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court for an injunction against any person who engages, had engaged, or proposes to engage in unfair competition and for civil penalties for each act of unfair competition.

2. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, by and through BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General of the State of California, and by and through JAMES P. WILLETT, District Attorney of San Joaquin County, acting to protect the public as consumers from deception, fraud, and misrepresentation, and as competitors from unlawful, unfair, and fraudulent business practices, bring this action in the public interest in the name of THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA and hereby allege:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. The defendants transact business within the County of San Joaquin and elsewhere throughout the State of California. The alleged violations of the law, hereinafter described, have been carried out within San Joaquin County and elsewhere throughout the State of California. The alleged actions of the defendants and each of them, jointly and separately, as set out below, are in violation of the law and public policy of the State of California. Unless enjoined and restrained by an order of this court, the defendants will continue to retain the means to engage in unlawful action and practices and courses of conduct set out below.

DEFENDANTS

- 4. Defendant SHALINI KUMAR LATA, individually and as a sole proprietor d.b.a. CENTRAL VALLEY UST ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, is, and at all times relevant herein was, engaged in the business of DESIGNATED UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK OPERATOR, located at 1918 ROSEMARIE LANE, APT. #108, STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA.
- 5. Defendant CENTRAL VALLEY UST ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, a sole proprietorship, a business of unknown type of organization, is, and at all times relevant herein was, engaged in the business of DESIGNATED UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK OPERATOR, located at 1918 ROSEMARIE LANE, APT. #108, STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA.
- 6. Defendant DOES ONE through TWENTY are connected and responsible for the acts complained of below. Their real names are unknown at this time, and the People will amend this complaint at a later date when the true identities of DOES ONE through TWENTY are discovered.

- 7. Whenever in this complaint reference is made to any act of defendants, such allegation shall be deemed to mean that defendants and their officers, agents, employees, or representatives, did or authorized acts while actively engaged in the management, direction, or control of the affairs of said defendants, and while acting within the course and scope of their duties.
- 8. All defendants at all times acted as agents of one another. With regard to the conduct and omissions alleged in this Complaint, each of the defendants ratified the actions of the other defendants.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

VIOLATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS

CODE SECTIONS 17200 - 17208

UNLAWFUL AND/OR UNFAIR COMPETITION

- 9. Paragraphs 1 through 6 are incorporated herein by reference. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based on such information and belief alleges that beginning at an exact date that is unknown to plaintiff, but within four (4) years prior to the filing of this complaint, defendants have engaged in acts of unlawful and/or unfair competition prohibited by Business and Professions Code sections 17200 through 17208 by virtue of the acts described herein, each of which constitutes an unfair and/or unlawful business practice.
- 10. The use of such unlawful and or unfair business practices constitutes unfair competition within the meaning of section 17200 of the Business and Professions Code. The unlawful and/or unfair business practices committed by the defendants include, but are not limited to:
- a. Falsifying International Code Counsel (ICC) California Underground Storage Tank
 (UST) Operator Exam Results;
- b. Submitting Falsified ICC California UST Operator Exam Results to businesses in the State of California, including but not limited to Lake County, Sacramento County, San Joaquin County, Sonoma County, Stanislaus County, and Yolo County;

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