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DATE: May 20, 2010

LOCATION: CPSC, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda MD 20814

SUBJECT: Hands on Science Partnership meeting with staff of Commissioners Adler and Moore

ATTENDEES: Steve Alexander, Hands on Science Partnership (HOSP); Edward Krenik, Bracewell & Giuliani LLP; Paul Nathanson, Bracewell & Giuliani LLP; Jim Parrish, CEO of Carolina Biological; Peter Mayberry, Mayberry & Associates

OBSERVERS: Mary Foley, Product Safety Letter; John Sweeney, Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice

CPSC ATTENDEES: Jason Levine, Counselor to Commissioner Robert S. Adler; Michael Gougisha, Counselor to Commissioner Thomas Moore

MEETING SUMMARY: The Hands on Science Partnership (HOSP) representatives met with staff members from the offices of two Commissioners to discuss the recently proposed CPSC definition of a “children’s product.” The HOSP representatives focused on the provision in the proposed rule that addressed the use of “general use” items in kits of children’s products, such as a paperclip in a science kit. HOSP’s members sell educational kits exclusively to schools and the kits are intended for educational purposes only. The representatives claimed that if the definition became final these types of products would be excluded from the science kits due to testing costs, which they argued would be a detriment to science education in American schools. The representatives presented proposed alternative language that would exempt such general use products in the instance where the equipment is intended by manufacturers for educational purposes. The Commissioners’ staff members recommended that HOSP submit comments for the record on this topic prior to the closure of the comment period.

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