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California State Board of Equalization
450 N Street
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Attention: David Gau

Regarding: Posting of Proposition 65 Warnings

Dear Mr. Gau:

On August 17, 2011, Hygiene Technologies International, Inc. (HygieneTech) was informed that the California Department of General Services (DGS) had posted Proposition 65 warning signs at various locations within the California State Board of Equalization (BOE) building located at 450 N Street, Sacramento, California. Proposition 65, an existing California law that was formerly known as the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, is administered by the California Environmental Protection Agency's (Cal/EPA) Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA). One of the intended purposes of Proposition 65 is to inform individuals that the premises they are entering contains chemicals officially listed by the State of California which are known to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm, if in fact one or more of those chemical on the Proposition 65 list is known to exist on the premises. And at the BOE building, the Proposition 65 warning signs were reportedly posted as a result of the discovery of benzene and carbon disulfide—both of which are on the Proposition 65 list—during odor investigations by CE Schmidt, Ph.D., a subcontractor to LaCroix Davis (LCD), consultant to DGS.

Those odor investigations were performed in the Mail Rooms on the 19th, 21st, and 22nd floors and the resultant analytical data can be found in the CE Schmidt, Ph.D. report issued to LCD dated May 16, 2011. As indicated in that report, benzene and carbon disulfide were detected at very low concentrations at several of the sample locations. Benzene was detected at concentrations above the reporting limit during ambient air sampling in two (2) out of four (4) sample locations and three (3) out of nine (9) flux chamber sample locations. Carbon disulfide was detected above the reporting limit in one (1) out of nine (9) sample locations during the flux chamber testing. Be advised that while these two compounds were detected, there is no expectation that they were ingredients or were used during the installation of the concrete slab, nor would HygieneTech expect benzene or carbon disulfide to be components of the vinyl composite floor tiles or the adhesive (mastic) used in the installation of those tiles. And, HygieneTech has no expectation that products or materials commonly used in a commercial office environment such as the BOE would be likely to contain either of those two compounds. HygieneTech is aware that both of the compounds are not uncommon in some analytical laboratories and therefore we would suggest that additional surveys be performed in the BOE building to confirm the presence of both compounds in the Mail Room areas on the 19th, 21st and 22nd floors. HygieneTech would also suggest that during the subsequently testing, another laboratory be contracted to analyze the air samples.

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If you have any comments or questions regarding the information presented, please feel free to contact our offices directly at (310) 370-8370.

Sincerely,

HYGIENE TECHNOLOGIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Brian P. Daly", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Brian P. Daly, CIH, PE
President