

## **DR. RICHARD F. SOWINSKI**

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Walnut Creek, CA 94597

### Sixty Day Notice of Intent to Sue Panasonic Corporation of North America and All of Its Operating Affiliates Under Health & Safety Code §25249.6

Dr. Richard F. Sowinski (hereinafter the "Noticing Party") hereby hereby provides this Notice of Intent to Sue Under Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5, *et seq* (the "Notice") to Joseph Taylor, the Chairman and CEO of Panasonic Corporaiton of North America and all of its operating affiliates (hereinafter referred to collectively as "PANASONIC"), as well as the governmental entities on the attached proof of service. This Notice is intended to inform PANASONIC that it is in violation of Proposition 65, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (commencing with Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5) (hereinafter "Proposition 65"), specifically Section 25249.6. The Noticing Party lives at the above address but is represented by counsel and requests that any correspondence or communications be directed to his counsel, Anthony G. Graham and Michael J. Martin, of the law firm of Graham & Martin, LLP, at 3130 South Harbor Blvd., Suite 250, Santa Ana, CA 92704, Telephone: (714) 850-9390 and Facsimile: (714) 850-9392.

Pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6:

"No person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning to such individual, except as provided in Section 25249.10."

Proposition 65 thus states that when a party, such as PANASONIC, an entity with more than ten employees, has been or is knowingly and intentionally exposing its customers and users of its products to a detectable level of any chemical designated by the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity (the "Designated Chemicals"), it has violated the statute unless, prior to such exposure, it provides clear and reasonable warning of the exposure to the potentially exposed persons (Health & Safety Code § 25249.6). PANASONIC is knowingly and intentionally exposing its customers and users of certain of its products to a detectable level of a chemical designated by the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity and is failing to provide a "clear and reasonable" warning of the exposure to the potentially exposed persons.

PANASONIC manufactures, distributes, sells and markets printers/copiers in California through retail outlets and through its internet website ([www.hp.com](http://www.hp.com)), which when operated or used emit detectable levels of a Designated Chemical. The printers/copiers relevant to this Notice are identified on Exhibit A hereto (hereinafter "the Consumer Products"). In the ordinary course of its business, PANASONIC manufactures, distributes and offers for sale, both through retail outlets and through its internet website

(www.panasonic.com) in California those Consumer Products. It has been doing so for at least one year prior to the date of this Notice. PANASONIC however has not placed on the any of the Consumer Products, their packaging or marketing materials, nor anywhere on its internet website, a clear and reasonable warning that use of such Consumer Products will expose the user and others in the area of such use to a Designated Chemical. PANASONIC is therefore violating Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6.

The Consumer Products listed on Exhibit A, when used in the ordinary manner, emit Benzene, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity. This chemical poses a significant health risk and is emitted without a clear and reasonable warning as required by The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65) Health & Safety Code § 25249.6. People are exposed to this Designated Chemical primarily by inhalation when near a Consumer Product while in use.

Pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7:

“(a) Any person that violates or threatens to violate Section 25249.5 or 25249.6 may be enjoined in any court of competent jurisdiction. (b) (1) Any person who has violated Section 25249.5 or 25249.6 shall be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500) per day for each violation in addition to any other penalty established by law. That civil penalty may be assessed and recovered in a civil action brought in any court of competent jurisdiction. (2) In assessing the amount of a civil penalty for a violation of this chapter, the court shall consider all of the following: (A) The nature and extent of the violation. (B) The number of, and severity of, the violations. (C) The economic effect of the penalty on the violator. (D) Whether the violator took good faith measures to comply with this chapter and the time these measures were taken. (E) The willfulness of the violator's misconduct. (F) The deterrent effect that the imposition of the penalty would have on both the violator and the regulated community as a whole. (G) Any other factor that justice may require.”

This Notice covers all violations of Proposition 65 that are currently known to Dr. Sowinski from information now available to him. Dr. Sowinski reserves the right to amend this Notice to inform PANASONIC of other violations and/or exposures as it gathers further information. With the copy of this notice submitted to PANASONIC, a copy is provided of AThe Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary.”

Dated: October 24, 2010

By:

  
Anthony G. Graham, Esq.

# EXHIBIT A

## Model Number:

DP-C354S2B, DP-C354S2K, DP-C354S2R, DP-C354S2Y, DP-C264S2B, DP-C264S2K, DP-C264S2R, DP-C264S2Y, DP-C354S1, DP-C322, DP-C323S1, DP-C264S1, DP-C262, DP-C263S1, DP-C213S1, DP-C265, DP-C305, DP-C405, DP-C405S2B, DP-C405S2RED, DP-C405S2Y, DP-1820E, DP-190, DP-1520P, DP-8016P, DP-8020E, DP-8060, DP-6030, DP-6030H, DP-8045, DP-4530, DP-4530H, DP-8035, DP-3030, DP-2330, DP-3530, DP-8540, DP-7240, DP-C213-162, DP-C263-008, DP-C263-013, DP-C263-054, DP-C263-124, DP-C263-139, DP-C263-163, DP-C263-203, DP-C263-298, DP-C263-299, DP-C263-300, DP-C264-034, DP-C264-049, DP-C264-094, DP-C264-195, DP-C264-222, DP-C264-225, DP-C264-233, DP-C264-237, DP-C264-239, DP-C264-240, DP-C323-013, DP-C323-136, DP-C323-142, DP-C323-150, DP-C323-173, DP-C323-199, DP-C323-202, DP-C323-209, DP-C323-299, DP-C323-300, DP-C354-001, DP-C354-117, DP-C354-120, DP-C354-165, DP-C354-180, DP-C354-221, DP-C354-234, DP-C354-237, DP-C354-238, DP-C354-240

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**  
**Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)**

I, Anthony G. Graham, hereby declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notices have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.

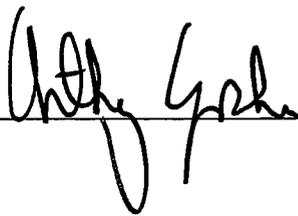
2. I am member of the State Bar of California, a partner of the law firm of Graham & Martin, LLP, and attorney for noticing party Dr. Richard Sowinski.

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

4. Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on all 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 plaintiffs' case can be established and 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. The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health and Safety Code section 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.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Santa Ana, California on November 3, 2010.

  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this case. I am a resident of or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. My business address is 3130 South Harbor Blvd., Suite 250, Santa Ana, California 92704.

I SERVED THE FOLLOWING:

- 1.) 60-Day Notice of Intent to Sue Under Health & Safety Code Section 24249.6;
- 2.) The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary (only sent to violators);
- 3.) Certificate of Merit (supporting papers sent to Attorney General only)

by enclosing a true copy of the same in a sealed envelope addressed to each person whose name and address is shown below and depositing the envelope in the United States mail with the postage fully prepaid:

Date of Mailing: November 4, 2010  
Place of Mailing: Santa Ana, California

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH PERSON TO WHOM DOCUMENTS WERE MAILED:

Joseph Taylor, Chairman and CEO Panasonic Corporation of North America One Panasonic Way Secaucus, NJ 07094	California Attorney General (Proposition 65 Enforcement Division) 1515 Clay Street, 20th Floor Oakland, CA
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And all entities on the attachment hereto

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: November 4, 2010

  
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## ATTACHMENT TO PROOF OF SERVICE

San Diego City Attorney  
1200 3rd Ave. Ste. 1620  
San Diego, CA 92101

San Diego County District Attorney  
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Lakeport, CA 95453

Stanislaus County DA  
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Los Banos CA 93635

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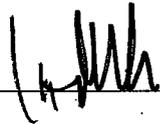
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Bridgeport, CA 93517

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Santa Barbara, CA 93101

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: November 4, 2010

  
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