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12	THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF	Case No.	
13	CALIFORNIA,	COMPLAINT FOR PERMANENT	
14	Plaintiff,	INJUNCTION, CIVIL PENALTIES AND OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF	
15	v.	OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF	
16	COOKS COLLISION, INC., a California corporation,	(Health & Saf. Code, Div. 20, Chapters 6.5 and 6.95; Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200, et seq.)	
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18	Defendant.	Filing Fees Exempt (Govt. Code § 6103)	
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21	Plaintiff, THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ("People"), based on		
22	information and belief, alleges as follows:		
23	PLAINTIFF		
24	1. The People bring this action by and through Anne Marie Schubert, District		
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- 2. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25182, Plaintiff may bring a civil action in the name of the People of the State of California to enjoin any violation of Chapter 6.5 of Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code (hereinafter "Chapter 6.5") and to seek civil penalties for violations of the provisions of Chapter 6.5.
- 3. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 25515.6 and 25515.7, Plaintiff may bring a civil action in the name of the People of the State of California to enjoin any violation of Health and Safety Code sections 25504 to 25508.2, inclusive, or section 25511 of Chapter 6.95 of Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code (hereinafter "Chapter 6.95").
- 4. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 17203, 17204, and 17206, Plaintiff may bring a civil action in the name of the of the State of California to enjoin any person who engages, has engaged, or proposes to engage in unfair competition, as defined in California Business and Professions Code section 17200, and to seek civil penalties for each act of unfair competition.
- 5. Plaintiff brings this action without prejudice to any other action or claim which Plaintiff may have based on separate, independent and unrelated violations arising out of matters or allegations that are not set forth in this Complaint.

DEFENDANT

- 6. Defendant COOKS COLLISION, INC., is now, and at all times mentioned in this Complaint was, a California corporation, with its principal corporate offices located in Roseville, California.
- 7. At all relevant times, Defendant owned, operated, licensed, or leased, in its own capacity and through affiliates, automotive and auto body repair shops in Sacramento County and

at other locations throughout the State of California ("Defendant's Facilities"). The specific list of the locations of Defendant's Facilities is attached as **Exhibit A.**

- 8. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant stored hazardous materials at Defendant's Facilities, in the ordinary course of conducting their business of automotive and auto body repair. These hazardous materials include, but are not limited to, automotive paints, clear-coats, epoxy, resin, sealants, solvents, buffing compounds, aerosols, batteries, ignitable liquids, and other automotive and auto body repair products that are flammable, reactive, toxic and corrosive materials.
- 9. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant also generated regulated quantities of hazardous waste at each of Defendant's Facilities as a result of its automotive and auto body repair business practices. These hazardous wastes include, but are not limited to, used automotive paints, clear-coats, epoxy, resin, sealants, solvents, used buffing compounds, used buffing dust, used automotive sanding pads, paint filters, non-empty containers, aerosol cans, grindings, sweepings, and other automotive and auto body repair wastes that are ignitable, reactive, toxic and corrosive.
- 10. At all relevant times hereto, Defendant was and is legally responsible for compliance with the provisions of the Health and Safety Code, including Chapters 6.5 and 6.95 of Division 20, at Defendant's Facilities. The People are informed and believe and based thereon allege that, at all relevant times, Defendant controlled and was responsible for the operations of Defendant's Facilities and/or aided and abetted or acted in concert with persons who exercised control over those operations, including but not limited to, all acts and omissions relating to the management of hazardous materials and hazardous waste at Defendant's Facilities, and/or that Defendant, or its predecessors, failed to take appropriate steps to prevent and/or correct the violations alleged herein despite having power, authority and notice sufficient to do so.
- 11. Defendant is a "person," as defined in Health and Safety Code section 25118 and Business and Professions Code section 17201, and a "business," as defined in Health and Safety Code section 25501, subdivision (c).

12. When reference is made herein to any act or omission of Defendant, such allegation shall include the act or omission of the owners, officers, directors, employees, and representatives of Defendant, engaged in said acts or omissions.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 13. Venue is proper in this County pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 25183 and 25515.6, and Business and Professions Code section 17200 et seq., in that certain of the violations alleged in the Complaint occurred in the County of Sacramento and throughout the State of California. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to Article 6, section 10 of the California Constitution, section 393 of the Code of Civil Procedure and section 25182 of the Health and Safety Code.
- 14. Plaintiff and Defendant entered into a series of agreements to toll any and all applicable statutes of limitation. As a result of those tolling agreements, the time for commencing an action to enforce any violation which might otherwise have expired on and between January 22, 2015 and the filing of this complaint, inclusive, was tolled, did not lapse, and shall be included as validly within the statutory time for commencing this action.

STATUTORY AND REGULATORY BACKGROUND

framework for the generation, handling, treatment, storage, transportation, and disposal of hazardous wastes. This framework, contained in Chapter 6.5 of Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code, section 25100 et seq., and its implementing regulations, which are found at Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations section 66260.1 et seq., mandates a "cradle to grave" system known as the Hazardous Waste Control Law ("HWCL"). The HWCL system is maintained to record the generation, registration, tracking, storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous wastes and to provide for the protection of the public and the environment from present or potential risks posed by hazardous wastes. The State of California has enacted a comprehensive statutory and regulatory framework for the notification, handling, training and spill/release reporting of hazardous materials. This framework is contained in Chapter 6.95 of Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code, section 25500 et seq., and its implementing

regulations and is known as the Hazardous Materials Release Response Plans and Inventory Law. In order to better inform the public and to assist emergency responders, Chapter 6.95 has, for over twenty (20) years, mandated that basic information on the location, type, quantity, and the health risks of hazardous materials handled, used, stored, or disposed of in the State, which could be accidentally released into the environment, be made available to firefighters, health officials, planners, public safety officers, health care providers, regulatory agencies and other interested persons.

ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

- 16. Section 25189 of the Health and Safety Code imposes civil liability for any negligent or intentional violation of the HWCL, or for any violation of any permit, rule, regulation, standard, or requirement issued or promulgated pursuant to the HWCL. Section 25189.2 of the Health and Safety Code is an alternative strict liability provision, which creates liability for any violation of the HWCL, or for any violation of any permit, rule, regulation, standard, or requirement issued or promulgated pursuant to the HWCL.
- 17. Section 25515, subdivision (b), of the Health and Safety Code imposes civil liability for any knowing violation of Sections 25504 to 25508.2, inclusive, and Section 25511, of the Health and Safety Code. Section 25515, subdivision (a), of the Health and Safety Code is an alternative strict-liability provision that imposes civil liability for any violation of Sections 25504 to 25508.2, inclusive, and Section 25511, of the Health and Safety Code.
- 18. Business and Professions Code section 17206 imposes civil liability for any act of unfair competition, as defined in California Business and Professions Code section 17200.
- 19. Business and Professions Code section 17203 authorizes the Court to issue an order that enjoins any person who engages, has engaged, or proposes to engage in unfair competition, as defined in California Business and Professions Code section 17200.
- 20. Health and Safety Code sections 25181 and 25184 authorize the Court to issue an order that enjoins any ongoing or potential violation of the HWCL, or of any applicable rule, regulation, permit, standard, requirement, or order issued or promulgated pursuant to the HWCL.

21. Health and Safety Code sections 25515.6 and 25515.8 authorize the Court to issue an order that enjoins any ongoing or potential violation of Chapter 6.95.

22. Health and Safety Code sections 25184 and 25515.8 provide that in civil actions brought pursuant to the HWCL or Chapter 6.95, respectively, in which an injunction or temporary restraining order is sought, it shall not be necessary for the People to allege or prove at any stage of the proceeding that irreparable damage will occur should the temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, or permanent injunction not be issued, or that the remedy at law is inadequate, and the temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, or permanent injunction shall issue without such allegations and without such proof.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 23. The facts constituting grounds for commencing this action were discovered within five (5) years of the tolled statute of limitations period, as set out in paragraph 14, or within five (5) years of the filing of this complaint, and continued thereafter and shall henceforth be referred to as "all relevant times."
- 24. At all relevant times Defendant owned, operated, licensed, or leased and continues to own, operate, license, or lease, and is responsible for acts and/or omissions committed at Defendant's Facilities throughout California.
- 25. At all relevant times, Defendant handled at Defendant's Facilities significant quantities of hazardous materials, including but not limited to, automotive paints, clear-coats, epoxy, resin, sealants, solvents, buffing compounds, aerosols, batteries, ignitable liquids, and other automotive and auto body repair products that are flammable, reactive, toxic and corrosive materials.
- 26. At all relevant times, Defendant also generated regulated quantities of hazardous waste at each of Defendant's Facilities as a result of its automotive and auto body repair business practices. These hazardous wastes include, but are not limited to, used automotive paints, clear-coats, epoxy, resin, sealants, solvents, used buffing compounds, used buffing dust, used automotive sanding pads, paint filters, non-empty containers, aerosol cans, grindings, sweepings,

and other automotive and auto body repair wastes that are ignitable, reactive, toxic and corrosive, which must be handled and disposed of as hazardous waste in compliance with the HWCL

- 27. At all relevant times, Defendant also disposed, or arranged for the disposal, of customer records within its custody or control containing personal information, in violation of Civil Code 1798.81
- 28. At all relevant times, Defendant is and was responsible for the operation of Defendant's Facilities.
- 29. At all relevant times to this Complaint, Defendant is and was aware of and conducted, approved and/or controlled the hazardous-materials, and hazardous-waste management activities at Defendant's Facilities.
- 30. At all relevant times to this Complaint, Defendant's actions and/or omissions, as part of a continuing course of conduct, are or were the legal cause of the violations alleged herein, and Defendant reasonably could have taken action to prevent them.
- 31. At all relevant times to this Complaint, Defendant, at each of Defendant's Facilities, generated hazardous waste during every ninety (90) day period.
- 32. At all relevant times to this Complaint, Defendant violated provisions of the following statutes, including implementing regulations associated with each of the statutes and any related permit, rule, standard, or requirement issued or promulgated pursuant to these statutes, at Defendant's Facilities within the time period applicable to this action: Chapter 6.5 of the Health and Safety Code, section 25100 et seq., Chapter 6.95 of the Health and Safety Code, section 25500 et seq., Health and Safety Code Sections 117600-118360; and Business and Professions Code section 17200 et seq.

SPECIFIC ACTS/OMISSIONS IN VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS

- 33. At all relevant times hereto Defendant, caused and/or performed each of the acts and/or omissions in violation of California law in the ownership and/or operation of some or all of the of the Defendant's Facilities as alleged below:
 - a. Disposed, or caused the disposal, of hazardous waste at a point not authorized by

law, in violation of Health & Safety Code Sections 25189 and 25189.2, including, without limitation, to any trash, dumpster, or other container at any of the Defendant's Facilities, and onto the surface or subsurface of the ground at any unauthorized location, or at a landfill or transfer station not authorized to receive hazardous waste;

- b. Failed to transport, transfer custody of, or caused to be transported in California any hazardous waste by a transporter registered to transport hazardous waste as required by Health and Safety Code section 25163;
- c. Failed to determine if wastes generated at Defendant's Facilities, were hazardous wastes, as required by Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations section 66262.11;
- d. Failed to properly manage, identify the date of accumulation, and label containers of hazardous waste at Defendant's Facilities, in violation of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, section 66262.34;
- e. Failed to lawfully and timely dispose of all accumulated hazardous waste at each of Defendant's Facilities as required by California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 66262.34;
- f. Failed to timely cause to be prepared and filed with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) a hazardous waste manifest for all hazardous waste that is transported, or submitted for transportation, for offsite handling, treatment, storage, disposal, or any combination thereof, from any of Defendant's Facilities as required by Health & Safety Code Section 25160(b)(3) and California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 66262.23;
- g. Failed to contact the transporter and/or the owner or operator of the designated facility that was to receive hazardous waste from Defendant, to determine the status of the hazardous waste, in the event of non-receipt of a copy of the manifest with the handwritten signature of the owner or operator of the designated facility within thirty-five (35) days of the date the waste was accepted by the initial transporter, as required by Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 66262.42;

- h. Failed to timely notify the DTSC by filing an exception report concerning the treatment, storage, or disposal facility's failure to return any executed manifest, as required by Health & Safety Code Section 25160(b)(3);
- i. Failed to prepare and maintain copies of hazardous waste manifests for three (3) years, in violation of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, section 66262.40;
- j. Unlawfully stored, handled and accumulated hazardous waste, at each of Defendant's Facilities, as required by Health & Safety Code Section 25123.3 and California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Sections 66262.34 and 66265.173;
- k. Stored hazardous waste onsite beyond the time permitted by law at a Facility that did not have a hazardous waste storage permit from DTSC, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66262.34, and California Health and Safety Code section 25123.3, subdivision (h);
- Failed to segregate incompatible hazardous-waste items that were in leaking containers at each of Defendant's Facilities, as required by California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 66265.177;
- m. Failed to conduct inspections of hazardous waste storage areas, at each of Defendant's Facilities, as required by California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Sections 66262.34 and 66265.174;
- n. Failed to comply with employee training obligations pertaining to handling of hazardous waste at Defendant's Facilities, in violation of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, section 66262.34(d) and 40 C.F.R. § 262.16(b)(9)(iii), or title 22, section 66265.16, whichever may apply;
- o. Failed to immediately report any release or threatened release of a reportable quantity of any hazardous material from any of Defendant's Facilities into the environment, as required by Health and Safety Code section 25510;
- p. Failed to continuously implement, maintain or submit to the unified program agency (as defined in Health and Safety Code sections 25501), a complete hazardous materials

business plan for each of the Defendant's Facilities, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 25507, and section 2650 of Title 19 of the California Code of Regulations;

- q. Failed to properly manage, mark, and store universal waste at each of Defendant's Facilities in compliance with the standards for universal waste management found in California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Sections 66273.33 through 66273.36; or in the alternative, failed to manage such waste as hazardous waste as required by Chapter 6.5 of the Health and Safety Code and its implementing regulations in the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, including, but not limited to, Section 66262.34;
- r. Failed to keep a record of each shipment of universal waste sent from any of Defendant's Facilities, as required by Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations Section 66273.39, or in the alternative, failed to manage such waste as hazardous waste as required by Chapter 6.5 of the Health and Safety Code and its implementing regulations in the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, including, but not limited to, Section 66262.34;
- s. Failed to treat returned or discarded non-empty aerosol cans at Defendant's Facilities as universal waste or hazardous waste, in violation of California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 23, section 66273.1 et seq.;
- t. Failed to implement, maintain and comply with, an employee training program meeting the requirements of Health and Safety Code section 25505, subdivision (a)(4), and Title 19 of the California Code of Regulations section 2659, pertaining to hazardous materials, and business and area plans, including but not limited to Hazardous Materials Business Plans;
- u. Failed to implement and maintain a business-emergency plan for emergency response to a release or threatened release of hazardous materials, in violation of Health and Safety Code sections 25505 and 25507;
- v. Transported, or caused to be transported, any hazardous waste to an unauthorized location in California, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 25189.5; and
- w. Failed to take all reasonable steps to dispose, or arrange for the disposal, of customer records within its custody or control containing personal information, in violation of Civil Code 1798.81.

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