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

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

22 **Plaintiff,**

23 **vs.**

24 **MATERNE NORTH AMERICA, CORP.,**
25 **individually and dba GOGO SQUEEZ; and**
26 **DOES 1-100**

27 **Defendants.**

28 **CASE NO. 23CV049930**

AMENDED STIPULATED CONSENT
JUDGMENT

Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 *et seq.*

Action Filed: November 6, 2023

Trial Date: None set

1 **1. INTRODUCTION**

2 **1.1** On November 6, 2023, Plaintiff Environmental Research Center, Inc. (“ERC”),
3 a non-profit corporation, as a private enforcer and in the public interest, initiated this action by
4 filing a Complaint for Injunctive and Declaratory Relief and Civil Penalties (the “Complaint”)

1 pursuant to the provisions of California Health and Safety Code section 25249.5 *et seq.*
2 (“Proposition 65”), against Materne North America, Corp., individually and dba GoGo SqueeZ
3 (“Materne North America”) and Does 1-100. In this action, ERC alleges that certain products
4 manufactured, distributed, or sold by Materne North America contain lead and/or mercury,
5 chemicals listed under Proposition 65 as carcinogens and/or reproductive toxins, and expose
6 consumers to these chemicals at a level requiring a Proposition 65 warning. These products
7 (referred to hereinafter individually as a “Covered Product” or collectively as “Covered
8 Products”) are: (1) GoGo SqueeZ Yogurtz Berry Low Fat Yogurt On The Go (lead) and (2)
9 GoGo SqueeZ Organic AppleBanana Fruit On The Go (lead), (3) GoGo SqueeZ Organic
10 AppleStrawberry Fruit On The Go (lead), (4) GoGo SqueeZ AlmondBlend Pudding Banana
11 Non-Dairy Pudding On The Go (lead), (5) GoGo SqueeZ Yogurtz Blueberry Low Fat Yogurt
12 On The Go (lead), (6) GoGo SqueeZ AlmondBlend Pudding Cocoa-Hazelnut Non-Dairy
13 Pudding On The Go (lead, mercury), (7) GoGo SqueeZ AppleCinnamon Fruit On The Go
14 (lead, mercury), (8) GoGo SqueeZ ApplePineapplePassionFruit Fruit On The Go (lead,
15 mercury), (9) GoGo SqueeZ AppleMangoGuava Fruit On The Go (lead, mercury), (10) GoGo
16 SqueeZ ApplePeach Fruit On The Go (mercury), (11) GoGo SqueeZ Yogurtz Banana Low Fat
17 Yogurt On The Go (mercury), (12) GoGo SqueeZ AppleBanana Fruit On the Go (mercury),
18 (13) GoGo SqueeZ AppleApple Fruit On The Go (mercury), (14) GoGo SqueeZ Boulder Berry
19 Fruit & Veggies On The Go (lead, mercury), (15) GoGo SqueeZ Pedal Peach Fruit & Veggies
20 On The Go (lead), (16) GoGo SqueeZ Yogurtz Strawberry Low Fat Yogurt On The Go (lead),
21 (17) GoGo SqueeZ Morning Smoothiez Strawberry Blend of Yogurt, Fruit, & Oats (lead), (18)
22 GoGo SqueeZ Fruit & Veggies Dinosaurz Pack Jurassic Pear (lead), (19) GoGo SqueeZ Fruit &
23 Veggies Dinosaurz Pack Roarrrr Berry (lead), (20) GoGo SqueeZ Fruit On The Go Dazzling
24 AppleApple (lead), and (21) GoGo SqueeZ AlmondBlend Pudding Chocolate Non-Dairy
25 Pudding On The Go (lead).

26 **1.2** ERC and Materne North America are hereinafter referred to individually as a
27 “Party” or collectively as the “Parties.”

28 **1.3** ERC is a 501 (c)(3) California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other

1 causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by reducing the use and misuse of
2 hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees,
3 and encouraging corporate responsibility.

4 **1.4** For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the Parties agree that Materne North
5 America is a business entity that has employed ten or more persons at all times relevant to this
6 action, and qualifies as a “person in the course of doing business” within the meaning of
7 Proposition 65. Materne North America manufactures, distributes, and/or sells the Covered
8 Products.

9 **1.5** The Complaint is based on allegations contained in ERC’s Notices of Violation
10 dated March 2, 2023, March 16, 2023 and April 4, 2023 that were served on the California
11 Attorney General, other public enforcers, and Materne North America (“Notices”). True and
12 correct copies of the 60-Day Notices dated March 2, 2023, March 16, 2023 and April 4, 2023
13 are attached hereto as **Exhibits A, B, and C** and each is incorporated herein by reference.
14 More than 60 days have passed since the Notices were served on the Attorney General, public
15 enforcers, and Materne North America and no designated governmental entity has filed a
16 Complaint against Materne North America with regard to the Covered Products or the alleged
17 violations.

18 **1.6** On September 14, 2023, ERC served a fourth Notice of Violation (“Fourth
19 Notice”) on the California Attorney General, other public enforcers, and Materne North
20 America. A true and correct copy of the Fourth Notice is attached hereto as **Exhibit D** and
21 incorporated by reference. The parties stipulate that the Complaint be deemed amended as of
22 November 24, 2023 to include the products set forth in ERC’s Fourth Notice. This Consent
23 Judgment shall apply to all Covered Products set forth in Paragraph 1.1, effective 60 days after
24 September 14, 2023, provided no public enforcer is diligently pursuing the allegations set forth
25 in ERC’s Fourth Notice. On November 24, 2023 more than 60 days will have passed since
26 ERC’s Fourth Notice was served on the Attorney General, public enforcers, and Materne North
27 America. Further references to the Complaint in this Consent Judgment shall refer to the
28 Complaint as deemed amended on November 24, 2023 pursuant to this Section 1.6.

1 **1.7** ERC’s Notices, Fourth Notice, and Complaint allege that use of the Covered
2 Products by California consumers exposes them to lead and/or mercury without first receiving
3 clear and reasonable warnings from Materne North America, which is in violation of California
4 Health and Safety Code section 25249.6. Materne North America denies all material factual and
5 legal allegations contained in the Notices, Fourth Notice, and Complaint and maintains that, to
6 the best of its actual knowledge, all Covered Products that are or have been sold and distributed
7 in California have been and are in compliance with all laws.

8 **1.8** The Parties have entered into this Consent Judgment in order to settle,
9 compromise, and resolve disputed claims and thus avoid prolonged and costly litigation.
10 Nothing in this Consent Judgment nor compliance with this Consent Judgment shall constitute
11 or be construed as an admission by any of the Parties or by any of their respective officers,
12 directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions,
13 franchisees, licensees, customers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, or retailers of any fact,
14 issue of law, or violation of law.

15 **1.9** Except as expressly set forth herein, nothing in this Consent Judgment shall
16 prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy, argument, or defense the Parties may have in
17 any current or future legal proceeding unrelated to these proceedings.

18 **1.10** The Effective Date of this Consent Judgment is the date on which it is entered
19 as a Judgment by this Court.

20 **2. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

21 For purposes of this Consent Judgment and any further court action that may become
22 necessary to enforce this Consent Judgment, the Parties stipulate that this Court has subject matter
23 jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the Complaint and personal jurisdiction
24 over Materne North America as to the acts alleged in the Complaint, that venue is proper in
25 Alameda County, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Judgment as a full and
26 final resolution of all claims up through and including the Effective Date that were or could have
27 been asserted in this action based on the facts alleged in the Notices, Fourth Notice, and
28 Complaint.

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

2 **3.1** Beginning on the Effective Date, Materne North America shall be permanently
3 enjoined from manufacturing for sale in the State of California, “Distributing into the State of
4 California,” or directly selling in the State of California, any Covered Product that exposes a
5 person to a “Daily Lead Exposure Level” of more than 0.5 micrograms of lead per day and/or a
6 “Daily Mercury Exposure Level” of more than 0.3 micrograms of mercury per day unless it
7 meets the warning requirements under Section 3.2.

8 **3.1.1** As used in this Consent Judgment, the term “Distributing into the State
9 of California” shall mean to directly ship a Covered Product into California for sale in
10 California or to sell a Covered Product to a distributor that Materne North America knows or
11 has reason to know will sell the Covered Product in California.

12 **3.1.2** For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the “Daily Lead Exposure
13 Level” shall be measured in micrograms, and shall be calculated using the following formula:
14 micrograms of lead per gram of product, multiplied by grams of product per serving of the
15 product (using the largest serving size appearing on the product label), multiplied by servings
16 of the product per day (using the largest number of recommended daily servings appearing on
17 the label), which equals micrograms of lead exposure per day. If the label contains no
18 recommended daily servings, then the number of recommended daily servings shall be one.

19 **3.1.3** For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the “Daily Mercury Exposure
20 Level” shall be measured in micrograms, and shall be calculated using the following formula:
21 micrograms of mercury per gram of product, multiplied by grams of product per serving of the
22 product (using the largest serving size appearing on the product label), multiplied by servings
23 of the product per day (using the largest number of recommended daily servings appearing on
24 the label), which equals micrograms of mercury exposure per day. If the label contains no
25 recommended daily servings, then the number of recommended daily servings shall be one.

26 **3.2 Clear and Reasonable Warnings**

27 If Materne North America is required to provide a warning pursuant to Section 3.1, one of
28 the following warnings must be utilized (“Warning”):

1 **OPTION 1:**

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

5 **or**

6 **OPTION 2:**

7 **WARNING:** [Cancer and] Reproductive Harm - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

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9 Materne North America shall use the phrase “cancer and” in the Warning if Materne
10 North America has reason to believe that the “Daily Lead Exposure Level” is greater than 15
11 micrograms of lead as determined pursuant to the quality control methodology set forth in Section
12 3.4 or if Materne North America has reason to believe that another Proposition 65 chemical is
13 present which may require a cancer warning. For the Option 2 Warning, the entire Warning must
14 be in a type size no smaller than the largest type size used for other consumer information on the
15 product. In no case shall the Warning appear in a type size smaller than 6-point type. Further, for
16 Option 2, a symbol consisting of a black exclamation point in a yellow equilateral triangle with a
17 bold black outline shall be placed to the left of the text of the Warning, in a size no smaller than
18 the height of the word “**WARNING.**” Where the sign, label or shelf tag for the product is not
19 printed using the color yellow, the symbol may be printed in black and white. As identified in the
20 brackets, the warning shall appropriately reflect whether there is lead, mercury, or multiple
21 chemicals present in each of the Covered Products, but if there is a chemical present at a level
22 that requires a cancer warning, the chemical requiring use of the phrase “cancer and” in the
23 Warning shall always be identified.

24 The Warning shall be securely affixed to or printed upon the label of each Covered
25 Product and it must be set off from other surrounding information and enclosed in a box. In
26 addition, for any Covered Product sold over the internet, the Warning shall appear either (a) on
27 the webpage on which any Covered Product is offered for purchase, or (b) on the checkout
28 page when a California delivery address is indicated for any purchase of any Covered Product,

1 with an asterisk or other identifying method utilized to identify which products on the checkout
2 page are subject to the Warning. In no event shall any internet or website Warning be
3 contained in or made through a link.

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

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

16 If new regulations are promulgated by the State of California that render the Warning, as
17 applicable to the Covered Products, noncompliant with the regulations, Materne North America
18 shall modify the Warning to the extent necessary to comply with the new regulations.

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

22 **3.3 Conforming Covered Products**

23 A Conforming Covered Product is a Covered Product for which the “Daily Lead Exposure
24 Level” is no greater than 0.5 micrograms of lead per day and/or the “Daily Mercury Exposure
25 Level” is no greater than 0.3 micrograms of mercury per day as determined by the exposure
26 methodology set forth in Section 3.1.2 and the quality control methodology described in Section
27 3.4, and that is not known by Materne North America to contain other chemicals that violate
28 Proposition 65’s safe harbor thresholds.

1 **3.4 Testing and Quality Control Methodology**

2 **3.4.1** Beginning within one year of the Effective Date, Materne North
3 America shall arrange for testing of each Covered Product for lead and/or mercury, as
4 applicable in the Notices and Fourth Notice for such Covered Product, at least once a year for a
5 minimum of three (3) consecutive years, by arranging for testing of one (1) randomly selected
6 sample of each of the Covered Products, in the form intended for sale to the end-user, which
7 Materne North America intends to sell or is manufacturing for sale in California, directly
8 selling to a consumer in California or “Distributing into the State of California.” If tests
9 conducted pursuant to this Section demonstrate that no Warning is required for a specific
10 Covered Product during each of the three (3) consecutive years, then the testing requirements
11 of this Section will no longer be required as to that Covered Product. However, if during or
12 after the three-year testing period, Materne North America changes ingredient suppliers for a
13 Covered Product and/or reformulates a Covered Product, Materne North America shall test that
14 Covered Product at least once more after such change is made.

15 **3.4.2** If the single-sample testing pursuant to Section 3.4.1 does not
16 demonstrate that no warning is required for a specific Covered Product, then Materne North
17 America may conduct further tests using three (3) randomly selected samples and, for purposes
18 of measuring the “Daily Lead Exposure Level” and/or the “Daily Mercury Exposure Level,”
19 the highest lead and/or mercury detection result(s) of the three (3) randomly selected samples
20 of the Covered Product, rather than the prior single-sample testing, will be controlling. If no
21 such additional testing is conducted pursuant to this Section 3.4.2, then the single-sample
22 testing result shall be controlling.

23 **3.4.3** All testing pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be performed using a
24 laboratory method that complies with the performance and quality control factors appropriate
25 for the method used, including limit of detection and limit of quantification, sensitivity,
26 accuracy and precision that meets the following criteria: Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass
27 Spectrometry (“ICP-MS”) achieving a limit of quantification of less than or equal to 0.005
28 mg/kg.

1 **3.4.4** All testing pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be performed by an
2 independent third party laboratory certified by the California Environmental Laboratory
3 Accreditation Program or an independent third-party laboratory that is registered with the
4 United States Food & Drug Administration.

5 **3.4.5** Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall limit Materne North America’s
6 ability to conduct, or require that others conduct, additional testing of the Covered Products,
7 including the raw materials used in their manufacture.

8 **3.4.6** Within thirty (30) days of ERC’s written request, Materne North
9 America shall deliver lab reports obtained pursuant to Section 3.4 to ERC. Materne North
10 America shall retain all test results and documentation for a period of three years from the date
11 of each test.

12 **4. SETTLEMENT PAYMENT**

13 **4.1** In full satisfaction of all potential civil penalties, additional settlement
14 payments, attorney’s fees, and costs, Materne North America shall make a total payment of
15 \$217,875.00 (“Total Settlement Amount”) to ERC within fifteen (15) days of the Effective
16 Date (“Due Date”). Materne North America shall make this payment by wire transfer to ERC’s
17 account, for which ERC will give Materne North America the necessary account information.
18 The Total Settlement Amount shall be apportioned as follows:

19 **4.2** \$80,000.00 shall be considered a civil penalty pursuant to California Health and
20 Safety Code section 25249.7(b)(1). ERC shall remit 75% (\$60,000.00) of the civil penalty to
21 the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (“OEHHA”) for deposit in the Safe
22 Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Fund in accordance with California Health and Safety
23 Code section 25249.12(c). ERC will retain the remaining 25% (\$20,000.00) of the civil
24 penalty.

25 **4.3** \$8,598.69 shall be distributed to ERC as reimbursement to ERC for reasonable
26 costs incurred in bringing this action.

27 **4.4** \$57,875.00 shall be distributed to ERC as an Additional Settlement Payment
28 (“ASP”), pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 11, sections 3203, subdivision (d)

1 and 3204. ERC will utilize the ASP for activities that address the same public harm as
2 allegedly caused by Materne North America in this matter. These activities are detailed below
3 and support ERC's overarching goal of reducing and/or eliminating hazardous and toxic
4 chemicals in consumer products in California. ERC's activities have had, and will continue to
5 have, a direct and primary effect within the State of California because California consumers
6 will be benefitted by the reduction and/or elimination of exposure to lead and/or mercury in
7 consumer products and/or by providing clear and reasonable warnings to California consumers
8 prior to ingestion of the products.

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

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

6 **4.5** \$26,345.00 shall be distributed to Michael Freund & Associates as
7 reimbursement of ERC's attorney fees, while \$45,056.31 shall be distributed to ERC for its in-
8 house legal fees. Except as explicitly provided herein, each Party shall bear its own fees and
9 costs.

10 **4.6** In the event that Materne North America fails to remit the Total Settlement
11 Amount owed under Section 4 of this Consent Judgment on or before the Due Date, Materne
12 North America shall be deemed to be in material breach of its obligations under this Consent
13 Judgment. ERC shall provide written notice of the delinquency to Materne North America via
14 electronic mail. If Materne North America fails to deliver the Total Settlement Amount within
15 seven (7) days from the written notice, the Total Settlement Amount shall accrue interest at the
16 statutory judgment interest rate provided in the California Code of Civil Procedure section
17 685.010. Additionally, Materne North America agrees to pay ERC's reasonable attorney's fees
18 and costs for any efforts to collect the payment due under this Consent Judgment.

19 **5. MODIFICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT**

20 **5.1** This Consent Judgment may be modified only as to injunctive terms (i) by
21 written stipulation of the Parties and upon entry by the Court of a modified consent judgment
22 or (ii) by motion of either Party pursuant to Section 5.3 and upon entry by the Court of a
23 modified consent judgment.

24 **5.2** If Materne North America seeks to modify this Consent Judgment under Section
25 5.1, then Materne North America must provide written notice to ERC of its intent ("Notice of
26 Intent"). If ERC seeks to meet and confer regarding the proposed modification in the Notice of
27 Intent, then ERC must provide written notice to Materne North America within thirty (30) days
28 of receiving the Notice of Intent. If ERC notifies Materne North America in a timely manner of

1 ERC's intent to meet and confer, then the Parties shall meet and confer in good faith as
2 required in this Section. The Parties shall meet in person, via remote meeting, or by telephone
3 within thirty (30) days of ERC's notification of its intent to meet and confer. Within thirty (30)
4 days of such meeting, if ERC disputes the proposed modification, ERC shall provide to
5 Materne North America a written basis for its position. The Parties shall continue to meet and
6 confer for an additional thirty (30) days in an effort to resolve any remaining disputes. Should
7 it become necessary, the Parties may agree in writing to different deadlines for the meet-and-
8 confer period.

9 **5.3** In the event that Materne North America initiates or otherwise requests a
10 modification under Section 5.1, and the meet and confer process leads to a joint motion or
11 application for a modification of the Consent Judgment, Materne North America shall
12 reimburse ERC its costs and reasonable attorney's fees for the time spent in the meet-and-
13 confer process and filing and arguing the motion or application.

14 **6. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION, ENFORCEMENT OF CONSENT** 15 **JUDGMENT**

16 **6.1** This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to enforce, modify, or
17 terminate this Consent Judgment.

18 **6.2** If ERC alleges that any Covered Product fails to qualify as a Conforming
19 Covered Product (for which ERC alleges that no Warning has been provided), then ERC shall
20 inform Materne North America in a reasonably prompt manner of its test results, including
21 information sufficient to permit Materne North America to identify the Covered Products at
22 issue. Materne North America shall, within thirty (30) days following such notice, provide ERC
23 with testing information, from an independent third-party laboratory meeting the requirements
24 of Sections 3.4.3 and 3.4.4, demonstrating Materne North America's compliance with the
25 Consent Judgment. The Parties shall first attempt to resolve the matter prior to ERC taking any
26 further legal action.

27 **7. APPLICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT**

28 This Consent Judgment may apply to, be binding upon, and benefit the Parties and their

1 respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries,
2 divisions, franchisees, licensees, customers (excluding private labelers), distributors, wholesalers,
3 retailers, predecessors, successors, and assigns. This Consent Judgment shall have no application
4 to any Covered Product that is distributed or sold exclusively outside the State of California and
5 that is not used by California consumers.

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

7 **8.1** This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between ERC,
8 on behalf of itself and its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or
9 assigns (collectively, “Releasing Parties”) and in the public interest, and Materne North
10 America and its respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent
11 companies, subsidiaries, divisions, suppliers, franchisees, licensees, customers (not including
12 private label customers of Materne North America), Online Marketplace Hosts (an entity that
13 hosts an online marketplace but that never has physical possession of the products sold through
14 its online marketplace), distributors, wholesalers, retailers, and all other upstream and
15 downstream entities in the distribution chain of any Covered Product, and the predecessors,
16 successors, and assigns of any of them (collectively, “Released Parties”).

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

27 **8.3** ERC on the Releasing Parties’ behalf only, and Materne North America on
28 its own behalf only, further waive and release any and all claims they may have against each

1 other for all actions or statements made or undertaken in the course of seeking or opposing
2 enforcement of Proposition 65 in connection with the Notices, Fourth Notice, and Complaint
3 up through and including the Effective Date, provided, however, that nothing in Section 8 shall
4 affect or limit any Party's right to seek to enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment.

5 **8.4** It is possible that other claims not known to the Parties, arising out of the facts
6 alleged in the Notices, Fourth Notice, and Complaint, and relating to the Covered Products,
7 will develop or be discovered. ERC on behalf of the Releasing Parties only, and Materne North
8 America on behalf of itself only, acknowledge that this Consent Judgment is expressly
9 intended to cover and include all such claims up through and including the Effective Date,
10 including all rights of action therefore. ERC and Materne North America acknowledge that the
11 claims released in Sections 8.2 and 8.3 above may include unknown claims, and nevertheless
12 waive California Civil Code section 1542 as to any such unknown claims. California Civil
13 Code section 1542 reads as follows:

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

18 ERC on behalf of Releasing Parties only, and Materne North America on behalf of itself only,
19 acknowledge and understand the significance and consequences of this specific waiver of
20 California Civil Code section 1542.

21 **8.5** Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment shall be deemed to
22 constitute compliance with Proposition 65 by any of the Released Parties regarding alleged
23 exposures to lead and/or mercury in the Covered Products as set forth in the Notices, Fourth
24 Notice, and Complaint.

25 **8.6** Nothing in this Consent Judgment is intended to apply to any occupational or
26 environmental exposures arising under Proposition 65, nor shall it apply to any of Materne
27 North America's products other than the Covered Products.

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1 **9. SEVERABILITY OF UNENFORCEABLE PROVISIONS**

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

5 **10. GOVERNING LAW**

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

8 **11. PROVISION OF NOTICE**

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

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

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22 Berkeley, CA 94704
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8 **12. COURT APPROVAL**

9 **12.1** Upon execution of this Consent Judgment by the Parties, ERC shall notice a
10 Motion for Court Approval. The Parties shall use their best efforts to support entry of this
11 Consent Judgment.

12 **12.2** If the California Attorney General objects to any term in this Consent Judgment,
13 the Parties shall use their best efforts to resolve the concern in a timely manner, and if possible
14 prior to the hearing on the motion.

15 **12.3** If this Stipulated Consent Judgment is not approved by the Court, it shall be
16 void and have no force or effect.

17 **13. EXECUTION AND COUNTERPARTS**

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

21 **14. DRAFTING**

22 The terms of this Consent Judgment have been reviewed by the respective counsel for
23 each Party prior to its signing, and each Party has had an opportunity to fully discuss the terms
24 and conditions with legal counsel. The Parties agree that, in any subsequent interpretation and
25 construction of this Consent Judgment, no inference, assumption, or presumption shall be drawn,
26 and no provision of this Consent Judgment shall be construed against any Party, based on the fact
27 that one of the Parties and/or one of the Parties' legal counsel prepared and/or drafted all or any
28 portion of the Consent Judgment. It is conclusively presumed that all of the Parties participated
equally in the preparation and drafting of this Consent Judgment.

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

2 If a dispute arises with respect to either Party’s compliance with the terms of this Consent
3 Judgment entered by the Court, the Parties shall meet and confer in person, via remote meeting,
4 by telephone, and/or in writing and endeavor to resolve the dispute in an amicable manner. No
5 action or motion may be filed in the absence of such a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute
6 beforehand.

7 **16. ENFORCEMENT**

8 ERC may, by motion or order to show cause before the Superior Court of Alameda
9 County, enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Consent Judgment. In any action
10 brought by ERC to enforce this Consent Judgment, ERC may seek whatever fines, costs,
11 penalties, or remedies as are provided by law for failure to comply with the Consent Judgment.
12 To the extent the failure to comply with the Consent Judgment constitutes a violation of
13 Proposition 65 or other laws, ERC shall not be limited to enforcement of this Consent
14 Judgment, but may seek in another action whatever fines, costs, penalties, or remedies as are
15 provided by law for failure to comply with Proposition 65 or other laws.

16 **17. ENTIRE AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZATION**

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

25 **18. REQUEST FOR FINDINGS, APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AND ENTRY OF**
26 **CONSENT JUDGMENT**

27 This Consent Judgment has come before the Court upon the request of the Parties. The
28 Parties request the Court to fully review this Consent Judgment and, being fully informed

1 regarding the matters which are the subject of this action, to:

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

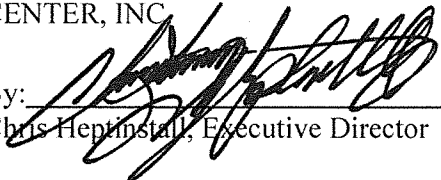
5 (2) Make the findings pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section
6 25249.7(f)(4), approve the Settlement, and approve this Consent Judgment.

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

9 **IT IS SO STIPULATED:**

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11 Dated: 1/4/, 2024

ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH
CENTER, INC.

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13 By: 
14 Chris Heptinstall, Executive Director

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16 Dated: January 3, 2024

MATERNE NORTH AMERICA, CORP.,
individually and dba GOGO SQUEEZ

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19 By: Mark Baumgarten
20 Its: Vice President, Quality and
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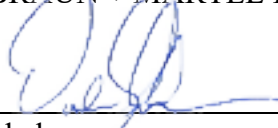
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3 Dated: January 3, 2024

MICHAEL FREUND & ASSOCIATES

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5 By: 
6 Michael Freund
7 Attorney for Plaintiff Environmental
8 Research Center, Inc.

9 Dated: January 3, 2024

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10 By: 
11 Donald Sobelman
12 Attorney for Defendant Materne North
13 America, Corp., individually and dba
14 GoGo squeeZ

15 **ORDER AND JUDGMENT**

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

18 IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED.

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20 Dated: _____, 2024

Judge of the Superior Court

EXHIBIT A

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Michael Freund, Esq.

March 2, 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:

Materne North America, Corp., individually and dba GoGo SqueezeZ

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:

- 1. GoGo Squeeze Yogurtz Berry Low Fat Yogurt On The Go - Lead**
- 2. GoGo Squeeze Organic AppleBanana Fruit On The Go - Lead**
- 3. GoGo Squeeze Organic AppleStrawberry Fruit On The Go - Lead**
- 4. GoGo Squeeze AlmondBlend Pudding Banana Non-Dairy Pudding On The Go – 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 March 2, 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.

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 freund1@aol.com.**

Sincerely,



Michael Freund

Attachments

Certificate of Merit

Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to Materne North America, Corp., individually and dba GoGo squeeZ for Service of Process only)

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

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Re: Environmental Research Center, Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by Materne North America, Corp., individually and dba GoGo squeeZ

I, Michael Freund, declare:

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

2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.

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



Dated: March 2, 2023

Michael Freund

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 March 2, 2023, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS 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 in a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

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On March 2, 2023, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, I verified the following documents **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, 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)** were served on the following party when a true and correct copy thereof was uploaded on the California Attorney General’s website, which can be accessed at <https://oag.ca.gov/prop65/add-60-day-notice> :

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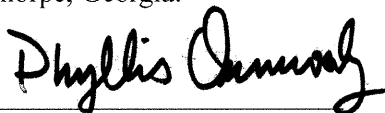
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On March 2, 2023, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT** on each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto 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 First Class Mail.

Executed on March 2, 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 27001.¹ 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

¹ 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.

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 contaminant² 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.

² 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.

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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March 16, 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:

Materne North America, Corp., individually and dba GoGo SqueezeZ

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:

- 1. GoGo Squeeze Yogurtz Blueberry Low Fat Yogurt On The Go - Lead**
- 2. GoGo Squeeze AlmondBlend Pudding Cocoa-Hazelnut Non-Dairy Pudding On The Go - Lead**
- 3. GoGo Squeeze AppleCinnamon Fruit On The Go - Lead**
- 4. GoGo Squeeze ApplePineapplePassionFruit Fruit On The Go - Lead**
- 5. GoGo Squeeze AppleMangoGuava Fruit On The Go - 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 March 16, 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.

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 freund1@aol.com.**

Sincerely,



Michael Freund

Attachments

- Certificate of Merit
- Certificate of Service
- OEHHA Summary (to Materne North America, Corp., individually and dba GoGo squeeZ for Service of Process only)
- Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to AG only)

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Re: Environmental Research Center, Inc.’s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by Materne North America, Corp., individually and dba GoGo squeeZ

I, Michael Freund, declare:

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

2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.

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

Dated: March 16, 2023



Michael Freund

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 March 16, 2023, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS 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 in a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

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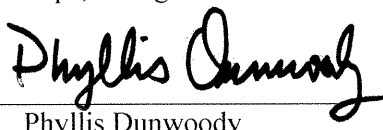
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Executed on March 16, 2023, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.



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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 27001.¹ 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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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 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.

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- 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.

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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.

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April 4, 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:

Materne North America, Corp., individually and dba GoGo SqueezeZ

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:

- 1. GoGo Squeeze ApplePeach Fruit On The Go - Mercury**
- 2. GoGo Squeeze AppleBanana Fruit On The Go - Mercury**
- 3. GoGo Squeeze Yogurtz Banana Low Fat Yogurt On The Go - Mercury**
- 4. GoGo Squeeze AlmondBlend Pudding Cocoa-Hazelnut Non-Dairy Pudding On The Go - Mercury**
- 5. GoGo Squeeze AppleApple Fruit On The Go - Mercury**
- 6. GoGo Squeeze AppleCinnamon Fruit On The Go - Mercury**
- 7. GoGo Squeeze ApplePineapplePassionFruit Fruit On The Go - Mercury**
- 8. GoGo Squeeze AppleMangoGuava Fruit On The Go - Mercury**

On July 1, 1990, the State of California officially listed mercury and mercury compounds as chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity and male and female reproductive toxicity.

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 April 4, 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.

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 freund1@aol.com.**

Sincerely,



Michael Freund

Attachments

Certificate of Merit

Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to Materne North America, Corp., individually and dba GoGo squeeZ for Service of Process only)

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

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Re: Environmental Research Center, Inc.’s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by Materne North America, Corp., individually and dba GoGo squeeZ

I, Michael Freund, declare:

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

2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.

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

Dated: April 4, 2023



Michael Freund

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 April 4, 2023, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS 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 in a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

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On April 4, 2023, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, I verified the following documents **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, 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)** were served on the following party when a true and correct copy thereof was uploaded on the California Attorney General’s website, which can be accessed at <https://oag.ca.gov/prop65/add-60-day-notice> :

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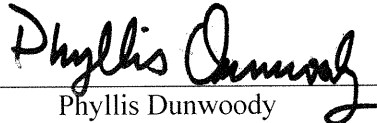
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Executed on April 4, 2023, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.


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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 27001.¹ 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

¹ 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.

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 contaminant² 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.

² 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.

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Revised: May 2017

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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:

Materne North America, Corp., individually and dba GoGo squeeZ

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:

- 1. GoGo SqueeZ Boulder Berry Fruit & Veggies On The Go – Lead, Mercury**
- 2. GoGo SqueeZ Pedal Peach Fruit & Veggies On The Go - Lead**
- 3. GoGo SqueeZ Yogurtz Strawberry Low Fat Yogurt On The Go - Lead**
- 4. GoGo SqueeZ Morning Smoothiez Strawberry Blend of Yogurt, Fruit, & Oats - Lead**
- 5. GoGo SqueeZ Fruit & Veggiez Dinosaurz Pack Jurassic Pear - Lead**
- 6. GoGo SqueeZ Fruit & Veggiez Dinosaurz Pack Roarrrr Berry - Lead**
- 7. GoGo SqueeZ Fruit On The Go Dazzling AppleApple - Lead**
- 8. GoGo SqueeZ AlmondBlend Pudding Chocolate Non-Dairy Pudding On The Go - 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.

On July 1, 1990, the State of California officially listed mercury and mercury compounds as chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity and male and female reproductive toxicity.

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 September 14, 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.

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 freund1@aol.com.**

Sincerely,



Michael Freund

Attachments

Certificate of Merit

Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to Materne North America, Corp., individually and dba GoGo squeeZ for Service of Process only)

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

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Re: Environmental Research Center, Inc.’s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by Materne North America, Corp., individually and dba GoGo squeeZ

I, Michael Freund, declare:

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


2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.

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

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 14, 2023



Michael Freund

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 September 14, 2023, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS 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 in a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

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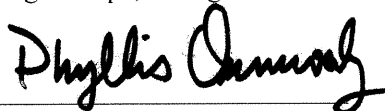
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APPENDIX A

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 27001.¹ 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

¹ 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.

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 contaminant² 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.

² 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.

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.