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18 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
19 **COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

20 **ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH**  
21 **CENTER, INC., a California non-profit**  
22 **corporation**

23 **Plaintiff,**

24 **vs.**

25 **RISEANDSHINE CORPORATION,**  
26 **individually and dba RISE BREWING CO.;**  
27 **and DOES 1-100**

28 **Defendants.**

**CASE NO. 23CV031518**

**AMENDED STIPULATED CONSENT**  
**JUDGMENT**

Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 *et seq.*

Action Filed: April 18, 2023

Trial Date: None set

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 On April 18, 2023, Plaintiff Environmental Research Center, Inc. (“ERC”), a non-profit corporation, as a private enforcer and in the public interest, initiated this action by filing a Complaint for Injunctive and Declaratory Relief and Civil Penalties (the “Complaint”) pursuant to the provisions of California Health and Safety Code section 25249.5 *et seq.*

1 (“Proposition 65”), against RiseandShine Corporation, individually and dba Rise Brewing Co.  
2 (“Rise Brewing Co.”) and Does 1-100. In this action, ERC alleges that a number of products  
3 manufactured, distributed, or sold by Rise Brewing Co. contain lead and/or mercury, chemicals  
4 listed under Proposition 65 as carcinogens and/or reproductive toxins, and expose consumers  
5 to these chemicals at a level requiring a Proposition 65 warning. These products (referred to  
6 hereinafter individually as a “Covered Product” or collectively as “Covered Products”) are the  
7 following flavored coffee beverages manufactured, distributed, or sold by Rise Brewing Co.::  
8 (1) Rise Brewing Co. Oat Milk Mocha Nitro Cold Brew Coffee Dairy Free (lead), (2) Rise  
9 Brewing Co. Oat Milk Latte Organic Cold Brew Coffee Dairy Free Caffeine Level 2 (lead), (3)  
10 Rise Brewing Co. Oat Milk Vanilla Organic Cold Brew Coffee Dairy Free Caffeine Level 2  
11 (lead, mercury), and (4) Rise Brewing Co. Organic Oat Milk Original Dairy Free (lead,  
12 mercury).

13 **1.2** ERC and Rise Brewing Co. are hereinafter referred to individually as a “Party”  
14 or collectively as the “Parties.”

15 **1.3** ERC is a 501 (c)(3) California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other  
16 causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by reducing the use and misuse of  
17 hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees,  
18 and encouraging corporate responsibility.

19 **1.4** For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the Parties agree that Rise Brewing Co. is  
20 a business entity that has employed ten or more persons at all times relevant to this action and  
21 qualifies as a “person in the course of doing business” within the meaning of Proposition 65. Rise  
22 Brewing Co. manufactures, distributes, and/or sells the Covered Products.

23 **1.5** The Complaint is based on allegations contained in ERC’s Notices of Violation  
24 dated January 5, 2023 and January 20, 2023 that were served on the California Attorney  
25 General, other public enforcers, and Rise Brewing Co. (“Notices”). True and correct copies of  
26 the 60-Day Notices dated January 5, 2023 and January 20, 2023 are attached hereto as  
27 **Exhibits A and B** and each is incorporated herein by reference. More than 60 days have passed  
28 since the Notices were served on the Attorney General, public enforcers, and Rise Brewing Co.

1 and no designated governmental entity has filed a Complaint against Rise Brewing Co. with  
2 regard to the Covered Products or the alleged violations.

3 **1.6** ERC's Notices and Complaint allege that use of the Covered Products by  
4 California consumers exposes them to lead and/or mercury without first receiving clear and  
5 reasonable warnings from Rise Brewing Co., which is in violation of California Health and  
6 Safety Code section 25249.6. Rise Brewing Co. denies all material allegations contained in the  
7 Notices and Complaint and maintains it is and has always been in compliance with California  
8 Health and Safety Code section 25249.5 *et seq.*

9 **1.7** The Parties have entered into this Consent Judgment in order to settle,  
10 compromise, and resolve disputed claims and thus avoid prolonged and costly litigation.  
11 Nothing in this Consent Judgment nor compliance with this Consent Judgment shall constitute  
12 or be construed as an admission by any of the Parties or by any of their respective officers,  
13 directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions,  
14 franchisees, licensees, customers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, or retailers of any fact,  
15 issue of law, or violation of law. This Consent Judgment is the product of negotiation and  
16 compromise and is accepted by the Parties solely for the purpose of settling, compromising,  
17 and resolving the issues in dispute in this action.

18 **1.8** Except as expressly set forth herein, nothing in this Consent Judgment shall  
19 prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy, argument, or defense the Parties may have in  
20 any current or future legal proceeding unrelated to these proceedings.

21 **1.9** The Effective Date of this Consent Judgment is the date on which it is entered  
22 as a Judgment by this Court. The Compliance Date of this Consent Judgment is the latter of the  
23 Effective Date or January 26, 2024.

## 24 **2. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

25 For purposes of this Consent Judgment and any further court action that may become  
26 necessary to enforce this Consent Judgment, the Parties stipulate that this Court has subject matter  
27 jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the Complaint and personal jurisdiction  
28 over Rise Brewing Co. as to the acts alleged in the Complaint, that venue is proper in Alameda

1 County, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Judgment as a full and final  
2 resolution of all claims up through and including the Effective Date that were or could have been  
3 asserted in this action based on the facts alleged in the Notices and Complaint.

4 **3. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, REFORMULATION, TESTING AND WARNINGS**

5 **3.1** Beginning on the Compliance Date, Rise Brewing Co. shall be permanently  
6 enjoined from manufacturing for sale in the State of California, “Distributing into the State of  
7 California,” or directly selling in the State of California, any Covered Product that exposes a  
8 person to a “Daily Lead Exposure Level” of more than 0.5 micrograms of lead per day and/or  
9 “Daily Mercury Exposure Level” of more than 0.3 micrograms of mercury per day unless it  
10 meets the warning requirements under Section 3.2, as determined based on the Testing and  
11 Quality Control Methodology in Section 3.4.

12 **3.1.1** As used in this Consent Judgment, the terms “Distributing into the State  
13 of California” and “Distributed into the State of California” shall mean to directly ship a  
14 Covered Product into California for sale in California or to sell a Covered Product to a  
15 distributor that Rise Brewing Co. knows will sell the Covered Product in California.

16 **3.1.2** For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the “Daily Lead Exposure  
17 Level” shall be measured in micrograms, and shall be calculated using the following formula:  
18 micrograms of lead per gram of product, multiplied by grams of product per serving of the  
19 product (using the largest serving size appearing on the product label), multiplied by servings  
20 of the product per day (using the largest number of recommended daily servings appearing on  
21 the label), which equals micrograms of lead exposure per day. If the label contains no  
22 recommended daily servings, then the number of recommended daily servings shall be one.

23 **3.1.3** For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the “Daily Mercury Exposure  
24 Level” shall be measured in micrograms, and shall be calculated using the following formula:  
25 micrograms of mercury per gram of product, multiplied by grams of product per serving of the  
26 product (using the largest serving size appearing on the product label), multiplied by servings  
27 of the product per day (using the largest number of recommended daily servings appearing on  
28 the label), which equals micrograms of mercury exposure per day. If the label contains no

1 recommended daily servings, then the number of recommended daily servings shall be one.

### 2 **3.2 Clear and Reasonable Warnings**

3 If Rise Brewing Co. is required to provide a warning pursuant to Section 3.1, the  
4 following warning must be utilized (“Warning”):

5 **WARNING:** Consuming this product can expose you to chemicals including [lead] [and]  
6 [mercury] which is [are] known to the State of California to cause [cancer and] birth defects  
7 or other reproductive harm. For more information go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/food](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/food).

8 Rise Brewing Co. shall use the phrase “cancer and” in the Warning if Rise Brewing Co.  
9 has reason to believe that the “Daily Lead Exposure Level” is greater than 15 micrograms of lead  
10 as determined pursuant to the quality control methodology set forth in Section 3.4 or if Rise  
11 Brewing Co. has reason to believe that another Proposition 65 chemical is present which may  
12 require a cancer warning. As identified in the brackets, the warning shall appropriately reflect  
13 whether there is lead, mercury, or both chemicals present in each of the Covered Products, but if  
14 there is a chemical present at a level that requires a cancer warning, the chemical requiring use of  
15 the phrase “cancer and” in the Warning shall always be identified.

16 The Warning shall be securely affixed to or printed upon the label of each Covered  
17 Product and it must be set off from other surrounding information and enclosed in a box.  
18 In addition, for any Covered Product sold over the internet, the Warning shall be provided by  
19 including either the Warning or a clearly marked hyperlink using the word “**WARNING**” in  
20 all capital and bold letters on the Covered Product’s primary product display page, or by  
21 otherwise prominently displaying the Warning to the customer prior to completing the  
22 purchase. If the Warning is provided by a clearly marked hyperlink, the hyperlink must go  
23 directly to a page prominently displaying the Warning without content that detracts from the  
24 Warning. A Warning is not prominently displayed if the purchaser has to search for it in the  
25 general content of the website. If the Warning is provided on the checkout page, when a  
26 California delivery address is indicated for any purchase of any Covered Product, an asterisk or  
27 other identifying method must be utilized to identify which products on the checkout page are  
28 subject to the Warning.

1 The Warning shall be at least the same size as the largest of any other health or safety  
2 warnings also appearing on the website or on the label and the word “**WARNING**” shall be in all  
3 capital letters and in bold print. No statements intended to or likely to have the effect of  
4 diminishing the impact of the Warning on the average lay person shall accompany the Warning.  
5 Further no statements may accompany the Warning that state or imply that the source of the listed  
6 chemical has an impact on or results in a less harmful effect of the listed chemical.

7 Rise Brewing Co. must display the above Warning with such conspicuousness, as  
8 compared with other words, statements or designs on the label, or on its website, if applicable, to  
9 render the Warning likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary  
10 conditions of purchase or use of the product. Where a sign or label used to provide the Warning  
11 for a Covered Product includes consumer information about the Covered Product in a language  
12 other than English, the Warning must also be provided in that language in addition to English.

13 For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term “label” means a display of written,  
14 printed or graphic material that is printed on or affixed to a Covered Product or its immediate  
15 container or wrapper.

### 16 **3.3 Conforming Covered Products**

17 A Conforming Covered Product is a Covered Product for which the “Daily Lead Exposure  
18 Level” is no greater than 0.5 micrograms of lead per day and/or the “Daily Mercury Exposure  
19 Level” is no greater than 0.3 micrograms of mercury per day as determined by the exposure  
20 methodology set forth in Section 3.1.2 and based on the quality control methodology described in  
21 Section 3.4.

### 22 **3.4 Testing and Quality Control Methodology**

23 **3.4.1** Beginning within one year after the Effective Date, Rise Brewing Co.  
24 shall arrange for lead and mercury testing of the Covered Products at least once a year for a  
25 minimum of two (2) consecutive years by arranging for testing of three (3) randomly selected  
26 samples of each of the Covered Products, in the form intended for sale to the end-user, which  
27 Rise Brewing Co. intends to sell or is manufacturing for sale in California, directly selling to a  
28 consumer in California or “Distributing into the State of California.” If tests conducted pursuant

1 to this Section demonstrate that no Warning is required for a Covered Product during each of two  
2 (2) consecutive years, then the testing requirements of this Section will no longer be required as  
3 to that Covered Product. However, if during or after the two-year testing period, Rise Brewing  
4 Co. changes ingredient suppliers for any of the Covered Products and/or materially changes the  
5 formula of any of the Covered Products, Rise Brewing Co. shall test that Covered Product  
6 annually for at least two (2) consecutive years after such change is made.

7 **3.4.2** For purposes of measuring the “Daily Lead Exposure Level” and/or the  
8 “Daily Mercury Exposure Level,” the highest lead and/or mercury detection result of the three  
9 (3) randomly selected samples of the Covered Products will be controlling.

10 **3.4.3** All testing pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be performed using a  
11 laboratory method that complies with the performance and quality control factors appropriate  
12 for the method used, including limit of detection and limit of quantification, sensitivity,  
13 accuracy and precision that meets the following criteria: Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass  
14 Spectrometry (“ICP-MS”) achieving a limit of quantification of less than or equal to 0.005  
15 mg/kg.

16 **3.4.4** All testing pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be performed by an  
17 independent third party laboratory certified by the California Environmental Laboratory  
18 Accreditation Program or an independent third-party laboratory that is registered with the  
19 United States Food & Drug Administration.

20 **3.4.5** Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall limit Rise Brewing Co.’s ability  
21 to conduct, or require that others conduct, additional testing of the Covered Products, including  
22 the raw materials used in their manufacture.

23 **3.4.6** Within thirty (30) days of ERC’s written request, Rise Brewing Co. shall  
24 deliver lab reports obtained pursuant to Section 3.4, including any original and/or outlier lab  
25 results referenced in Section 3.4.4, to ERC. Rise Brewing Co. shall retain all test results and  
26 documentation for a period of two (2) years from the date of each test.

27 **3.5** Nothing in Section 3 of this Consent Judgment shall preclude ERC from  
28 conducting its own testing for purposes of enforcement, so long as such testing meets the

1 requirements of Sections 3.4.3 and 3.4.4.

2 **4. SETTLEMENT PAYMENT**

3 **4.1** In full satisfaction of all potential civil penalties, additional settlement  
4 payments, attorney’s fees, and costs, Rise Brewing Co. shall make a total payment of  
5 \$95,800.00 (“Total Settlement Amount”) to ERC in two periodic payments (the “Periodic  
6 Payments”) according to the following payment schedule (“Due Dates”):

- 7 • Payment 1 -- \$47,900.00 within 35 days of the Effective Date
- 8 • Payment 2 -- \$47,900.00 within 65 days of the Effective Date.

9 Rise Brewing Co. shall make these payments by wire transfer to ERC’s account. ERC will  
10 give Rise Brewing Co. the necessary account information at least five (5) days prior to the first  
11 Due Date. Rise Brewing Co. shall be excused from any payment for the duration of time ERC  
12 fails to provide the necessary account information. The Total Settlement Amount shall be  
13 apportioned as follows:

14 **4.2** \$22,500.00 shall be considered a civil penalty pursuant to California Health and  
15 Safety Code section 25249.7(b)(1). ERC shall remit 75% (\$16,875.00) of the civil penalty to  
16 the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (“OEHHA”) for deposit in the Safe  
17 Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Fund in accordance with California Health and Safety  
18 Code section 25249.12(c). ERC will retain the remaining 25% (\$5,625.00) of the civil penalty.

19 **4.3** \$4,038.20 shall be distributed to ERC as reimbursement to ERC for reasonable  
20 costs incurred in bringing this action.

21 **4.4** \$16,500.00 shall be distributed to ERC as an Additional Settlement Payment  
22 (“ASP”), pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 11, sections 3203, subdivision (d)  
23 and 3204. ERC will utilize the ASP for activities that address the same public harm as  
24 allegedly caused by Defendant in this matter. These activities are detailed below and support  
25 ERC’s overarching goal of reducing and/or eliminating hazardous and toxic chemicals in  
26 dietary supplement products in California. ERC’s activities have had, and will continue to  
27 have, a direct and primary effect within the State of California because California consumers  
28 will be benefitted by the reduction and/or elimination of exposure to lead and/or mercury in



1 dietary supplements and/or by providing clear and reasonable warnings to California  
2 consumers prior to ingestion of the products.

3           Based on a review of past years' actual budgets, ERC is providing the following list of  
4 activities ERC engages in to protect California consumers through Proposition 65 citizen  
5 enforcement, along with a breakdown of how ASP funds will be utilized to facilitate those  
6 activities: (1) ENFORCEMENT (up to 65-80%): obtaining, shipping, analyzing, and testing  
7 dietary supplement products that may contain lead and/or mercury and are sold to California  
8 consumers. This work includes continued monitoring and enforcement of past consent  
9 judgments and settlements to ensure companies are in compliance with their obligations  
10 thereunder, with a specific focus on those judgments and settlements concerning lead and/or  
11 mercury. This work also includes investigation of new companies that ERC does not obtain  
12 any recovery through settlement or judgment; (2) VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE PROGRAM  
13 (up to 10-20%): maintaining ERC's Voluntary Compliance Program by acquiring products  
14 from companies, developing and maintaining a case file, testing products from these  
15 companies, providing the test results and supporting documentation to the companies, and  
16 offering guidance in warning or implementing a self-testing program for lead and/or mercury  
17 in dietary supplement products; and (3) "GOT LEAD" PROGRAM (up to 5%): maintaining  
18 ERC's "Got Lead?" Program which reduces the numbers of contaminated products that reach  
19 California consumers by providing access to free testing for lead in dietary supplement  
20 products (Products submitted to the program are screened for ingredients which are suspected  
21 to be contaminated, and then may be purchased by ERC, catalogued, sent to a qualified  
22 laboratory for testing, and the results shared with the consumer that submitted the product).

23           ERC shall be fully accountable in that it will maintain adequate records to document  
24 and will be able to demonstrate how the ASP funds will be spent and can assure that the funds  
25 are being spent only for the proper, designated purposes described in this Consent Judgment.  
26 ERC shall provide the Attorney General, within thirty days of any request, copies of  
27 documentation demonstrating how such funds have been spent.

28           **4.5**     \$16,639.00 shall be distributed to Aqua Terra Aeris Law Group as

1 reimbursement of ERC's attorney's fees, while \$36,122.80 shall be distributed to ERC for its  
2 in-house legal fees. Except as explicitly provided herein, each Party shall bear its own fees and  
3 costs.

4 **4.6** In the event that Rise Brewing Co. fails to remit, in full, any of the Periodic  
5 Payments owed pursuant to Section 4.1 of this Consent Judgment on or before the applicable  
6 Due Date, Rise Brewing Co. shall be deemed to be in material breach of its obligations under  
7 this Consent Judgment. ERC shall provide written notice of the delinquency to Rise Brewing Co.  
8 via electronic mail. If Rise Brewing Co. fails to deliver the delinquent payment within five (5)  
9 days from the written notice, the Total Settlement Amount, less any amounts previously paid  
10 pursuant to Section 4.1, shall be immediately due and owing and shall accrue interest at the  
11 statutory judgment interest rate provided in the California Code of Civil Procedure section  
12 685.010. Additionally, Rise Brewing Co. agrees to pay ERC's reasonable attorney's fees and  
13 costs for any efforts to collect the payments due under this Consent Judgment.

## 14 **5. MODIFICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT**

15 **5.1** This Consent Judgment may be modified only as to injunctive terms (i) by written  
16 stipulation of the Parties and upon entry by the Court of a modified consent judgment or (ii) by  
17 motion of either Party pursuant to Section 5.3 and upon entry by the Court of a modified consent  
18 judgment.

19 **5.2** If either Party seeks to modify this Consent Judgment under Section 5.1, then  
20 that Party must provide written notice to the other Party of its intent ("Notice of Intent"). If the  
21 recipient Party seeks to meet and confer regarding the proposed modification in the Notice of  
22 Intent, then that Party must provide written notice to the other Party within thirty (30) days of  
23 receiving the Notice of Intent. If the Party notifies the other Party in a timely manner of its  
24 intent to meet and confer, then the Parties shall meet and confer in good faith as required in  
25 this Section. The Parties shall meet in person or via telephone within thirty (30) days of the  
26 notification of its intent to meet and confer. Within thirty (30) days of such meeting, if either  
27 Party disputes the proposed modification, then it shall provide to the other Party a written basis  
28 for its position within thirty days (30) of the meet and confer. The Parties shall continue to

1 meet and confer for an additional thirty (30) days in an effort to resolve any remaining  
2 disputes. Should it become necessary, the Parties may agree in writing to different deadlines  
3 for the meet-and-confer period.

4 **5.3** In the event that Rise Brewing initiates or otherwise requests a modification  
5 under Section 5.1, and the meet and confer process leads to a joint motion or joint application  
6 for a modification of the Consent Judgment, then Rise Brewing shall reimburse ERC its costs  
7 and reasonable attorneys' fees for the time spent in the meet and confer process and in filing  
8 and arguing the motion or application.

9 **6. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION, ENFORCEMENT OF CONSENT**  
10 **JUDGMENT**

11 **6.1** This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to enforce, modify, or  
12 terminate this Consent Judgment.

13 **6.2** If ERC alleges that any Covered Product fails to qualify as a Conforming  
14 Covered Product (for which ERC alleges that no Warning has been provided), then ERC shall  
15 inform Rise Brewing Co. its test results within sixty (60) days thereof, including a copy of all  
16 ERC test results and the information sufficient to permit Rise Brewing Co. to identify the  
17 Covered Products at issue (including lot numbers of the Covered Products tested if available on  
18 the labeling or packaging for the Covered Product). Rise Brewing Co. shall, within thirty (30)  
19 days following such notice, provide ERC with testing information, from an independent third-  
20 party laboratory meeting the requirements of Sections 3.4.3 and 3.4.4, demonstrating Rise  
21 Brewing Co.'s compliance with the Consent Judgment. The Parties shall first attempt to  
22 resolve the matter prior to ERC taking any further legal action.

23 **7. APPLICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT**

24 This Consent Judgment may apply to, be binding upon, and benefit the Parties and their  
25 respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries,  
26 divisions, franchisees, licensees, customers (excluding private labelers), distributors, wholesalers,  
27 retailers, predecessors, successors, and assigns. This Consent Judgment shall have no application  
28 to any Covered Product that is distributed or sold exclusively outside the State of California and

1 that is not used by California consumers.

2 **8. BINDING EFFECT, CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED**

3 **8.1** This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between ERC,  
4 on behalf of itself and in the public interest, and Rise Brewing Co. and its respective officers,  
5 directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, suppliers,  
6 franchisees, licensees, customers (not including private label customers of Rise Brewing Co.),  
7 distributors, wholesalers, retailers, and all other upstream and downstream entities in the  
8 distribution chain of any Covered Product, and the predecessors, successors, and assigns of any  
9 of them (collectively, “Released Parties”).

10 **8.2** ERC, acting in the public interest, releases the Released Parties from any  
11 and all claims for violations of Proposition 65 up through the Effective Date based on exposure  
12 to lead and/or mercury from the Covered Products as set forth in the Notices of Violation.  
13 ERC, on behalf of itself only, hereby fully releases and discharges the Released Parties from  
14 any and all claims, actions, causes of action, suits, demands, liabilities, damages, penalties,  
15 fees, costs, and expenses asserted, or that could have been asserted from the handling, use, or  
16 consumption of the Covered Products, as to any alleged violation of Proposition 65 or its  
17 implementing regulations arising from the failure to provide Proposition 65 warnings on the  
18 Covered Products regarding lead and/or mercury up to and including the Effective Date.

19 **8.3** ERC on its own behalf only, and Rise Brewing Co. on its own behalf only,  
20 further waive and release any and all claims they may have against each other for all actions or  
21 statements made or undertaken in the course of seeking or opposing enforcement of  
22 Proposition 65 in connection with the Notices and Complaint up through and including the  
23 Effective Date, provided, however, that nothing in Section 8 shall affect or limit any Party’s  
24 right to seek to enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment.

25 **8.4** It is possible that other claims not known to the Parties, arising out of the facts  
26 alleged in the Notices and Complaint, and relating to the Covered Products, will develop or be  
27 discovered. ERC on behalf of itself only, and Rise Brewing Co. on behalf of itself only,  
28 acknowledge that this Consent Judgment is expressly intended to cover and include all such

1 claims up through and including the Effective Date, including all rights of action therefore.  
2 ERC and Rise Brewing Co. acknowledge that the claims released in Sections 8.2 and 8.3 above  
3 may include unknown claims, and nevertheless waive California Civil Code section 1542 as to  
4 any such unknown claims. California Civil Code section 1542 reads as follows:

5 A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE  
6 CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO  
7 EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE  
8 AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY  
9 AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED  
10 PARTY.

11 ERC on behalf of itself only, and Rise Brewing Co. on behalf of itself only, acknowledge and  
12 understand the significance and consequences of this specific waiver of California Civil Code  
13 section 1542.

14 **8.5** Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment shall be deemed to  
15 constitute compliance with Proposition 65 by any of the Released Parties regarding alleged  
16 exposures to lead and/or mercury in the Covered Products as set forth in the Notices and  
17 Complaint.

18 **8.6** Nothing in this Consent Judgment is intended to apply to any occupational or  
19 environmental exposures arising under Proposition 65, nor shall it apply to any of Rise  
20 Brewing Co.'s products other than the Covered Products sold in California, manufactured for  
21 sale in the State of California, or "Distributed into the State of California."

## 22 **9. SEVERABILITY OF UNENFORCEABLE PROVISIONS**

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

## 26 **10. GOVERNING LAW**

27 **10.1** The terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by and  
28 construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

**10.2** In the event that Proposition 65, either as a whole or as specifically applicable to  
the Covered Products or listed chemicals at issue in this case, is repealed or federally preempted,

1 or if new or different safe harbor levels are established as applicable to the Covered Products, or if  
2 Proposition 65 is otherwise rendered inapplicable to the Covered Products or listed chemicals at  
3 issue in this case, all by any final regulation or statute, or by a decision of the California Supreme  
4 Court, or if any of the provisions of this Consent Judgment are specifically rendered inapplicable  
5 or no longer required as to the Covered Products as a result of any such regulatory or statutory  
6 change, repeal or preemption or decision of the California Supreme Court, or due to federal laws  
7 or regulations, then Rise Brewing Co. may provide written notice to ERC of any asserted change  
8 in the law, and it shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Consent Judgment with respect  
9 to the Covered Products, to the extent that the Covered Products are so affected and subject to  
10 ERC's right to seek enforcement of the Consent Judgment.

11 **11. PROVISION OF NOTICE**

12 All notices required to be given to either Party to this Consent Judgment by the other shall  
13 be in writing and sent to the following agents listed below via first-class mail or via electronic  
14 mail where required. Courtesy copies via email may also be sent.

15 **FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER, INC.:**

16 Chris Heptinstall, Executive Director, Environmental Research Center  
17 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400  
18 San Diego, CA 92108  
19 Ph: (619) 500-3090  
20 Email: [chris.heptinstall@erc501c3.org](mailto:chris.heptinstall@erc501c3.org)

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16 **12. COURT APPROVAL**

17 **12.1** Upon execution of this Consent Judgment by the Parties, ERC shall notice a  
18 Motion for Court Approval. The Parties shall use their best efforts to support entry of this  
19 Consent Judgment.

20 **12.2** If the California Attorney General objects to any term in this Consent Judgment,  
21 the Parties shall use their best efforts to resolve the concern in a timely manner, and if possible  
22 prior to the hearing on the motion.

23 **12.3** If this Stipulated Consent Judgment is not approved by the Court, it shall be  
24 void and have no force or effect.

25 **13. EXECUTION AND COUNTERPARTS**

26 This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts, which taken together shall be  
27 deemed to constitute one document. A facsimile or .pdf signature shall be construed to be as valid  
28 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  
and conditions with legal counsel. The Parties agree that, in any subsequent interpretation and

1 construction of this Consent Judgment, no inference, assumption, or presumption shall be drawn,  
2 and no provision of this Consent Judgment shall be construed against any Party, based on the fact  
3 that one of the Parties and/or one of the Parties' legal counsel prepared and/or drafted all or any  
4 portion of the Consent Judgment. It is conclusively presumed that all of the Parties participated  
5 equally in the preparation and drafting of this Consent Judgment.

6 **15. GOOD FAITH ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE DISPUTES**

7 If a dispute arises with respect to either Party's compliance with the terms of this Consent  
8 Judgment entered by the Court, the Parties shall meet and confer in person, via remote meeting,  
9 by telephone, and/or in writing and endeavor to resolve the dispute in an amicable manner. No  
10 action or motion may be filed in the absence of such a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute  
11 beforehand for a period of at least sixty (60) days from the date the Party provides notice to the  
12 other Party in the dispute in accordance with the notice provisions in Section 11.

13 **16. ENFORCEMENT**

14 Both parties may, by motion or order to show cause before the Superior Court of  
15 Alameda County, enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Consent Judgment.

16 **17. ENTIRE AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZATION**

17 **17.1** This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding  
18 of the parties with respect to the entire subject matter herein, including any and all prior  
19 discussions, negotiations, commitments, and understandings related thereto. No representations,  
20 oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those contained herein have been made by any  
21 party. No other agreements, oral or otherwise, unless specifically referred to herein, shall be  
22 deemed to exist or to bind any party.

23 **17.2** Each signatory to this Consent Judgment certifies that he or she is fully  
24 authorized by the Party he or she represents to stipulate to this Consent Judgment. Except as  
25 specifically provided in this Consent Judgment, each Party shall bear its own attorneys' fees  
26 and costs in connection with the claims resolved in this Consent Judgment.

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1 **18. REQUEST FOR FINDINGS, APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AND ENTRY OF**  
2 **CONSENT JUDGMENT**

3 This Consent Judgment has come before the Court upon the request of the Parties. The  
4 Parties request the Court to fully review this Consent Judgment and, being fully informed  
5 regarding the matters which are the subject of this action, to:

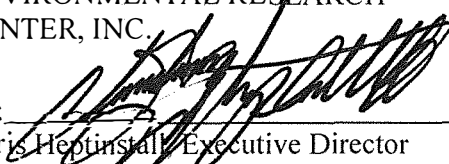
6 (1) Find that the terms and provisions of this Consent Judgment represent a fair and  
7 equitable settlement of all matters raised by the allegations of the Complaint that the matter has  
8 been diligently prosecuted, and that the public interest is served by such settlement; and

9 (2) Make the findings pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section  
10 25249.7(f)(4), approve the Settlement, and approve this Consent Judgment.


11 (3) Retain jurisdiction, pursuant to Section 664.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure, after  
12 the Consent Judgment is entered in order to enforce, modify, or terminate this Consent Judgment

13 **IT IS SO STIPULATED:**

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15 Dated: 1/3/, 2024

ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH  
CENTER, INC.  
By:   
Chris Heptinstall, Executive Director

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19 Dated: January 3, 2024

RISEANDSHINE CORPORATION,  
individually and dba RISE BREWING CO.  
  
By: Grant Gyseky  
Its: CEO

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1 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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3 Dated: January 3, 2024

AQUA TERRA AERIS LAW GROUP

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5 By: 

6 Matthew C. Maclear  
7 Anthony M. Barnes  
8 Attorneys for Plaintiff Environmental  
9 Research Center, Inc.

10 Dated: January 3, 2024

GREENBERG TRAURIG LLP

11 By: 

12 Hazel Ocampo  
13 Attorney for Defendant RiseandShine  
14 Corporation, individually and dba Rise  
15 Brewing Co.

16 **ORDER AND JUDGMENT**

17 Based upon the Parties' Stipulation, and good cause appearing, this Consent Judgment is  
18 approved and Judgment is hereby entered according to its terms.

19 IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED.

20 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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21 Judge of the Superior Court

# **EXHIBIT A**



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January 5, 2023

**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, Inc. ("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.

**General Information about Proposition 65.** 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.

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

**RiseandShine Corporation, individually and dba Rise Brewing Co.**

**Consumer Products and Listed Chemical.** The products that are the subject of this notice and the chemical in those products identified as exceeding allowable levels are:



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- 1. Rise Brewing Co. Oat Milk Mocha Nitro Cold Brew Coffee Dairy Free - Lead**
- 2. Rise Brewing Co. Oat Milk Latte Organic Cold Brew Coffee Dairy Free Caffeine Level 2 – 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 recommended use of these products. Consequently, the route of exposure to this chemical has been and continues to be through ingestion.

**Approximate Time Period of Violations.** Ongoing violations have occurred every day since at least January 5, 2020, 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 this known toxic chemical is 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 chemical. 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 ingesting these products with appropriate warnings that they are being exposed to this chemical.

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 chemical, or provide appropriate warnings on the labels of these products; (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty; and (3) provide clear and reasonable warnings compliant with Proposition 65 to all persons located in California who purchased the above products in the last three years. Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemical, as well as an expensive and time-consuming litigation.



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ERC has retained ATA Law Group as legal counsel in connection with this matter. **Please direct all communications regarding this Notice of Violation to my attention, or the attention of ATA partner Anthony Barnes, using the address or contact information indicated on the letterhead.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Maclear". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

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Matthew Maclear  
**AQUA TERRA AERIS LAW GROUP**

Attachments

- Certificate of Merit
- Certificate of Service
- OEHHA Summary (to RiseandShine Corporation, individually and dba Rise Brewing Co., and its Registered Agents 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, Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by RiseandShine Corporation, individually and dba Rise Brewing Co.**

I, Matthew Maclear, 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 chemical that is 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Maclear".

Dated: January 5, 2023

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Matthew Maclear



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE PURSUANT TO 27 CCR § 25903**

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 and over the age of 18 years of age. 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 January 5, 2023, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, 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 each of the parties listed below and depositing it at a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

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Executed on January 5, 2023, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phyllis Dunwoody". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Phyllis Dunwoody



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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 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.

The text of Proposition 65 (Health and Safety Code Sections 25249.5 through 25249.13) 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 "Proposition 65 List."*** Under Proposition 65, the lead agency (OEHHA) publishes a list of chemicals that are known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity. 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 damage to

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<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>.

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](http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65_list/Newlist.html).

Only those chemicals that are on the list are regulated under Proposition 65. 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. 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 to that chemical. 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 under Proposition 65 as known to the State to cause cancer, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure 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 causing the exposure 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 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 Food.** Certain exposures to chemicals that naturally occur in foods (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 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.

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<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 Title 27 and sections 3100-3103 of Title 11. A private party may not pursue an independent enforcement action under Proposition 65 if one of the governmental officials noted above initiates an enforcement 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.

A private party may not file an enforcement action based on certain exposures if the alleged violator meets specific conditions. For the following types of exposures, the Act provides an opportunity for the business to correct the alleged violation:

- An exposure to alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent onsite consumption is permitted by law;
- An exposure to a Proposition 65 listed chemical in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises that is primarily intended for immediate consumption on- or off-premises. This only applies if the chemical was not intentionally added to the food, and was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination;
- An exposure to environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises;
- An exposure to listed chemicals in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking non-commercial vehicles.

If a private party alleges that a violation occurred based on one of the exposures described above, the private party must first provide the alleged violator a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form.



A copy of the notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form is included in Appendix B and can be downloaded from OEHHA's website at:  
<http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/p65law72003.html>.

*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](mailto:P65Public.Comments@oehha.ca.gov).

Revised: May 2017

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 25249.12, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 25249.5, 25249.6, 25249.7, 25249.9, 25249.10 and 25249.11, Health and Safety Code.

# **EXHIBIT B**



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January 20, 2023

**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, Inc. ("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.

**General Information about Proposition 65.** 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.

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

**RiseandShine Corporation, individually and dba Rise Brewing Co.**

**Consumer Products and Listed Chemicals.** The products that are the subject of this notice and the chemicals in those products identified as exceeding allowable levels are:



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- 1. Rise Brewing Co. Oat Milk Vanilla Organic Cold Brew Coffee Dairy Free Caffeine Level 2 – Lead, Mercury**
- 2. Rise Brewing Co. Organic Oat Milk Original Dairy Free – Lead, Mercury**

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 recommended use of these products. Consequently, the route of exposure to these chemicals has been and continues to be through ingestion.

**Approximate Time Period of Violations.** Ongoing violations have occurred every day since at least January 20, 2020, 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 ingesting 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; (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty; and (3) provide clear and reasonable warnings compliant with Proposition 65 to all persons located in California who purchased the above products in the last three years. Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemicals, as well as an expensive and time-consuming litigation.



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ERC has retained ATA Law Group as legal counsel in connection with this matter. **Please direct all communications regarding this Notice of Violation to my attention, or the attention of ATA partner Anthony Barnes, using the address or contact information indicated on the letterhead.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Maclear". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

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Matthew Maclear  
**AQUA TERRA AERIS LAW GROUP**

Attachments

- Certificate of Merit
- Certificate of Service
- OEHHA Summary (to RiseandShine Corporation, individually and dba Rise Brewing Co., and its Registered Agents 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, Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by RiseandShine Corporation, individually and dba Rise Brewing Co.**

I, Matthew Maclear, 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Maclear".

Dated: January 20, 2023

Matthew Maclear



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE PURSUANT TO 27 CCR § 25903**

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 and over the age of 18 years of age. 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 January 20, 2023, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, 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 each of the parties listed below and depositing it at a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

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Office of the California Attorney General  
Prop 65 Enforcement Reporting  
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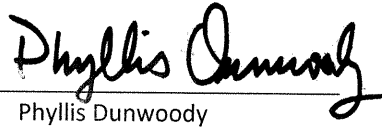
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Executed on January 20, 2023, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

  
Phyllis Dunwoody



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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 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.

The text of Proposition 65 (Health and Safety Code Sections 25249.5 through 25249.13) 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 "Proposition 65 List."*** Under Proposition 65, the lead agency (OEHHA) publishes a list of chemicals that are known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity. 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 damage to

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<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>.

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](http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65_list/Newlist.html).

Only those chemicals that are on the list are regulated under Proposition 65. 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. 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 to that chemical. 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 under Proposition 65 as known to the State to cause cancer, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure 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 causing the exposure 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 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 Food.** Certain exposures to chemicals that naturally occur in foods (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 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.

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<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 Title 27 and sections 3100-3103 of Title 11. A private party may not pursue an independent enforcement action under Proposition 65 if one of the governmental officials noted above initiates an enforcement 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.

A private party may not file an enforcement action based on certain exposures if the alleged violator meets specific conditions. For the following types of exposures, the Act provides an opportunity for the business to correct the alleged violation:

- An exposure to alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent onsite consumption is permitted by law;
- An exposure to a Proposition 65 listed chemical in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises that is primarily intended for immediate consumption on- or off-premises. This only applies if the chemical was not intentionally added to the food, and was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination;
- An exposure to environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises;
- An exposure to listed chemicals in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking non-commercial vehicles.

If a private party alleges that a violation occurred based on one of the exposures described above, the private party must first provide the alleged violator a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form.

A copy of the notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form is included in Appendix B and can be downloaded from OEHHA's website at:  
<http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/p65law72003.html>.

*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](mailto:P65Public.Comments@oehha.ca.gov).

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