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8	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA			
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10	ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH	CASE NO. CGC-14-541777		
11	CENTER, a California non-profit	THE STATE OF THE S		
12	corporation,	STIPULATED CONSENT JUDGMENT; [PROPOSED] ORDER		
13	Plaintiff,	Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 et seq.		
14	V.	Andrew Fileds Green vilos 22, 2014		
15	FIT FOODS LTD. dba MUTANT MASS and DOES 1-100,	Action Filed: September 23, 2014 Trial Date: None set		
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17	Defendants.			
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20	1. INTRODUCTION			
21	1.1 On September 23, 2014, Plaintiff Environmental Research Center, Inc.			
22	("ERC"), a non-profit corporation, as a private enforcer, and in the public interest, initiated this			
23	action by filing a Complaint for Injunctive and Declaratory relief and Civil Penalties (the			
24	"Complaint") pursuant to the provisions of California Health and Safety Code section 25249.5			
25	et seq. ("Proposition 65"), against Fit Foods Ltd. dba Mutant Mass and DOES 1-100			
26	(collectively "Fit Foods"). In this action, ERC alleges that the following products			

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manufactured, distributed or sold by Fit Foods contain lead, a chemical listed under Proposition

65 as a carcinogen and reproductive toxin, and expose consumers at a level requiring a Proposition 65 warning:

- 1. Fit Foods Distribution Inc. Mutant Pump
- 2. Fit Foods Distribution Inc. Mutant Whey Vanilla Infusion Flavor
- 3. Fit Foods Distribution Inc. Mutant Whey Triple Chocolate Eruption Flavor
- 1.2 ERC is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by reducing the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility.
- 1.3 Fit Foods is a business entity that, at all relevant times for the purpose of this Consent Judgment, employed ten or more persons and qualified as a "person in the course of business" within the meaning of Proposition 65. Fit Foods manufactures, distributes and sells the Covered Products.
- 1.4 ERC and Fit Foods are referred to individually as "Party" or collectively as the "Parties."
- 1.5 The Complaint is based on allegations contained in ERC's Notice of Violation, dated September 13, 2013, that was served on the California Attorney General, other public enforcers, and Fit Foods ("Notice"). A true and correct copy of the Notice is attached as Exhibit A and is hereby incorporated by reference. More than 60 days have passed since the Notice was mailed and uploaded onto the Attorney General's website, and no designated governmental entity has filed a complaint against Fit Foods with regard to the Covered Products or the alleged violations.
- 1.6 ERC's Notice and Complaint allege that use of the Covered Products exposes persons in California to lead without first providing clear and reasonable warnings in violation of California Health and Safety Code section 25249.6. Fit Foods denies all material allegations contained in the Notice and Complaint.
- 1.7 The Parties have entered into this Consent Judgment in order to settle, compromise and resolve disputed claims and thus avoid prolonged and costly litigation.

Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall constitute or be construed as an admission by any of the Parties, or by any of their respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, franchises, licensees, customers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, or retailers. Except for the representations made above, nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission by the Parties of any fact, issue of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with this Consent Judgment be construed as an admission by the Parties of any fact, issue of law, or violation of law, at any time, for any purpose.

- 1.8 Except as expressly set forth herein, nothing in this Consent Judgment shall prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy, argument, or defense the Parties may have in any other or future legal proceeding unrelated to these proceedings.
- 1.9 The Effective Date of this Consent Judgment is the date on which it is entered as a Judgment by this Court.

#### 2. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

For purposes of this Consent Judgment and for any further court action that may become necessary to enforce this Consent Judgment, the Parties stipulate that this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the Complaint, personal jurisdiction over Fit Foods as to the acts alleged in the Complaint, 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 up through and including the Effective Date which were or could have been asserted in this action based on the facts alleged in the Notice and Complaint.

#### 3. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, REFORMULATION, TESTING AND WARNINGS

3.1 Beginning six months from the Effective Date ("Compliance Date"), Fit Foods shall be permanently enjoined from manufacturing for sale in the State of California, "Distributing into the State of California", or directly selling in the State of California, any Covered Product which exposes a person to a "Daily Exposure Level" of more than 0.5 micrograms per day when the maximum suggested dose is taken as directed on the Covered Product's label, unless it meets the warning requirements under Section 3.2.

**3.1.1** As used in Consent Judgment, the term "Distributing into the State of California" shall mean to directly ship a Covered Product into California for sale in California or to sell a Covered Product to a distributor that Fit Foods knows will sell the Covered Product in California.

3.1.2 For purposes of this Consent Judgment, "Daily Lead Exposure Level" shall be measured in micrograms and shall be calculated using the following formula: micrograms of lead per gram of product, multiplied by grams of product per serving of the product (using the largest serving size appearing on the product label), multiplied by servings of the product per day (using the largest number of servings in a recommended dosage appearing on the product label), which equals micrograms of lead exposure per day, excluding amounts of naturally occurring lead in the ingredients listed in the table below in accordance with the Attorney General's Stipulation Modifying Consent Judgments in *People v Warner Lambert, et al* San Fran. Sup. Ct. Case No. 984503 as well as the Cocoa powder allowance listed in the table below.

If at any time after the Compliance Date, ERC tests a Covered Product and the test results indicate that the daily exposure level is greater than 0.5 micrograms per gram, Fit Foods Agrees to Confidentially supply to ERC within 30 days a list of ingredients, including the percentage of each ingredient ("Ingredient List"), of that particular Covered Product so that ERC may be able to calculate the daily exposure based on the allowances contained in the table below. If at any time Fit Foods refuses to provide said Ingredient List to ERC following a test result of greater than 0.5 micrograms per gram, then Fit Foods shall not receive the allowances for that particular Covered Product.

INGREDIENT	NATURALLY OCCURING AMOUNT OF LEAD
Calcium	0.8 micrograms/gram
Ferrous Fumarate	0.4 micrograms/gram
Zinc Oxide	8.0 micrograms/gram
Magnesium Oxide	0.4 micrograms/gram

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Magnesium Carbonate	0.332 micrograms/gram	
Magnesium Hydroxide	0.4 micrograms/gram	
Zinc Gluconate	0.8 micrograms/gram	
Potassium Chloride	1.1 micrograms/gram	
Cocoa-powder	1.0 micrograms/gram	

In the event that a dispute arises with respect to compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment as to any contribution from naturally occurring lead levels under this Section, the Parties shall employ good faith efforts to seek entry of a protective order that governs access to and disclosure of the Ingredient List provided. Should a dispute arise, this Section is subject to the meet and confer requirements and attorney's fees provisions set forth in Section 15 below.

## 3.2 Clear and Reasonable Warnings

If Fit Foods is required to provide a warning pursuant to Section 3.1, then subject to the provisions below, the following warning must be utilized:

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

Fit Foods shall use the phrase "cancer and" in the warning only if the maximum daily dose recommended on the label contains more than 15 micrograms of lead as determined pursuant to the quality control methodology set forth in Section 3.4.

Fit Foods shall provide the warning on one of the following: 1) for website purchases only, on its website, where the warning conspicuously appears prior to a customer's purchase of a product or 2) for non-website purchases, on the label of Fit Foods' products in California.

The warning shall be at least the same size as the largest of any other health or safety warnings correspondingly appearing on the label, container, or website and the word "WARNING" shall be in all capital letters. No other statements about Proposition 65 may visually accompany the warning.

In all instances, Fit Foods must display the above warnings with such conspicuousness, as compared with other words, statements, or design of the label or container, as applicable, to render

the warning likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions of purchase or use of the product.

Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, Fit Foods may use the following safe-harbor warning language in a warning required by Section 3.1 if such warning was displayed on Fit Foods products already in the stream of commerce on the Effective Date: "For California Residents Only. Required Prop 65 Text: WARNING: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm."

#### 3.3 Reformulated Covered Products

A Reformulated Covered Product is one for which the Daily Exposure Level when the maximum suggested dose is taken as directed on the Reformulated Covered Product's label, contains no more than 0.5 micrograms of lead per day as determined by the quality control methodology described in Section 3.4.

### 3.4 Testing and Quality Control Methodology

- 3.4.1 All testing pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be performed using a laboratory method that complies with the performance and quality control factors appropriate for the method used, including limit of detection, qualification, accuracy, and precision that meets the following criteria: Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS) achieving a limit of quantification of less than or equal to 0.010 mg/kg or any other testing method subsequently agreed upon in writing by the Parties.
- 3.4.2 All testing pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be performed by an independent third-party laboratory certified by the California Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program or an independent third-party laboratory that is registered with the United States Food & Drug Administration. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall limit Fit Foods' ability to conduct, or require that others conduct, additional testing of the Covered Products, including the raw materials used in their manufacture.
- 3.4.3 Fit Foods shall arrange, for at least three consecutive years and at least once per year, for the lead testing of three randomly selected samples of each Covered Product in the form intended for sale to the end-user to be distributed or sold in California. Fit Foods

shall continue testing only so long as the Covered Products are sold in California or sold to a third party for retail sale in California. The testing requirements discussed in Section 3.4 are not applicable to any Covered Product for which Fit Foods has provided the warning as specified in Section 3.2. Fit Foods shall retain all test results and documentation for a period of three years from the date of each test.

3.4.5 The injunctive relief set forth in Section 3 shall not apply to any of the Covered Products that are put into the stream of commerce prior to the Compliance Date. No later than the Compliance Date, Fit Foods shall provide ERC with the last lot number for each of the Covered Products in the stream of commerce as of the Effective Date.

#### 4. SETTLEMENT PAYMENT

- 4.1 In full satisfaction of all potential civil penalties, payment in lieu of civil penalties, attorney's fees, and costs, Fit Foods shall make a total payment of \$45,000.00 ("Total Settlement Amount") to ERC within 15 days of the Effective Date. Fit Foods shall make this payment by wire transfer to ERC's escrow account, for which ERC will give Fit Foods the necessary account information.
- 4.2 As a portion of the Total Settlement Amount, \$10,000.00 shall be considered a civil penalty pursuant to California Health and Safety Code §25249.7(b)(1). ERC shall remit 75% (\$7,500.00) of the civil penalty to the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") for deposit in the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Fund in accordance with California Health and Safety Code §25249.12(c). ERC will retain the remaining 25% (\$2,500.00) of the civil penalty.
- 4.3 As a portion of the Total Settlement Amount, \$1,994.26 shall be distributed to Environmental Research Center as reimbursement to ERC for reasonable costs associated with the enforcement of Proposition 65 and \$4,950.61 shall be distributed to Environmental Research Center in lieu of further civil penalties, for the day-to-day business activities such as (1) continued enforcement of Proposition 65, which includes work, analyzing, researching and testing consumer products that may contain Proposition 65 chemicals, focusing on the same or similar type of ingestible products that are the subject matter of the current action; (2) the

continued monitoring of past consent judgments and settlements to ensure companies are in compliance with Proposition 65; and (3) giving a donation of \$248.00 to the Environmental Working Group to address reducing toxic chemical exposures in California.

4.4 \$3,000.00 shall be distributed to Karen Evans as reimbursement of ERC's attorney's fees, \$6,702.50 shall be distributed to Ryan Hoffman as reimbursement of ERC's attorney's fees, \$1,665.00 shall be distributed to Michael Freund as reimbursement of ERC's attorney's fees, and \$16,687.63 shall be distributed to ERC as reimbursement for its in-house legal fees.

#### 5. MODIFICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

- 5.1 This Consent Judgment may be modified only (i) by written stipulation of the Parties or pursuant to Section 5.4 and (ii) upon entry by the Court of a modified consent judgment.
- 5.2 If Fit Foods seeks to modify this Consent Judgment under Section 5.1, then Fit Foods must provide written notice to ERC of its intent ("Notice of Intent"). If ERC seeks to meet and confer regarding the proposed modification in the Notice of Intent, then ERC must provide written notice to Fit Foods within thirty days of receiving the Notice of Intent. If ERC notifies Fit Foods in a timely manner of ERC's intent to meet and confer, then the Parties shall meet and confer in good faith as required in this Section. The Parties shall meet in person or via telephone within thirty (30) days of ERC's notification of its intent to meet and confer. Within thirty days of such meeting, if ERC disputes the proposed modification, ERC shall provide to Fit Foods a written basis for its position. The Parties shall continue to meet and confer for an additional thirty (30) days in an effort to resolve any remaining disputes. Should it become necessary, the Parties may agree in writing to different deadlines for the meet-and-confer period.
- 5.3 In the event that Fit Foods initiates or otherwise requests a modification under Section 5.1 for its primary benefit, and the meet and confer process leads to a joint motion or application of the Consent Judgment, Fit Foods shall reimburse ERC its costs and

reasonable attorney's fees for the time spent in the meet-and-confer process and filing and arguing the motion or application, such costs and fees not to exceed \$10,000.

5.4 Where the meet-and-confer process does not lead to a joint motion or application in support of a modification of the Consent Judgment, then either Party may seek judicial relief on its own. In such a situation, the prevailing party may seek to recover costs and reasonable attorney's fees. As used in the preceding sentence, the term "prevailing party" means a party who is successful in obtaining relief more favorable to it than the relief that the other party was amenable to providing during the Parties' good faith attempt to resolve the dispute that is the subject of the modification.

# 6. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION, ENFORCEMENT OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

- 6.1 This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to enforce, modify or terminate this Consent Judgment.
- 6.2 If ERC alleges that any Covered Product fails to qualify as a Reformulated Covered Product (for which ERC alleges that no warning has been provided), then ERC shall inform Fit Foods in a reasonably prompt manner of its test results, including information sufficient to permit Fit Foods to identify the Covered Products at issue. Fit Foods shall, within thirty days following such notice, provide ERC with testing information, from an independent third-party laboratory meeting the requirements of Sections 3.4.1 and 3.4.2, demonstrating Fit Foods' compliance with the Consent Judgment, if warranted. The Parties shall first attempt to resolve the matter prior to ERC taking any further legal action.

#### 7. APPLICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

This Consent Judgment may apply to, be binding upon, and benefit the Parties and their respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, franchisees, licensees, customers (excluding private labelers), distributors, wholesalers, retailers, predecessors, successors, and assigns. This Consent Judgment shall have no application to Covered Products which are distributed or sold exclusively outside the State of California and which are not used by California consumers.

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#### 8. BINDING EFFECT, CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

- 8.1 This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between ERC, on behalf of itself and in the public interest, and Fit Foods, 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. ERC, on behalf of itself and in the public interest, hereby discharges Fit Foods and its respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, suppliers, franchisees, licensees, customers (not including private label customers of Fit Foods), 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, "Released Parties"), from any and all 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 on the Covered Products regarding lead.
- 8.2 ERC on the one hand and Fit Foods on the other, further waive and release any and all claims they may have against each other for all actions or statements made or undertaken in the course of seeking or opposing enforcement of Proposition 65 in connection with the Notice or Complaint up through and including the Effective Date, 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.
- 8.3 It is possible that other claims not known to ERC and Fit Foods arising out of the facts alleged in the Notice or the Complaint and relating to the Covered Products will develop or be discovered. ERC and Fit Foods acknowledge that this Consent Judgment is expressly intended to cover and include all such claims up through the Effective Date, including all rights of action therefore. ERC and Fit Foods acknowledge that the claims

released in Sections 8.1 and 8.2 above may include unknown claims, and nevertheless waive 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 and Fit Foods acknowledge and understand the significance and consequences of this specific waiver of California Civil Code section 1542.

- **8.4** Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment shall be deemed to constitute compliance with Proposition 65 by any releasee regarding alleged exposures to lead as set forth in the Notice and Complaint.
- 8.5 Nothing in this Consent Judgment is intended to apply to any occupational or environmental exposures arising under Proposition 65, nor shall it apply to any of Fit Foods' products other than the Covered Products.

#### 9. SEVERABILITY OF UNENFORCEABLE PROVISIONS

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

#### 10. GOVERNING LAW

The terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

#### 11. PROVISION OF NOTICE

All notices required to be given to either Party to this Consent Judgment by the other shall be in writing and sent to the following agents listed below by: (a) first-class, registered, or certified mail; (b) overnight courier; or (c) personal delivery. Courtesy copies via email may also be sent.

#### FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER:

Chris Heptinstall, Executive Director, Environmental Research Center

3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400

1	San Diego, CA 92108		
2	Tel: (619) 500-3090		
3	Email: chris_erc501c3@yahoo.com		
4	With a copy to:		
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6	Ryan Hoffman		
7	Michael Freund & Associates		
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12	FOR FIT FOODS CORPORATION		
13	Greg Sperla		
14	Anthony Cortez		
15	Jim Mattesich		
16	Greenberg Traurig, LLP		
17	1201 K St. Suite 1100,		
18	Sacramento, CA 95814		
19	12. COURT APPROVAL		
20	12.1 Upon execution of this Consent Judgment by the Parties, ERC shall notice a		
21	Motion for Court Approval. The Parties shall use their best efforts to support entry of this		
22	Consent Judgment.		
23	12.2 If the California Attorney General objects to any term in this Consent		
24	Judgment, the Parties shall use their best efforts to resolve the concern in a timely manner, and		
25	if possible prior to the hearing on the motion.		
26	12.3 If this Stipulated Consent Judgment is not approved by the Court, it shall be		
27	void and have no force or effect.		

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#### 13. EXECUTION AND COUNTERPARTS

This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts, which taken together shall be deemed to constitute one document. A facsimile or .pdf signature shall be construed as valid as the original signature.

#### 14. DRAFTING

The terms of this Consent Judgment have been reviewed by the respective counsel for each Party prior to its signing, and each Party has had an opportunity to fully discuss the terms with counsel. The Parties agree that, in any subsequent interpretation and construction of this Consent Judgment entered thereon, the terms and provisions shall not be construed against any Party.

#### 15. GOOD FAITH ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE DISPUTES

If a dispute arises with respect to either Party's compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment entered by the Court, the Parties shall meet in person or by telephone and endeavor to resolve the dispute in an amicable manner. No action or motion may be filed in the absence of such a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute beforehand. In the event an action or motion is filed, however, the prevailing party may seek to recover costs and reasonable attorney's fees. As used in the preceding sentence, the term "prevailing party" means a party who is successful in obtaining relief more favorable to it than the relief that the other party was amenable to providing during the Parties' good faith attempt to resolve the dispute that is the subject of such enforcement action.

## 16. ENTIRE AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZATION

16.1 This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter herein, and any and all prior discussions, negotiations, commitments and understandings related hereto. No representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those contained herein have been made by any Party. No other agreements, oral or otherwise, unless specifically referred to herein, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any Party.

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9   10	Based upon the Parties' Stipulation, and good of	cause appearing, this Consent Judgment is
11	approved and Judgment is hereby entered according to r	ts terms.
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1	16.2 Each signs	atory to this Consent Judgment certifies that he or she	is fully	
2	authorized by the Party he or she represents to stipulate to this Consent Judgment. Except as			
3	explicitly provided herein, each	explicitly provided herein, each Party shall bear its own fees and costs.		
4	17. REQUEST FOR FIN	17. REQUEST FOR FINDINGS, APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AND ENTRY OF		
5	CONSENT JUDGMENT			
6	This Consent Judgment has come before the Court upon the request of the Parties. The			
7	Parties request the Court to	fully review this Consent Judgment and, being fully in	ıformed	
8	regarding the matters which are	e the subject of this action, to:		
9	(1) Find that the te	erms and provisions of this Consent Judgment represent a f	fair and	
10	equitable settlement of all matters raised by the allegations of the Complaint, that the matter has			
11	been diligently prosecuted, and that the public interest is served by such settlement; and			
12	(2) Make the findings pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section		section	
13	25249.7(f)(4), approve the Settlement, and approve this Consent Judgment.			
14	IT IS SO STIPULATED:	ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH		
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September 13, 2013

### NOTICE OF VIOLATION 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:

#### Fit Foods Ltd. dba Mutant Mass

<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:

Fit Foods Distribution Inc. Mutant Pump – Lead

Fit Foods Distribution Inc. Mutant Whey Vanilla Infusion Flavor - Lead

Fit Foods Distribution Inc. Mutant Whey Triple Chocolate Eruption Flavor – 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 Violation.



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**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.

Approximate Time Period of Violation. 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 Violation to my attention at the law office address and telephone number indicated on the letterhead or at rrhoffma@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Ryan Hoffman

#### Attachments

Certificate of Merit Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to Fit Foods Ltd. dba Mutant Mass and its Legal Correspondent for Service of Process only)

Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to AG only)

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

Re: Environmental Research Center's Notice of Proposition 65 Violation by Fit Foods Ltd. dba Mutant Mass

### I, Ryan Hoffman, 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.
- 4. Based on the information obtained through those consultants, and on other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiff's case can be established and that the information did not prove that the alleged Violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.
- 5. 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: September 13, 2013

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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.

On September 13, 2013, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5** *ET SEQ.*; **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**; "THE SAFE DRINKING WATER **AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY**" on the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party listed below and depositing it at a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Registered Mail:

Current President or CEO Fit Foods Ltd. dba Mutant Mass PO Box 43 Station Main Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 3V5 Canada Current President or CEO Fit Foods Ltd. dba Mutant Mass 1551 Broadway Street Unit 101 Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 6N9 Canada

Dean A. Palmer Legal Correspondent for Fit Foods Ltd. dba Mutant Mass Dean Palmer IP Law & IPR Box 32, Suite 950-609 West Hastings Street Vancouver, BC V6B 4W4 Canada

On September 13, 2013, I electronically served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5** *ET SEQ.*; **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.7(d)(1)** on the following party by uploading a true and correct copy thereof on the California Attorney General's website, which can be accessed at https://oag.ca.gov/prop65/add-60-day-notice:

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

On September 13, 2013, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5** *ET SEQ.*; **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT** on each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto, and depositing it at a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Priority Mail.

Executed on September 13, 2013, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Tiffany Capehart

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#### APPENDIX A

# OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY

The following summary has been prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), the lead agency for the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (commonly known as "Proposition 65"). A copy of this summary must be included as an attachment to any notice of violation served upon an alleged violator of the Act. The summary provides basic information about the provisions of the law, and is intended to serve only as a convenient source of general information. It is not intended to provide authoritative guidance on the meaning or application of the law. The reader is directed to the statute and OEHHA's implementing regulations (see citations below) for further information.

FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BASIS FOR THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE RELATED TO YOUR BUSINESS, CONTACT THE PERSON IDENTIFIED ON THE NOTICE.

Proposition 65 appears in California law as Health and Safety Code Sections 25249.5 through 25249.13. The statute is available online at:

http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65law72003.html. Regulations that provide more specific guidance on compliance, and that specify procedures to be followed by the State in carrying out certain aspects of the law, are found in Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 25102 through 27001.<sup>1</sup> These implementing regulations are available online at: http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65Regs.html.

#### WHAT DOES PROPOSITION 65 REQUIRE?

The "Governor's List." Proposition 65 requires the Governor to publish a list of chemicals that are known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity. This means that chemicals are placed on the Proposition 65 list if they are known to cause cancer and/or birth defects or other reproductive harm, such as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All further regulatory references are to sections of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations unless otherwise indicated. The statute, regulations and relevant case law are available on the OEHHA website at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html.

damage to female or male reproductive systems or to the developing fetus. This list must be updated at least once a year. The current Proposition 65 list of chemicals is available on the OEHHA website at:

http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65 list/Newlist.html.

Only those chemicals that are on the list are regulated under this law. Businesses that produce, use, release or otherwise engage in activities involving listed chemicals must comply with the following:

Clear and reasonable warnings. A business is required to warn a person before "knowingly and intentionally" exposing that person to a listed chemical unless an exemption applies; for example, when exposures are sufficiently low (see below). The warning given must be "clear and reasonable." This means that the warning must: (1) clearly make known that the chemical involved is known to cause cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm and (2) be given in such a way that it will effectively reach the person before he or she is exposed. Some exposures are exempt from the warning requirement under certain circumstances discussed below.

**Prohibition from discharges into drinking water.** A business must not knowingly discharge or release a listed chemical into water or onto land where it passes or probably will pass into a source of drinking water. Some discharges are exempt from this requirement under certain circumstances discussed below.

#### DOES PROPOSITION 65 PROVIDE ANY EXEMPTIONS?

Yes. You should consult the current version of the statute and regulations (http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html) to determine all applicable exemptions, the most common of which are the following:

**Grace Period.** Proposition 65 warning requirements do not apply until 12 months after the chemical has been listed. The Proposition 65 discharge prohibition does not apply to a discharge or release of a chemical that takes place less than 20 months after the listing of the chemical.

Governmental agencies and public water utilities. All agencies of the federal, state or local government, as well as entities operating public water systems, are exempt.

**Businesses with nine or fewer employees.** Neither the warning requirement nor the discharge prohibition applies to a business that employs a total of nine or fewer employees. This includes all employees, not just those present in California.

Exposures that pose no significant risk of cancer. For chemicals that are listed as known to the State to cause cancer ("carcinogens"), a warning is not required if the business can demonstrate that the exposure occurs at a level that poses "no significant risk." This means that the exposure is calculated to result in not more than one excess case of cancer in 100,000 individuals exposed over a 70-year lifetime. The Proposition 65 regulations identify specific "No Significant Risk Levels" (NSRLs) for many listed carcinogens. Exposures below these levels are exempt from the warning requirement. See OEHHA's website at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html for a list of NSRLs, and Section 25701 et seq. of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures that will produce no observable reproductive effect at 1,000 times the level in question. For chemicals known to the State to cause reproductive toxicity, a warning is not required if the business can demonstrate that the exposure will produce no observable effect, even at 1,000 times the level in question. In other words, the level of exposure must be below the "no observable effect level" divided by a 1,000. This number is known as the Maximum Allowable Dose Level (MADL). See OEHHA's website at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html for a list of MADLs, and Section 25801 et seq. of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures to Naturally Occurring Chemicals in a Food. Certain exposures to chemicals that occur in foods naturally (i.e., that do not result from any known human activity, including activity by someone other than the person causing the exposure) are exempt from the warning requirements of the law. If the chemical is a contaminant<sup>2</sup> it must be reduced to the lowest level feasible. Regulations explaining this exemption can be found in Section 25501.

Discharges that do not result in a "significant amount" of the listed chemical entering into any source of drinking water. The prohibition from discharges into drinking water does not apply if the discharger is able to demonstrate that a "significant amount" of the listed chemical has not, does not, or will not pass into or probably pass into a source of drinking water, and that the discharge complies with all other applicable laws, regulations, permits, requirements, or orders. A "significant amount" means any detectable amount, except an amount that would meet the "no significant risk" level for chemicals that cause cancer or that is 1,000 times below the "no observable effect" level for chemicals that cause reproductive toxicity, if an individual were exposed to that amount in drinking water.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Section 25501(a)(4)

#### **HOW IS PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCED?**

Enforcement is carried out through civil lawsuits. These lawsuits may be brought by the Attorney General, any district attorney, or certain city attorneys. Lawsuits may also be brought by private parties acting in the public interest, but only after providing notice of the alleged violation to the Attorney General, the appropriate district attorney and city attorney, and the business accused of the violation. The notice must provide adequate information to allow the recipient to assess the nature of the alleged violation. The notice must comply with the information and procedural requirements specified in Section 25903 of the regulations and in Title 11, sections 3100-3103. A private party may not pursue an independent enforcement action under Proposition 65 if one of the governmental officials noted above initiates an action within sixty days of the notice.

A business found to be in violation of Proposition 65 is subject to civil penalties of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation. In addition, the business may be ordered by a court to stop committing the violation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAW OR REGULATIONS...

Contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900 or via e-mail at P65Public.Comments@oehha.ca.gov.

Revised: July, 2012

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 25249.12, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 25249.5, 25249.6, 25249.9, 25249.10 and 25249.11, Health and Safety Code.