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The State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control ("Plaintiff" or the "Department") alleges as follows:

- This is a civil action by the Department for recovery of unreimbursed response costs and for declaratory and injunctive relief pursuant to sections 107 and 113 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607 and 9613, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, I-99-499.
- The Department has incurred response costs and expects to continue to 2. incur response costs in connection with actions taken pursuant CERCLA and related state laws in response to releases and/or threatened releases of hazardous substances that have resulted or may result in soil and groundwater contamination at, beneath and/or in the vicinity of properties located at 811, 817, 819, 825, and 826 East 62nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90001, referred to herein as "the Site." For the purposes of this Complaint, the Site also includes the areal extent of the hazardous substance contamination that is or has been present at, or has extended from the Site. The Site is a "facility" within the meaning of CERCLA § 101(9), 42 U.S.C. § 9601(9).

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

This Court has jurisdiction over the claims by the Department under 3. federal law pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and CERCLA § 113(b), 42 U.S.C. § 9613(b). Venue is proper in this district pursuant to CERCLA § 113(b), 42 U.S.C. § 9613(b) and 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because the claims asserted herein arose and the releases and/or threatened releases of hazardous substances occurred in this judicial district.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

The Department brings claims for cost recovery and declaratory relief 4. under sections CERCLA §§ 107(a) and 113(g), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607(a) and 9613(g), for response, removal and remediation costs incurred by the Department resulting

from a release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances at or from the Site. The Department also seeks a declaratory judgment pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2201 and CERCLA §§107 and 113, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607 and 9613, that Defendants are liable, jointly and severally, for all future response costs incurred by the Department in responding to releases and/or threatened releases of hazardous substances from or at the Site.

PLAINTIFF

5. The Department is a public agency of the State of California organized and existing under and pursuant to California Health and Safety Code § 58000 et seq. Under California law, the Department is the state agency responsible for determining whether there has been a release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances into the environment, and for determining the actions to be taken in response thereto.

DEFENDANTS

- 6. Defendant Standard Nickel-Chromium Plating Company is a California corporation and an "owner and/or operator" of a facility, as those terms are described in CERCLA § 107(a), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a). Defendant Standard Nickel-Chromium Plating Company also was an "owner and/or operator" of a facility at the time of the disposal of hazardous substances at the facility, as those terms are described in CERCLA § 107(a), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a).
- 7. Defendant George Dulgarian is an individual and an "owner and/or operator" of a facility, as those terms are described in CERCLA § 107(a), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a). Defendant George Dulgarian also was an "owner and/or operator" of a facility at the time of the disposal of hazardous substances at the facility, as those terms are described in CERCLA § 107(a), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a).
- 8. Defendant Douglas Dulgarian is an individual and an "owner and/or operator" of a facility, as those terms are described in CERCLA § 107(a), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a). Defendant Douglas Dulgarian also was an "owner and/or operator" of a

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facility at the time of the disposal of hazardous substances at the facility, as those terms are described in CERCLA § 107(a), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a).

- Defendant Dean Dulgarian is an individual and was an "owner and/or 9. operator" of a facility at the time of the disposal of hazardous substances at the facility, as those terms are described in CERCLA § 107(a), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a).
- Defendant Haig Dulgarian is an individual and was an "owner and/or 10. operator" of a facility at the time of the disposal of hazardous substances at the facility, as those terms are described in CERCLA § 107(a), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a). Upon information and believe, DTSC alleges that Haig Dulgarian died on November 6, 2010. Defendant Douglas Dulgarian is the Executor of the Estate of Haig Dulgarian. Defendant Douglas Dulgarian is an individual residing in the State of California.
- 11. Defendant Duke Dulgarian is an individual who has done, and who continues to do business under the name DDD & Associates, LLC. Duke Dulgarian was an "owner and/or operator" of a facility at the time of the disposal of hazardous substances at the facility, as those terms are described in CERCLA § 107(a), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a).
- Defendant Dickie Van Breene (formerly known as Dickie Dulgarian) is an individual who has done and continues to do business under the name DDD & Associates, LLC. Dickie Van Breene (formerly known as Dickie Dulgarian) was an "owner and/or operator" of a facility at the time of the disposal of hazardous substances at the facility, as those terms are described in CERCLA § 107(a), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a).
- Defendant Dick Dulgarian was an "owner and/or operator" of a facility 13. at the time of the disposal of hazardous substances at the facility, as those terms are described in CERCLA § 107(a), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a). Dick Dulgarian did business under the name DDD & Associates, LLC. Upon information and belief, DTSC alleges that Dick Dulgarian died on January 4, 2010. Defendant Duke Dulgarian is

the Executor of the Estate of Dick Dulgarian. Defendant Duke Dulgarian is an individual residing in the State of California.

BACKGROUND

- 14. In approximately 1927, a plating operation, called "Dulgarian & Sons Standard Plating Company" or "Dulgarian Sons Standard Plating Company" was established by certain members of the Dulgarian family on property at the Site. The on-Site operations included plating operations, including the chromium plating of pipes for the oil industry. The business was later incorporated in 1946 under the name Standard Nickel Chromium Plating Company or Standard Nickel Chromium Company, Inc., a named Defendant in this action.
- 15. Defendant Standard Nickel-Chromium Plating operated a plating company on portions of the Site and is a current owner of a portion of the Site. Defendants George Dulgarian and Douglas Dulgarian are also current owners of a portion of the Site. Defendant Dean Dulgarian, individually, Defendant Haig Dulgarian, individually, Defendant Duke Dulgarian, individually and doing business as DDD & Associates, LLC, Defendant Dickie Van Breene (formerly known as Dickie Dulgarian), individually, and doing business as DDD & Associates, LLC, and Defendant Dick Dulgarian, individually and doing business as DDD & Associates, LLC, were all at one time owners and/or operators of a portion of the Site.
- 16. As a result of the acts of each of the Defendants, hazardous substances have been, and continue to be, released and/or threatened to be released, into the soil and groundwater at, around, and beneath the Site.
- 17. The Department has conducted response actions to address the release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Site. In June of 1997, the Department conducted a Site Screening for the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("US EPA") as part of an investigation of the release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances at or from the Site. In 2008, the

- Department took the lead to further investigate the release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances at or from the Site.
- 18. As part of its investigation, the Department collected samples of soil at the Site. These samples revealed the presence of hazardous substances in the soil at the Site, including, but not limited to, hexavalent chromium, total chromium, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), principally the industrial solvents trichloroethylene ("TCE") and perchloroethylene ("PCE"). The levels of chromium, chromium-6, PCE, and TCE in soil exceed the California Human Health Screening Levels and Preliminary Remediation Goals of the US EPA.
- 19. Groundwater samples have been collected at the Site. These samples revealed the presence of hazardous substances in the groundwater beneath the Site, including, but not limited to, hexavalent chromium, total chromium and VOCs, principally the industrial solvents TCE and PCE. The levels of chromium, chromium-6, PCE, and TCE in the groundwater beneath the Site exceed the California Human Health Screening Levels and Preliminary Remediation Goals of the US EPA.
- 20. On or about June 9, 2009, the Department issued an Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Determination and Remedial Action Order ("ISE Order") ordering Defendants to investigate and remediate the release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances at or from the Site. On or about December 29, 2010, the Department issued an Amendment to Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Determination and Remedial Action Order ("Amendment") amending the parties and certain properties identified in the ISE Order.
- 21. Defendants failed to complete the investigation and remediation of releases and/or threatened releases of hazardous substances at or from the Site as required by the ISE Order and Amendment.

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- 27. The Site is a "facility" within the meaning of CERCLA § 101(9), 42 U.S.C. § 9601(9).
- 28. Each of the Defendants is or has been an "owner and/or operator" of a portion of the Site at the time of disposal of hazardous substances at the Site, within the meaning of CERCLA §§ 101(9) and 107(a)(1), (2), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601(9) and 9607(a)(1), (2).
- 29. Chromium, hexavalent chromium, TCE and PCE are "hazardous substances" as defined in CERCLA § 101(14), 42 U.S.C. § 9601(4).
- 30. There have been releases and/or threatened releases of hazardous substances at and from the Site into the environment, within the meaning of CERCLA §§ 101(8) and 101(22), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601(8) and 9601(22).
- 31. As a result of the release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances at or from the Site, the Department has incurred costs for response within the meaning of CERCLA § 101(25), 42 U.S.C. § 9601(25).
- 32. The Department is a "State" for the purposes of cost recovery under CERCLA § 107(a), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a). All response costs have been incurred by the Department in a manner which satisfies the requirements of CERCLA § 107(a)(4), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a)(4), in that the underlying activities are not inconsistent with the applicable requirements of the National Contingency Plan, 40 C.F.R. Part 300.
- 33. Each of the Defendants is jointly and severally liable to the Department without regard to fault or negligence under CERCLA § 107(a), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), for all costs of response incurred or to be incurred by the Department caused by or resulting from the release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances at or from the Site.

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SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Declaratory Relief under CERCLA § 113(g)(2) against each of the Defendants (42 USC § 9613(g)(2))

- 34. The allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 33 are incorporated by reference as if fully alleged herein.
- 35. Pursuant to CERCLA § 113(g)(2), 42 U.S.C. § 9613(g)(2), the Department is entitled to a declaratory judgment that each of the Defendants is jointly and severally liable in any subsequent action or actions by the Department for any further costs incurred in response to the release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances at or from the Site.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests that the Court enter a judgment against Defendants as follows:

- 1. For a judgment that each Defendant is jointly and severally liable to the Department without regard to fault under CERCLA§ 107(a), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), for all unreimbursed costs of response incurred by the Department as a result of the release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances at or from the Site, in an amount to be proven at trial;
- 2. For interest on the above sums as provided by CERCLA § 107(a), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a);
- 3. For a declaration, pursuant to CERCLA § 113(g)(2), 42 U.S.C. § 9613(g)(2), that each Defendant is jointly and severally liable to the Department without regard to fault for all future costs incurred in response to the release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances at or from the Site.

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5	Dated: May 1] 2013	Respectfully submitted,
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to District Judge R. Gary Klausner and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Andrew J. Wistrich.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

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Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

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OLIVIA W. KARLIN Deputy Attorneys General State Bar No. 150432 300 South Spring Street, Suite 1702 Los Angeles, CA 90013 Telephone: (213) 897-0473 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA CASE NUMBER STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL, PLAINTIFF(S -03600-CGK STANDARD NICKEL-CHROMIUM PLATING COMPANY, a California corporation, (SEE ADDITIONAL SUMMONS PAGE) **SUMMONS** DEFENDANT(S). TO: **DEFENDANT(S):** A lawsuit has been filed against you. Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it), you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached ☑ complaint □ amended complaint □ counterclaim □ cross-claim or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff's attorney, Olivia W. Karlin __, whose address is Office of the Attorney General, 300 South Spring Street, #1702, Los Angeles, CA 90013. If you fail to do so. judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court. Clerk, U.S. District Court Dated: MAY 2 0 2013 (Seal of the Court) [Use 60 days if the defendant is the United States or a United States agency, or is an officer or employee of the United States. Allowed 60 days by Rule 12(a)(3)]. CV-01A (10/11 **SUMMONS**

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Defendant

Cross-Complainant

Cross-Defendant

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