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February 11, 2011

NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986
(California Health and Safety Code § 25249.5 *et seq.*)

First Class Mail-Proof of Service Attached

Vernon Sales, Inc.
Current President/CEO/General Counsel
2788 East Vernon Avenue
Vernon, CA 90058-1823

Re: Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code §25249.5 *et seq.*

Dear Sir or Madam:

This firm represents Vicky Hamilton (the "Noticing Party") in connection with this notice of violations of California's Safe Drinking Water & Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, codified at Health & Safety Code ("H&S Code") § 25249.5 *et seq.* (also referred to as "Proposition 65").

Attached as Exhibit A to this Notice is a copy of "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary." The attached Summary was prepared by the California Environmental Protection Agency and provides general information about the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986. Copies of the Summary are not required to be, and are not being, provided to the public enforcement agencies.

A description of the Noticing Party, the Alleged Violator, and the Alleged Violations Addressed by this Notice follows:

- This Notice is provided by Vicky Hamilton. Ms. Hamilton is an individual who resides in Los Angeles County in California. Ms. Hamilton is acting in the public interest pursuant to H&S Code § 25249.7(d), and is acting to protect the environment, improve human health, and support environmentally sound practices.
- The Noticed Company's name and address is:

  Vernon Sales, Inc.
  Current President/CEO/General Counsel
  2788 East Vernon Avenue
  Vernon, CA 90058-1823

- The violations addressed by this Notice began on or after January 1, 2007, have occurred on numerous occasions each and every day since January 1, 2007, and are ongoing and continuing.
- This Notice of Violation covers the "warning provision" of Proposition 65, which is found at H&S Code § 25249.6.

- **Listed Chemicals.** The names of each chemical that is listed pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 involved in the violations addressed by this Notice are Lead (listed as a Proposition 65 reproductive toxin on February 27, 1987); and Lead and Lead compounds (listed as a Proposition 65 carcinogen on October 1, 1992) (the "Listed Chemicals"). The Listed Chemicals are listed (and have been so listed for more than twelve months) by the Governor of the State of California as being a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity.

- **Route of Exposure.** The routes of exposure for the violations addressed by this Notice result from the purchase, acquisition, handling and recommended use of these products by consumers. Accordingly, consumer exposures have occurred and continue to occur primarily through the ingestion route of exposure, but also may occur through the inhalation and/or dermal contact routes of exposure.

  These exposures are ongoing and continuing, with some continuing from January 1, 2007. The Noticing Party believes and so alleges that Vernon Sales, Inc. (hereafter "VERNON SALES") tolled any applicable statute of limitations by failing at any time in the past to disclose the presence of the Listed Chemical in their Product(s) to those individuals to whom the Noticing Party owed a warning when those individuals purchased the Product(s) in retail stores or over the Internet where the Company's Products are sold for consumer use in California. The labels on these Product(s) do not include any warning that would meet the definition of a warning, or otherwise comply with, Title 27 CCR §§ 25601 to 25603.3, inclusive.

- **Consumer Products.** The type of consumer products causing the exposures addressed by this Notice are consumer food products ("Products") manufactured and/or distributed by the Noticed Company, including but not limited to the following illustrative candy Product(s):

  > Ticorindo Candy is sold at Dollar Max Stores in Southern California. It is manufactured in Mexico by the company Pabsa and is distributed by Vernon Sales, located in the Southern California. Ticorindo candy is packaged in clear plastic with the word TICORINDO in bright red and yellow letters. The package also has three characters at the bottom which resemble a strawberry, pineapple and tamarind, each with large white eyes and red shoes. The top of the package is red and yellow and has a picture of a bird and a parrot. The package contains 10 pieces of candy, each wrapped in packaging that resembles the main package.

- **Duration of Violations.** There are numerous sources of the exposures addressed in this Notice. On information and belief, these exposures occur in homes, the workplace, and everywhere else in California where these Products are used. These exposures occur principally off the property of the Noticed Company.

- In the course of doing business, VERNON SALES knowingly and intentionally has exposed, and continues to expose, individuals to the Listed Chemicals in the Products. No clear and reasonable warning is or has been provided by VERNON SALES to individuals regarding exposure to the Listed Chemicals or regarding the fact that the Listed Chemicals are substances known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this notice or any communication for the noticing party, Vicky Hamilton to:

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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.7(d)

I, Roger Lane Carrick, on behalf of Vicky Hamilton hereby declare:

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

2. I am the attorney for the noticing party.

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 exposure to the listed chemical(s) that is the subject of this action.

4. Based upon the information obtained through those consultations, and 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 private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all the 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 24249.7(h)(2), *i.e.*, (1) the identity of the person consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Date: February 11, 2011

ROGER LANE CARRICK
THE CARRICK LAW GROUP, P.C.
ATTORNEYS FOR VICKY HAMILTON

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 350 S. Grand Avenue, Suite 2930, Los Angeles, CA 90071-3406.

On February 11, 2011, I served copies of the documents listed immediately hereafter by first class mail by placing same in sealed envelopes, fully preparing postage thereon, and depositing said envelopes in the U.S. Mail at Los Angeles, California. Said envelopes were addressed as follows:

NOTICED COMPANY	REGISTERED AGENT (if any)
Vernon Sales, Inc. Current President/CEO/General Counsel 2788 East Vernon Avenue Vernon, CA 90058-1823	Kamyab Toofer 2788 East Vernon Avenue Vernon, CA 90058-1823

Documents mailed:

1. **NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (California Health and Safety Code § 25249.5 et seq.)**

2. **EXHIBIT A - THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY (Government Entities excluded)**

3. **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT – (attachments only sent to California Attorney General's Office)**

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on February 11, 2011, at Los Angeles, California.

Kimberly A.K. Burgo

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DISTRIBUTION LIST – GOVERNMENT ENTITIES
***VIA FIRST CLASS U.S. MAIL* – Documents on CD-Rom Mailed:**
(1) 60-Day Notice of Violation; (2) Certificate of Merit (w/atts. AG's office only);
and (3) Certificate of Service

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