of Proposition 65, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, is enclosed with this letter served to the alleged Violator identified below.

<u>Alleged Violator</u>. The name of the company covered by this notice that violated Proposition 65 (hereinafter the "Violator") is:

Healthwest Minerals, Inc. dba Mt. Capra Products and Mt. Capra Cheese

<u>Consumer Products and Listed Chemicals</u>. The products that are the subject of this notice and the chemical in those products identified as exceeding allowable levels are:

Mt. Capra Products Yo-Quick! Sensational Strawberry Goat Milk Yogurt – Lead Mt. Capra Products Capra Mineral Whey – Lead Mt. Capra Products CapraGreens – Lead Mt. Capra Products Caprotein – Lead Mt. Capra Deep2 30 Strawberry Splash – Lead Mt. Capra Products Double Bonded Protein Dark Chocolate – Lead Mt. Capra Products CapraFlex – Lead Mt. Capra Products CapraFlex – Lead Mt. Capra Products CapraFlex – Lead Mt. Capra Products CapraCleanse – Lead Mt. Capra Products CapraZyme

On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed lead as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity, and male and female reproductive toxicity. On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed lead and lead compounds as chemicals known to cause cancer.

It should be noted that ERC may continue to investigate other products that may reveal further violations and result in subsequent notices of violations.

<u>Route of Exposure</u>. The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the purchase, acquisition, handling and recommended use of these products. Consequently, the primary route of exposure to these chemicals has been and continues to be through ingestion, but may have also occurred and may continue to occur through inhalation and/or dermal contact.

Approximate Time Period of Violations. Ongoing violations have occurred every day since at least May 17, 2010, as well as every day since the products were introduced into the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users or until these known toxic chemicals are either removed from or reduced to allowable levels in the products. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to the identified chemicals. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product label. The Violator violated Proposition 65 because it failed to provide persons handling and/or using these products with appropriate warnings that they are being exposed to these chemicals.

Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and a desire to have these ongoing violations of California law quickly rectified, ERC is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter that includes an enforceable written agreement by the Violator to: (1) reformulate the identified products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemicals, or provide appropriate warnings on the labels of these products; and (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty. Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemicals, as well as an expensive and time consuming litigation.

ERC has retained me as legal counsel in connection with this matter. Please direct all communications regarding this Notice of Violations to my attention at the law office address and telephone number indicated on the letterhead.

Sincerely,

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Michael Freund

Attachments

Certificate of Merit Certificate of Service OEHHA Summary (to Healthwest Minerals, Inc. dba Mt. Capra Products and Mt. Capra Cheese and its Registered Agent for Service of Process only) Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to AG only)

### **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

# Re: Environmental Research Center's Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by Healthwest Minerals, Inc. dba Mt. Capra Products and Mt. Capra Cheese

I, Michael Freund, declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached 60-day notice in which it is alleged that the party identified in the notice violated California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.

2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.

3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemicals that are the subject of the notice.

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5. Along with the copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General is attached additional factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in California Health & Safety Code 25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: May 17, 2013

Michael Freund

Michael Freund

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I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct:

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years of age, and am not a party to the within entitled action. My business address is 306 Joy Street, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742. I am a resident or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. The envelope or package was placed in the mail at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

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Executed on May 17, 2013, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

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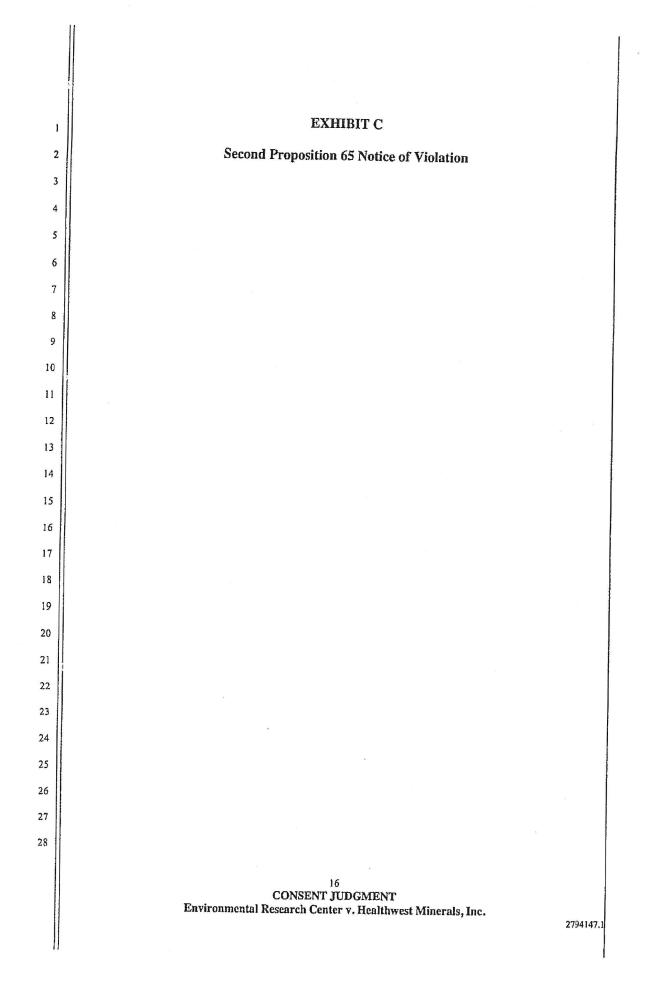
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#### September 13, 2013

### NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.5 *ET SEQ.* (PROPOSITION 65)

Dear Alleged Violator and the Appropriate Public Enforcement Agencies:

I represent Environmental Research Center ("ERC"), 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108; Tel. (619) 500-3090. ERC's Executive Director is Chris Heptinstall. ERC is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by bringing about a reduction in the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility.

ERC has identified violations of California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 ("Proposition 65"), which is codified at California Health & Safety Code §25249.5 *et seq.*, with respect to the products identified below. These violations have occurred and continue to occur because the alleged Violator identified below failed to provide required clear and reasonable warnings with these products. This letter serves as a notice of these violations to the alleged Violator and the appropriate public enforcement agencies. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d), ERC intends to file a private enforcement action in the public interest 60 days after effective service of this notice unless the public enforcement agencies have commenced and are diligently prosecuting an action to rectify these violations.

<u>General Information about Proposition 65.</u> A copy of a summary of Proposition 65, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, is enclosed with this letter served to the alleged Violato. identified below.

<u>Alleged Violator</u>. The name of the company covered by this notice that violated Proposition 65 (hereinafter the "Violator") is:

Healthwest Minerals, Inc. dba Mt. Capra Products and Mt. Capra Cheese

<u>Consumer Products and Listed Chemicals</u>. The products that are the subject of this notice and the chemical in those products identified as exceeding allowable levels are:

Mt. Capra Products Deep2 30 Coconut Dream – Lead Mt. Capra Products Deep2 30 Banana Smoothie – Lead

On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed lead as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity, and male and female reproductive toxicity. On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed lead and lead compounds as chemicals known to cause cancer.

It should be noted that ERC may continue to investigate other products that may reveal further violations and result in subsequent notices of violations.

Route of Exposure. The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the purchase, acquisition, handling and recommended use of these products. Consequently, the primary route of exposure to

these chemicals has been and continues to be through ingestion, but may have also occurred and may continue to occur through inhalation and/or dermal contact.

<u>Approximate Time Period of Violations</u>. Ongoing violations have occurred every day since at least September 13, 2010, as well as every day since the products were introduced into the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users or until these known toxic chemicals are either removed from or reduced to allowable levels in the products. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to the identified chemicals. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product label. The Violator violated Proposition 65 because it failed to provide persons handling and/or using these products with appropriate warnings that they are being exposed to these chemicals.

Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and a desire to have these ongoing violations of California law quickly rectified, ERC is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter that includes an enforceable written agreement by the Violator to: (1) reformulate the identified products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemicals, or provide appropriate warnings on the labels of these products; and (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty. Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemicals, as well as an expensive and time consuming litigation.

ERC has retained me as legal counsel in connection with this matter. Please direct all communications regarding this Notice of Violations to my attention at the law office address and telephone number indicated on the letterhead.

Sincerely,

Michael Freund

Attachments

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