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COUNTY OF STANISLAUS**

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12 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
13 **FOR THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS**

14 **THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,**)

15 **Plaintiff,**)

16 **vs.**)

17 **WRIGHT'S PETROLEUM INC. (DBA),**)

18 **Defendants.**)

CASE NO. 871700

**COMPLAINT FOR
CIVIL PENALTIES
AND OTHER RELIEF**

**[Health & Safety Code
Section 25299; Business
& Professions Code Section
17200]**

19 **THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, by and through JAMES C.**
20 **BRAZELTON, District Attorney for the County of STANISLAUS, by and through Deputy**
21 **District Attorneys GLORIA M. MAS and ROY J. HUBERT, allege as follows:**

22 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

23 **1. The authority of the District Attorney of Stanislaus County to bring this action is**
24 **derived from the statutory laws of the State of California, specifically Health and Safety Code**
25 **§25299 and Business and Professions Code sections 17206 et seq.**

26 **2. Defendant transacted business within the County of Stanislaus. The alleged**

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2 violations of law hereinafter described were carried out within said County and within the State of
3 California. Unless enjoined and restrained by an order of this court, the defendants will
4 continue to retain the means to engage in unlawful action and practices and courses of conduct set
5 out below.

6 **DEFENDANTS**

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8 3. Whenever in this complaint reference is made to any act of defendant, such allegation
9 shall be deemed to mean that defendant, and its officers, agents, employees, or representatives,
10 did or authorized acts while actively engaged in the management, direction, or control of the
11 affairs of said defendant, and while acting within the course and scope of their duties.

12 4. Defendant WRIGHT'S PETROLEUM INC. (DBA) at all times relevant herein was,
13 engaged in the business of operating a business, located at 2770 Riverbank, Riverbank, California,
14 95367.

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16 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

17 **VIOLATION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
SECTION 25299 (DESIGNATED OPERATOR)**

18 5. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 4 above.

19 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based upon such information and belief alleges
20 that on or around January 1, 2005 and continuing, and within three (3) years of filing this complaint,
21 defendant engaged in acts in violation of Health and Safety Code §25299.

22 7. The violations of Health and Safety Code include but are not limited to the following:

23 (a) The violation of Health and Safety Code § 25299 by failing to file a designated
24 operator pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, § 2715.

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26 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

27 **VIOLATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE
SECTIONS 17200 - 17208 (UNLAWFUL AND/OR UNFAIR COMPETITION)**

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3 8. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 - 7, above.

4 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based on such information and belief alleges that on
5 or about January 1, 2005 and continuing, defendants engaged in acts of unlawful and/or unfair
6 competition prohibited by California Business and Professions Code §17200 - §17208 by virtue of
7 the acts described herein, each of which constitutes an unfair and/or unlawful business practice.
8 These acts include but are not limited to:

9 (a) Violation of Health and Safety Code § 25299.

10 PRAYER

11 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

12 1. Defendants be permanently restrained and enjoined from engaging in or performing,
13 directly or indirectly, any and all of the following acts:

14 (a) Engaging in any of the unlawful acts of unfair competition set forth in the First
15 Cause of Action of this complaint, as well as any other violations of Business and Professions Code
16 §17200 - §17208.

17 (b) Violating any environmental offenses including but not limited to California
18 Health and Safety Code § 25299.

19 2. For violations of the First Cause of Action, that defendants herein be assessed a civil
20 penalty in the amount of TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00) for each violation,
21 according to proof;

22 3. For violations of the Second Cause of Action, that defendants herein be assessed a
23 civil penalty in the amount of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS FIVE HUNDRED (\$2,500.00) for
24 each violation, according to proof;

25 4. Plaintiff recover its costs and attorney fees.
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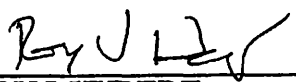
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3 5. Plaintiff have such other and further relief as the nature of the case may require and that
4 the court deems proper to fully dissipate the effects of the unlawful and unfair acts complained of
5 herein.
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7 Dated this first day of April, in the year 2005, at Modesto, California.
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9 Respectfully submitted,

10 JAMES C. BRAZELTON
11 District Attorney

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14 ROY J. HUBERT
15 Deputy District Attorney
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