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11 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
12 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

13
14 EDWARD HARDEMAN,
15 Plaintiff

16 v.

17 MONSANTO COMPANY and JOHN
DOES 1-50.
18 Defendant.

Civil Action No.:

COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

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20 **COMPLAINT**

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22 Plaintiff, Edward Hardeman (“Plaintiff”), by and through his undersigned attorneys, hereby
23 brings this Complaint for damages against Defendants Monsanto Company and John Does 1-50, and
24 alleges the following:

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27 **NATURE OF THE CASE**
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1 1. This is an action for damages suffered by Plaintiff as a direct and proximate result of
2 Defendants’ negligent and wrongful conduct in connection with the design, development, manufacture,
3 testing, packaging, promoting, marketing, advertising, distribution, labeling, and/or sale of the
4 herbicide Roundup[®], containing the active ingredient glyphosate.

5 2. Plaintiff maintains that Roundup[®] and/or glyphosate is defective, dangerous to human
6 health, unfit and unsuitable to be marketed and sold in commerce, and lacked proper warnings and
7 directions as to the dangers associated with its use.

8 3. Plaintiff’s injuries, like those striking thousands of similarly situated victims across the
9 country, were avoidable.

10 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

11 4. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendants and this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332
12 because there is complete diversity of citizenship between Plaintiff and Defendants. Defendants are all
13 either incorporated and/or have their principal place of business outside of the state in which the Plaintiff
14 resides.

15 5. The amount in controversy between Plaintiff and Defendants exceeds \$75,000, exclusive
16 of interest and cost.

17 6. The Court also has supplemental jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.

18 7. Venue is proper within this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 in that Defendants
19 conduct business here and are subject to personal jurisdiction in this district. Furthermore, Defendants
20 sell, market, and/or distribute Roundup[®] within the District of California. Also, a substantial part of the
21 acts and/or omissions giving rise to these claims occurred within this district.

22 **PARTIES**

23 8. Plaintiff, Edward Hardeman, is a natural person and at all relevant times a resident and
24 citizen of Sonoma County, California. Plaintiff brings this action for personal injuries sustained by
25 exposure to Roundup[®] (“Roundup”) containing the active ingredient glyphosate and the surfactant
26 POEA. As a direct and proximate result of being exposed to Roundup, Plaintiff developed non-
27 Hodgkin’s Lymphoma.

28 9. “Roundup” refers to all formulations of Defendants’ roundup products, including, but not

1 limited to, Roundup Concentrate Poison Ivy and Tough Brush Killer 1, Roundup Custom Herbicide,
2 Roundup D-Pak herbicide, Roundup Dry Concentrate, Roundup Export Herbicide, Roundup Fence &
3 Hard Edger 1, Roundup Garden Foam Weed & Grass Killer, Roundup Grass and Weed Killer, Roundup
4 Herbicide, Roundup Original 2k herbicide, Roundup Original II Herbicide, Roundup Pro Concentrate,
5 Roundup Prodry Herbicide, Roundup Promax, Roundup Quik Stik Grass and Weed Killer, Roundup
6 Quikpro Herbicide, Roundup Rainfast Concentrate Weed & Grass Killer, Roundup Rainfast Super
7 Concentrate Weed & Grass Killer, Roundup Ready-to-Use Extended Control Weed & Grass Killer 1
8 Plus Weed Preventer, Roundup Ready-to-Use Weed & Grass Killer, Roundup Ready-to-Use Weed and
9 Grass Killer 2, Roundup Ultra Dry, Roundup Ultra Herbicide, Roundup Ultramax, Roundup VM
10 Herbicide, Roundup Weed & Grass Killer Concentrate, Roundup Weed & Grass Killer Concentrate Plus,
11 Roundup Weed & Grass killer Ready-to-Use Plus, Roundup Weed & Grass Killer Super Concentrate,
12 Roundup Weed & Grass Killer1 Ready-to-Use, Roundup WSD Water Soluble Dry Herbicide Deploy
13 Dry Herbicide, or any other formulation of containing the active ingredient glyphosate.

14 10. Defendant MONSANTO COMPANY is a Delaware corporation, Calif. Secretary of
15 State Entity No. C2362863, in “active” status, with a principle place of business in St. Louis, Missouri.

16 11. Upon best information and belief, Defendants JOHN DOES 1-50 are subsidiaries,
17 partners, or other entities that were involved in the design, development, manufacture, testing,
18 packaging, promoting, marketing, advertising, distribution, labeling, and/or sale of the herbicide
19 Roundup, containing the active ingredient glyphosate. The identities of JOHN DOES 1-50 are unknown
20 to Plaintiff at this time. Plaintiff will move the Court to specifically name JOHN DOES 1-50 as their
21 identities becomes known to Plaintiff through discovery.

22 12. Defendant MONSANTO COMPANY and JOHN DOES 1-50 are collectively referred
23 to as “Monsanto Defendants” or “Defendants.”

24 13. Defendants advertise and sell goods, specifically Roundup, in Sonoma County,
25 California.

26 14. Defendants transacted and conducted business within the State of California that relates
27 to the allegations in this Complaint.

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1 15. Defendants derived substantial revenue from goods and products used in the State of
2 California.

3 16. Defendants expected or should have expected their acts to have consequences within the
4 State of California, and derived substantial revenue from interstate commerce.

5 17. Defendants engaged in the business of designing, developing, manufacturing, testing,
6 packaging, marketing, distributing, labeling, and/or selling Roundup.

7 18. Defendants are authorized to do business in California and derive substantial income
8 from doing business in this state.

9 19. Upon information and belief, Defendants purposefully availed themselves of the
10 privilege of conducting activities with the State of California, thus invoking the benefits and protections
11 of its laws.

12 20. Upon information and belief, Defendants did act together to design, sell, advertise,
13 manufacture and/or distribute Roundup, with full knowledge of its dangerous and defective nature.

14 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

15 21. At all relevant times, Defendants were in the business of, and did, design, research,
16 manufacture, test, advertise, promote, market, sell, distribute, and/or have acquired and are responsible
17 for Defendants who have designed, researched, manufactured, tested, advertised, promoted, marketed,
18 sold, and distributed the commercial herbicide Roundup.

19 22. Monsanto is a multinational agricultural biotechnology corporation based in St. Louis,
20 Missouri. It is the world's leading producer of glyphosate.

21 23. Defendants discovered the herbicidal properties of glyphosate during the 1970's and
22 subsequently began to design, research, manufacture, sell and distribute glyphosate based "Roundup"
23 as a broad spectrum herbicide.

24 24. Glyphosate is the active ingredient in Roundup.

25 25. Glyphosate is a broad-spectrum herbicide used to kill weeds and grasses known to
26 compete with commercial crops grown around the globe.

27 26. Glyphosate is a "non-selective" herbicide, meaning it kills indiscriminately based only
28 on whether a given organism produces a specific enzyme, 5-enolpyruvylshikimic acid-3-phosphate

1 synthase, known as EPSP synthase.

2 27. Glyphosate inhibits the enzyme 5-enolpyruvylshikimic acid-3-phosphate synthase that
3 interferes with the shikimic pathway in plants, resulting in the accumulation of shikimic acid in plant
4 tissue and ultimately plant death.

5 28. Sprayed as a liquid, plants absorb glyphosate directly through their leaves, stems, and
6 roots, and detectable quantities accumulate in the plant tissues.

7 29. Each year, approximately 250 million pounds of glyphosate are sprayed on crops,
8 commercial nurseries, suburban lawns, parks, and golf courses. This increase in use has been driven
9 largely by the proliferation of genetically engineered crops, crops specifically tailored to resist the
10 activity of glyphosate.

11 30. Defendants are intimately involved in the development, design, manufacture, marketing,
12 sale, and/or distribution of genetically modified (“GMO”) crops, many of which are marketed as being
13 resistant to Roundup *i.e.*, “Roundup Ready[®].” As of 2009, Defendants were the world’s leading producer
14 of seeds designed to be Roundup Ready[®]. In 2010, an estimated 70% of corn and cotton, and 90% of
15 soybean fields in the United States contained Roundup Ready[®] seeds.

16 31. The original Roundup, containing the active ingredient glyphosate, was introduced in
17 1974. Today, glyphosate products are among the world’s most widely used herbicides. Monsanto’s
18 glyphosate products are registered in more than 130 countries and are approved for weed control in more
19 than 100 crops. No other herbicide active ingredient compares in terms of number of approved uses.¹

20 32. For nearly 40 years, farmers across the globe have used Roundup, unaware of its
21 carcinogenic properties.

22 **REGISTRATION OF HERBICIDES UNDER FEDERAL LAW**

23 33. The manufacture, formulation and distribution of herbicides, such as Roundup, are
24 regulated under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (“FIFRA”), 7 U.S.C. § 136 *et*
25 *seq.* FIFRA requires that all pesticides be registered with the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”)
26 prior to their distribution, sale, or use, except as described by FIFRA 7 U.S.C. 136a(a).

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28 ¹ *Backgrounder*, History of Monsanto’s Glyphosate Herbicides, June 2005.

1 34. The EPA requires as part of the registration process, among other requirements, a variety
2 of tests to evaluate the potential for exposure to pesticides, toxicity to people and other potential non-
3 target organisms, and other adverse effects on the environment. Registration by the EPA, however, is
4 not an assurance or finding of safety. The determination the EPA makes in registering or re-registering
5 a product is not that the product is “safe,” but rather that use of the product in accordance with its label
6 directions “will not generally cause unreasonable adverse effects on the environment.” 7 U.S.C. §
7 136(a)(c)(5)(D).

8 35. FIFRA defines “unreasonable adverse effects on the environment” to mean “any
9 unreasonable risk to man or the environment, taking into account the economic, social, and
10 environmental costs and benefits of the use of any pesticide.” 7 U.S.C. § 136(bb). FIFRA thus requires
11 the EPA to make a risk/benefit analysis in determining whether a registration should be granted or
12 allowed to continue to be sold in commerce.

13 36. The EPA and the State of California registered Roundup for distribution, sale, and
14 manufacture in the United States and the State of California.

15 37. FIFRA generally requires that the registrant, Monsanto, conduct health and safety testing
16 of pesticide products. The government is not required, nor is it able, to perform the product tests that are
17 required of the manufacturer.

18 38. The evaluation of each pesticide product distributed, sold, or manufactured is completed
19 at the time the product is initially registered. The data necessary for registration of a pesticide has
20 changed over time. The EPA is now in the process of re-evaluating all pesticide products through a
21 Congressionally-mandated process called “re-registration.” 7 U.S.C. § 136a-1. In order to reevaluate
22 these pesticides, the EPA demands the completion of additional tests and the submission of data for the
23 EPA’s review and evaluation.

24 39. In the case of glyphosate and Roundup, the EPA had planned on releasing its preliminary
25 risk assessment – in relation to the registration process – no later than July 2015. The EPA completed
26 its review of glyphosate in early 2015, but delayed releasing the assessment pending further review in
27 light of the World Health Organization’s findings.

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1 **MONSANTO'S FALSE REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING THE SAFETY OF ROUNDUP®**

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3 40. In 1996, the New York Attorney General ("NYAG") filed a lawsuit against Monsanto
4 based on its false and misleading advertising of Roundup products. Specifically, the lawsuit challenged
5 Monsanto's general representations that its spray-on glyphosate-based herbicides, including Roundup,
6 were "safer **than table salt**" and "practically **non-toxic**" to mammals, birds, and fish. Among the
7 representations the NYAG found deceptive and misleading about the human and environmental safety
8 of Roundup are the following:

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- 10 a) Remember that environmentally friendly Roundup herbicide is
11 biodegradable. It won't build up in the soil so you can use Roundup with
confidence along customers' driveways, sidewalks and fences ...
 - 12 b) And remember that Roundup is biodegradable and won't build up in the
13 soil. That will give you the environmental confidence you need to use
14 Roundup everywhere you've got a weed, brush, edging or trimming
problem.
 - 15 b) Roundup biodegrades into naturally occurring elements.
 - 16 d) Remember that versatile Roundup herbicide stays where you put it. That
17 means there's no washing or leaching to harm customers' shrubs or other
desirable vegetation.
 - 18 e) This non-residual herbicide will not wash or leach in the soil. It ... stays
19 where you apply it.
 - 20 f) You can apply Accord with "confidence because it will stay where you
21 put it" it bonds tightly to soil particles, preventing leaching. Then, soon after
application, soil microorganisms biodegrade Accord into natural products.
 - 22 g) Glyphosate is less toxic to rats than table salt following acute oral
23 ingestion.
 - 24 h) Glyphosate's safety margin is much greater than required. It has over a
25 1,000-fold safety margin in food and over a 700-fold safety margin for
workers who manufacture it or use it.
 - 26 i) You can feel good about using herbicides by Monsanto. They carry
27 a toxicity category rating of 'practically non-toxic' as it pertains to
mammals, birds and fish.
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1 j) "Roundup can be used where kids and pets will play and breaks down
2 into natural material." This ad depicts a person with his head in the ground
and a pet dog standing in an area which has been treated with Roundup.²

3 41. On November 19, 1996, Monsanto entered into an Assurance of Discontinuance with
4 NYAG, in which Monsanto agreed, among other things, "to cease and desist from publishing or
5 broadcasting any advertisements [in New York] that represent, directly or by implication" that:

6 a) its glyphosate-containing pesticide products or any component
7 thereof are safe, non-toxic, harmless or free from risk.

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9 b) its glyphosate-containing pesticide products or any component
10 thereof manufactured, formulated, distributed or sold by
Monsanto are biodegradable

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12 c) its glyphosate-containing pesticide products or any component
13 thereof stay where they are applied under all circumstances and
14 will not move through the environment by any means.

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16 d) its glyphosate-containing pesticide products or any component
17 thereof are "good" for the environment or are "known for their
environmental characteristics."

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19 e) glyphosate-containing pesticide products or any component
20 thereof are safer or less toxic than common consumer products
21 other than herbicides;

22 f) its glyphosate-containing products or any component thereof
23 might be classified as "practically non-toxic."

24 42. Monsanto did not alter its advertising in the same manner in any state other than New
25 York, and on information and belief still has not done so today.

26 43. In 2009, France's highest court ruled that Monsanto had not told the truth about the safety

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28 ² Attorney General of the State of New York, In the Matter of Monsanto Company, Assurance of Discontinuance Pursuant
to Executive Law § 63(15) (Nov. 1996).

1 of Roundup. The French court affirmed an earlier judgment that Monsanto had falsely advertised its
2 herbicide Roundup as “biodegradable” and that it “left the soil clean.”³

3 **EVIDENCE OF CARCINOGENICITY IN ROUNDUP**

4 44. As early as the 1980’s Monsanto was aware of glyphosate’s carcinogenic properties.

5 45. On March 4, 1985, a group of the Environmental Protection Agency’s (“EPA”)
6 Toxicology Branch published a memorandum classifying glyphosate as a Category C oncogene.⁴
7 Category C oncogenes are possible human carcinogens with limited evidence of carcinogenicity.

8 46. In 1986, the EPA issued a Registration Standard for glyphosate (NTIS PB87-103214).
9 The Registration standard required additional phytotoxicity, environmental fate, toxicology, product
10 chemistry, and residue chemistry studies. All of the data required was submitted and reviewed and/or
11 waived.⁵

12 47. In October 1991 the EPA published a Memorandum entitled “Second Peer Review of
13 Glyphosate.” The memorandum changed glyphosate’s classification to Group E (evidence of non-
14 carcinogenicity for humans). Two peer review committee members did not concur with the conclusions
15 of the committee and one member refused to sign.⁶

16 48. In addition to the toxicity of the active molecule, many studies support the hypothesis
17 that glyphosate formulations found in Defendants’ Roundup products are more dangerous and toxic than
18 glyphosate alone.⁷ As early as 1991 evidence existed demonstrating that glyphosate formulations were
19 significantly more toxic than glyphosate alone.⁸

20 49. In 2002, Julie Marc published a study entitled “Pesticide Roundup Provokes Cell
21 Division Dysfunction at the Level of CDK1/Cyclin B Activation.”

22 50. The study found that Defendants’ Roundup caused delays in the cell cycles of sea
23 urchins, while the same concentrations of glyphosate alone proved ineffective and did not alter cell
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25 ³ *Monsanto Guilty in ‘False Ad’ Row*, BBC, Oct. 15, 2009, available at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/8308903.stm>.

26 ⁴ Consensus Review of Glyphosate, Casewell No. 661A. March 4, 1985. United States Environmental Protection Agency.

27 ⁵ <http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/reregistration/REDS/factsheets/0178fact.pdf>

28 ⁶ Second Peer Review of Glyphosate, CAS No. 1071-83-6. October 30, 1991. United States Environmental Protection Agency.

⁷ Martinez et al. 2007; Benachour 2009; Gasnier et al. 2010; Peixoto 2005; Marc 2004

⁸ Martinez et al 1991

1 cycles.

2 51. In 2004, Julie Marc published a study entitled “Glyphosate-based pesticides affect cell
3 cycle regulation.” The study demonstrated a molecular link between glyphosate-based products and cell
4 cycle dysregulation.

5 52. The study noted that “cell-cycle dysregulation is a hallmark of tumor cells and human
6 cancer. Failure in the cell-cycle checkpoints leads to genomic instability and subsequent development
7 of cancers from the initial affected cell.” Further, “[s]ince cell cycle disorders such as cancer result from
8 dysfunction of unique cell, it was of interest to evaluate the threshold dose of glyphosate affecting cells.”

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10 53. In 2005, Francisco Peixoto published a study showing that Roundup’s effects on rat liver
11 mitochondria are much more toxic and harmful than the same concentrations of glyphosate alone.

12 54. The Peixoto study suggested that the harmful effects of Roundup on mitochondrial
13 bioenergetics could not be exclusively attributed to glyphosate and could be the result of other
14 chemicals, namely the surfactant POEA, or alternatively due to the possible synergy between glyphosate
15 and Roundup formulation products.

16 55. In 2009, Nora Benachour and Gilles-Eric Seralini published a study examining the effects
17 of Roundup and glyphosate on human umbilical, embryonic, and placental cells.

18 56. The study used dilution levels of Roundup and glyphosate far below agricultural
19 recommendations, corresponding with low levels of residues in food. The study concluded that supposed
20 “inert” ingredients, and possibly POEA, change human cell permeability and amplify toxicity of
21 glyphosate alone. The study further suggested that determinations of glyphosate toxicity should take
22 into account the presence of adjuvants, or those chemicals used in the formulation of the complete
23 pesticide. The study confirmed that the adjuvants in Roundup are not inert and that Roundup is always
24 more toxic than its active ingredient glyphosate.

25 57. The results of these studies were confirmed in recently published peer-reviewed studies
26 and were at all times available and/or known to Defendants.

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28 ⁹ (Molinari, 2000; Stewart et al., 2003)

1 58. Defendants knew or should have known that Roundup is more toxic than glyphosate
2 alone and that safety studies on Roundup, Roundup’s adjuvants and “inert” ingredients, and/or the
3 surfactant POEA were necessary to protect Plaintiff from Roundup.

4 59. Defendants knew or should have known that tests limited to Roundup’s active ingredient
5 glyphosate were insufficient to prove the safety of Roundup.

6 60. Defendants failed to appropriately and adequately test Roundup, Roundup’s adjuvants
7 and “inert” ingredients, and/or the surfactant POEA to protect Plaintiff from Roundup.

8 61. Rather than performing appropriate tests, Defendants relied upon flawed industry-
9 supported studies designed to protect Defendants’ economic interests rather than Plaintiff and the
10 consuming public.

11 62. Despite their knowledge that Roundup was considerably more dangerous than glyphosate
12 alone, Defendants continued to promote Roundup as safe.

13 **IARC CLASSIFICATION OF GLYPHOSATE**

14 63. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (“IARC”) is the specialized
15 intergovernmental cancer agency the World Health Organization (“WHO”) of the United Nations tasked
16 with conducting and coordinating research into the causes of cancer.

17 64. An IARC Advisory Group to Recommend Priorities for IARC Monographs during 2015–
18 2019 met in April 2014. Though nominations for the review were solicited, a substance must meet two
19 criteria to be eligible for review by the IARC Monographs: there must already be some evidence of
20 carcinogenicity of the substance, and there must be evidence that humans are exposed to the substance.

21 65. IARC set glyphosate for review in 2015-2016. IARC uses five criteria for determining
22 priority in reviewing chemicals. The substance must have a potential for direct impact on public health;
23 scientific literature to support suspicion of carcinogenicity; evidence of significant human exposure; high
24 public interest and/or potential to bring clarity to a controversial area and/or reduce public anxiety or
25 concern; related agents similar to one given high priority by the above considerations. Data reviewed is
26 sourced preferably from publicly accessible, peer-reviewed data.

27 66. On March 24, 2015, after its cumulative review of human, animal, and DNA studies for
28 more than one (1) year, many of which have been in Defendants’ possession since as early as 1985, the

1 IARC's working group published its conclusion that the glyphosate contained in Defendants' Roundup
2 herbicide, is a Class 2A "probable carcinogen" as demonstrated by the mechanistic evidence of
3 carcinogenicity in humans and sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity in animals.

4 67. The IARC's full Monograph was published on July 29, 2015 and established glyphosate
5 as a class 2A *probable* carcinogen to humans. According to the authors glyphosate demonstrated
6 sufficient mechanistic evidence (genotoxicity and oxidative stress) to warrant a 2A classification based
7 on evidence of carcinogenicity in humans and animals.

8 68. The IARC Working Group found an increased risk between exposure to glyphosate and
9 non-Hodgkin's lymphoma ("NHL") and several subtypes of NHL, and the increased risk continued after
10 adjustment for other pesticides.

11 69. The IARC also found that glyphosate caused DNA and chromosomal damage in human
12 cells.

13 **EARLIER EVIDENCE OF GLYPHOSATE'S DANGER**

14 70. Despite the new classification by the IARC, Defendants have had ample evidence of
15 glyphosate and Roundup's genotoxic properties for decades.

16 71. Genotoxicity refers to chemical agents that are capable of damaging the DNA within a
17 cell through genetic mutations, which is a process that is believed to lead to cancer.

18 72. In 1997, Chris Clements published "Genotoxicity of select herbicides in *Rana*
19 *catesbeiana* tadpoles using the alkaline single-cell gel DNA electrophoresis (comet) assay."

20 73. The study found that tadpoles exposed to Roundup showed significant DNA damage
21 when compared with unexposed control animals.

22 74. Both human and animal studies have shown that glyphosate and glyphosate-based
23 formulations such as Roundup can induce oxidative stress.

24 75. Oxidative stress and associated chronic inflammation are believed to be involved in
25 carcinogenesis.

26 76. The IARC Monograph notes that "[s]trong evidence exists that glyphosate, AMPA and
27 glyphosate-based formulations can induce oxidative stress."

28 77. In 2006 César Paz-y-Miño published a study examining DNA damage in human subjects

1 exposed to glyphosate.

2 78. The study produced evidence of chromosomal damage in blood cells showing
3 significantly greater damage after exposure to glyphosate than before in the same individuals, suggesting
4 that the glyphosate formulation used during aerial spraying had a genotoxic effect on exposed
5 individuals.

6 79. The IARC Monograph reflects the volume of evidence of glyphosate pesticides'
7 genotoxicity noting "[t]he evidence for genotoxicity caused by glyphosate-based formulations is
8 strong."

9 80. Despite knowledge to the contrary, Defendants maintain that there is no evidence that
10 Roundup is genotoxic, that regulatory authorities and independent experts are in agreement that
11 Roundup is not genotoxic, and that there is no evidence that Roundup is genotoxic.

12 81. In addition to glyphosate and Roundup's genotoxic properties, Defendants have long
13 been aware of glyphosate's carcinogenic properties.

14 82. Glyphosate and Roundup in particular have long been associated with carcinogenicity
15 and the development of numerous forms of cancer, including, but not limited to, non-Hodgkin's
16 lymphoma, Hodgkin's lymphoma, multiple myeloma, and soft tissue sarcoma.

17 83. Defendants have known of this association since the early to mid-1980s and numerous
18 human and animal studies have evidenced the carcinogenicity of glyphosate and/or Roundup.

19 84. In 1985 the EPA studied the effects of glyphosate in mice finding a dose related response
20 in male mice linked to renal tubal adenomas, a rare tumor. The study concluded the glyphosate was
21 oncogenic.

22 85. In 2003 Lennart Hardell and Mikael Eriksson published the results of two case controlled
23 studies on pesticides as a risk factor for NHL and hairy cell leukemia.

24 86. The study concluded that glyphosate had the most significant relationship to NHL among
25 all herbicides studies with an increased odds ratio of 3.11.

26 87. In 2003 AJ De Roos published a study examining the pooled data of mid-western
27 farmers, examining pesticides and herbicides as risk factors for NHL.

28 88. The study, which controlled for potential confounders, found a relationship between

1 increased NHL incidence and glyphosate.

2 89. In 2008 Mikael Eriksson published a study a population based case-control study of
3 exposure to various pesticides as a risk factor for NHL.

4 90. This strengthened previous associations between glyphosate and NHL.

5 91. In spite of this knowledge, Defendants continued to issue broad and sweeping statements
6 suggesting that Roundup was, and is, safer than ordinary household items such as table salt, despite a
7 lack of scientific support for the accuracy and validity of these statements and, in fact, voluminous
8 evidence to the contrary.

9 92. Upon information and belief, these statements and representations have been made with
10 the intent of inducing Plaintiff, the agricultural community, and the public at large to purchase, and
11 increase the use of, Defendants' Roundup for Defendants' pecuniary gain, and in fact did induce Plaintiff
12 to use Roundup.

13 93. Defendants made these statements with complete disregard and reckless indifference to
14 the safety of Plaintiff and the general public.

15 94. Notwithstanding Defendants' representations, scientific evidence has established a clear
16 association between glyphosate and genotoxicity, inflammation, and an increased risk of many cancers,
17 including, but not limited to, NHL, Multiple Myeloma, and soft tissue sarcoma.

18 95. Defendants knew or should have known that glyphosate is associated with an increased
19 risk of developing cancer, including, but not limited to, NHL, Multiple Myeloma, and soft tissue
20 sarcomas.

21 96. Defendants failed to appropriately and adequately inform and warn Plaintiff of the
22 serious and dangerous risks associated with the use of and exposure to glyphosate and/or Roundup,
23 including, but not limited to, the risk of developing NHL, as well as other severe and personal injuries,
24 which are permanent and/or long-lasting in nature, cause significant physical pain and mental anguish,
25 diminished enjoyment of life, and the need for medical treatment, monitoring and/or medications.

26 97. Despite the IARC's classification of glyphosate as a class 2A probable carcinogen,
27 Defendants continue to maintain that glyphosate and/or Roundup is safe, non-carcinogenic, non-
28 genotoxic, and falsely warrant to users and the general public that independent experts and regulatory

1 agencies agree that there is no evidence of carcinogenicity or genotoxicity in glyphosate and Roundup.

2 98. Defendants have claimed and continue to claim that Roundup is safe, non-carcinogenic,
3 and non-genotoxic.

4 99. Monsanto claims on its website that “[r]egulatory authorities and independent experts
5 around the world have reviewed numerous long-term/carcinogenicity and genotoxicity studies and agree
6 that there is no evidence that glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup brand herbicides and other
7 glyphosate-based herbicides, causes cancer, even at very high doses, and that it is not genotoxic”.¹⁰

8 100. Ironically, the primary source for this statement is a 1986 report by the WHO, the same
9 organization that now considers glyphosate to be a probable carcinogen.

10 101. Glyphosate, and Defendants’ Roundup products in particular, have long been associated
11 with serious side effects and many regulatory agencies around the globe have banned or are currently
12 banning the use of glyphosate herbicide products.

13 102. Defendants’ statements proclaiming the safety of Roundup and disregarding its dangers
14 misled Plaintiff.

15 103. Despite Defendants’ knowledge that Roundup was associated with an elevated risk of
16 developing cancer, Defendants’ promotional campaigns focused on Roundup’s purported “safety
17 profile.”

18 104. Defendants’ failure to adequately warn Plaintiff resulted in (1) Plaintiff using and being
19 exposed to glyphosate instead of using another acceptable and safe method of controlling unwanted
20 weeds and pests; and (2) scientists and physicians failing to warn and instruct consumers about the risk
21 of cancer, including NHL, and other injuries associated with Roundup.

22 105. Defendants failed to seek modification of the labeling of Roundup to include relevant
23 information regarding the risks and dangers associated with Roundup exposure.

24 106. The failure of Defendants to appropriately warn and inform the EPA has resulted in
25 inadequate warnings in safety information presented directly to users and consumers.

26 107. The failure of Defendants to appropriately warn and inform the EPA has resulted in the
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28 ¹⁰ [Backgrounder - Glyphosate: No Evidence of Carcinogenicity](#). Updated November 2014. (downloaded October 9 2015)

1 absence of warning or caution statements that are adequate to protect health and the environment.

2 108. The failure of Defendants to appropriately warn and inform the EPA has resulted in the
3 directions for use that are not adequate to protect health and the environment.

4 109. By reason of the foregoing acts and omissions, Plaintiff seeks compensatory damages as
5 a result of Plaintiff's use of, and exposure to, Roundup which caused or was a substantial contributing
6 factor in causing Plaintiff to suffer from cancer, specifically NHL, and Plaintiff suffered severe and
7 personal injuries which are permanent and lasting in nature, physical pain and mental anguish, including
8 diminished enjoyment of life.

9 110. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff is severely and permanently injured.

10 111. By reason of the foregoing acts and omissions, Plaintiff has endured and, in some
11 categories continues to suffer, emotional and mental anguish, medical expenses, and other economic
12 and non-economic damages, as a result of the actions and inactions of the Defendants.

13 **PLAINTIFF'S EXPOSURE TO ROUNDUP**

14 112. Plaintiff used Roundup beginning in the 1980's to control poison oak and weeds on his
15 property.

16 113. For many years, Plaintiff sprayed Roundup on a regular basis. Plaintiff followed all
17 safety and precautionary warnings during the course of use.

18 114. Plaintiff was subsequently diagnosed with large B-cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma in
19 February of 2015.

20 115. As a result of his injury, Plaintiff has incurred significant economic and non-economic
21 damages.

22 **EQUITABLE TOLLING OF APPLICABLE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

23 116. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all prior paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set
24 forth herein.

25 117. The running of any statute of limitations has been tolled by reason of Defendants'
26 fraudulent concealment. Defendants, through their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions,
27 actively concealed from Plaintiff the true risks associated with Roundup and glyphosate.¹¹ Indeed, even

1 as of October 2015, Defendants continue to represent to the public that “*Scientists are in agreement that*
2 *there is no evidence* glyphosate causes cancer.” (emphasis added)¹²

3 118. As a result of Defendants’ actions, Plaintiff was unaware, and could not reasonably know
4 or have learned through reasonable diligence that Roundup and/or glyphosate contact, exposed Plaintiff
5 to the risks alleged herein and that those risks were the direct and proximate result of Defendants’ acts
6 and omissions.

7 119. Furthermore, Defendants are estopped from relying on any statute of limitations because
8 of their fraudulent concealment of the true character, quality and nature of Roundup. Defendants were
9 under a duty to disclose the true character, quality, and nature of Roundup because this was non-public
10 information over which Defendants had and continue to have exclusive control, and because Defendants
11 knew that this information was not available to Plaintiff or to distributors of Roundup. In addition,
12 Defendants are estopped from relying on any statute of limitations because of their intentional
13 concealment of these facts.

14 120. Plaintiff had no knowledge that Defendants were engaged in the wrongdoing alleged
15 herein. Because of the fraudulent acts of concealment of wrongdoing by Defendants, Plaintiff could not
16 have reasonably discovered the wrongdoing at any time prior. Also, the economics of this fraud should
17 be considered. Defendants had the ability to and did spend enormous amounts of money in furtherance
18 of their purpose of marketing, promoting and/or distributing a profitable herbicide, notwithstanding the
19 known or reasonably known risks. Plaintiff and medical professionals could not have afforded and could
20 not have possibly conducted studies to determine the nature, extent, and identity of related health risks,
21 and were forced to rely on only the Defendants’ representations. Accordingly, Defendants are precluded
22 by the discovery rule and/or the doctrine of fraudulent concealment from relying upon any statute of
23 limitations.

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25 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**
26 **(NEGLIGENCE)**
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28 ¹² [Backgrounder - Glyphosate: No Evidence of Carcinogenicity](#). Updated November 2014. (downloaded October 9 2015)

1 121. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates, and re-alleges each and every allegation of this Complaint
2 contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully
3 set forth herein.

4 122. Defendants had a duty to exercise reasonable care in the designing, researching, testing,
5 manufacturing, marketing, supplying, promoting, packaging, sale, and/or distribution of Roundup into
6 the stream of commerce, including a duty to assure that the product would not cause users to suffer
7 unreasonable, dangerous side effects.

8 123. Defendants failed to exercise ordinary care in the designing, researching, testing,
9 manufacturing, marketing, supplying, promoting, packaging, sale, testing, quality assurance, quality
10 control, and/or distribution of Roundup into interstate commerce in that Defendants knew or should have
11 known that using Roundup created a high risk of unreasonable, dangerous side effects, including, but
12 not limited to, the development of NHL, as well as other severe and personal injuries which are
13 permanent and lasting in nature, physical pain and mental anguish, including diminished enjoyment of
14 life, as well as need for lifelong medical treatment, monitoring, and/or medications.

15 124. The negligence by the Defendants, their agents, servants, and/or employees, included but
16 was not limited to the following acts and/or omissions:

- 17 a. Manufacturing, producing, promoting, formulating, creating, and/or designing Roundup
18 without thoroughly testing it;
- 19 b. Failing to test Roundup and/or failing to adequately, sufficiently, and properly test
20 Roundup;
- 21 c. Not conducting sufficient testing programs to determine whether or not Roundup was
22 safe for use; in that Defendants herein knew or should have known that Roundup was
23 unsafe and unfit for use by reason of the dangers to its users;
- 24 d. Not conducting sufficient testing programs and studies to determine Roundup's
25 carcinogenic properties even after Defendants had knowledge that Roundup is, was, or
26 could be carcinogenic;
- 27 e. Failing to conduct sufficient testing programs to determine the safety of "inert"
28 ingredients and/or adjuvants contained within Roundup, and the propensity of these
ingredients to render Roundup toxic, increase the toxicity of Roundup, whether these
ingredients are carcinogenic, magnify the carcinogenic properties of Roundup, and
whether or not "inert" ingredients and/or adjuvants were safe for use;

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- f. Negligently failing to adequately and correctly warn the Plaintiff, the public, the medical and agricultural professions, and the EPA of the dangers of Roundup;
- g. Negligently failing to petition the EPA to strengthen the warnings associated with Roundup;
- h. Failing to provide adequate cautions and warnings to protect the health of users, handlers, applicators, and persons who would reasonably and foreseeably come into contact with Roundup;
- i. Negligently marketing, advertising, and recommending the use of Roundup without sufficient knowledge as to its dangerous propensities;
- j. Negligently representing that Roundup was safe for use for its intended purpose, and/or that Roundup was safer than ordinary and common items such as table salt, when, in fact, it was unsafe;
- k. Negligently representing that Roundup had equivalent safety and efficacy as other forms of herbicides;
- l. Negligently designing Roundup in a manner, which was dangerous to its users;
- m. Negligently manufacturing Roundup in a manner, which was dangerous to its users;
- n. Negligently producing Roundup in a manner, which was dangerous to its users;
- o. Negligently formulating Roundup in a manner, which was dangerous to its users;
- p. Concealing information from the Plaintiff while knowing that Roundup was unsafe, dangerous, and/or non-conforming with EPA regulations; and
- q. Improperly concealing and/or misrepresenting information from the Plaintiff, scientific and medical professionals, and/or the EPA, concerning the severity of risks and dangers of Roundup compared to other forms of herbicides.
- r. Negligently selling Roundup with a false and misleading label.

125. Defendants under-reported, underestimated, and downplayed the serious dangers of Roundup.

126. Defendants negligently and deceptively compared the safety risks and/or dangers of Roundup with common everyday foods such as table salt, and other forms of herbicides.

127. Defendants were negligent and/or violated California law in the designing, researching, supplying, manufacturing, promoting, packaging, distributing, testing, advertising, warning, marketing, and selling of Roundup in that they:

- 1 a. Failed to use ordinary care in designing and manufacturing Roundup so as to avoid the
aforementioned risks to individuals when Roundup was used as an herbicide;
- 2 b. Failed to accompany their product with proper and/or accurate warnings regarding all
3 possible adverse side effects associated with the use of Roundup;
- 4 c. Failed to accompany their product with proper warnings regarding all possible adverse
5 side effects concerning the failure and/or malfunction of Roundup;
- 6 d. Failed to accompany their product with accurate warnings regarding the risks of all
7 possible adverse side effects concerning Roundup;
- 8 e. Failed to warn Plaintiff of the severity and duration of such adverse effects, as the
9 warnings given did not accurately reflect the symptoms, or severity of the side effects
10 including, but not limited to, the development of NHL;
- 11 f. Failed to conduct adequate testing, clinical testing and post-marketing surveillance to
12 determine the safety of Roundup;
- 13 g. Failed to conduct adequate testing, clinical testing, and post-marketing surveillance to
14 determine the safety of Roundup's "inert" ingredients and/or adjuvants;
- 15 h. Negligently misrepresented the evidence of Roundup's genotoxicity and carcinogenicity;
- 16 i. Were otherwise careless and/or negligent.

17 128. Despite the fact that Defendants knew or should have known that Roundup caused, or
18 could cause, unreasonably dangerous side effects, Defendants continued and continue to market,
19 manufacture, distribute, and/or sell Roundup to consumers, including the Plaintiff.

20 129. Defendants knew or should have known that consumers such as the Plaintiff would
21 foreseeably suffer injury as a result of Defendants' failure to exercise ordinary care, as set forth above.

22 130. Defendants' violations of law and/or negligence were the proximate cause of Plaintiff's
23 injuries, harm and economic loss, which Plaintiff suffered and/or will continue to suffer.

24 131. As a result of the foregoing acts and omissions, the Plaintiff suffered from serious and
25 dangerous side effects including, but not limited to, NHL, as well as other severe and personal injuries
26 which are permanent and lasting in nature, physical pain and mental anguish, diminished enjoyment of
27 life, and financial expenses for hospitalization and medical care. Further, Plaintiff suffered life-
28 threatening NHL, and severe personal injuries, which are permanent and lasting in nature, physical pain
and mental anguish, including diminished enjoyment of life.

1 132. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in
2 Plaintiff's favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred,
3 attorneys' fees and all relief as this Court deems just and proper. Additionally, Plaintiff demands a jury
4 trial on all issues contained herein.

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6 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**
(STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY – DESIGN DEFECT)

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8 133. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and, re-alleges each and every allegation of this Complaint
9 contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully
10 set forth herein.

11 134. At all times herein mentioned, the Defendants designed, researched, manufactured,
12 tested, advertised, promoted, sold, distributed, and/or have acquired the Defendants who have designed,
13 researched, tested, advertised, promoted, marketed, sold, and distributed Roundup as hereinabove
14 described that was used by the Plaintiff.

15 135. Defendants' Roundup was expected to and did reach the usual consumers, handlers, and
16 persons coming into contact with said product without substantial change in the condition in which it
17 was produced, manufactured, sold, distributed, and marketed by the Defendants.

18 136. At those times, Roundup was in an unsafe, defective, and inherently dangerous condition,
19 which was dangerous to users, and in particular, the Plaintiff herein.

20 137. The Roundup designed, researched, manufactured, tested, advertised, promoted,
21 marketed, sold, and distributed by Defendants was defective in design or formulation in that, when it left
22 the hands of the manufacturer and/or suppliers, the foreseeable risks exceeded the benefits associated
23 with the design or formulation of Roundup.

24 138. The Roundup designed, researched, manufactured, tested, advertised, promoted,
25 marketed, sold, and distributed by Defendants was defective in design and/or formulation, in that, when
26 it left the hands of the Defendants manufacturers and/or suppliers, it was unreasonably dangerous,
27 unreasonably dangerous in normal use, and it was more dangerous than an ordinary consumer would
28 expect.

1 139. At all times herein mentioned, Roundup was in a defective condition and unsafe, and
2 Defendants knew or had reason to know that said product was defective and unsafe, especially when
3 used in the form and manner as provided by the Defendants. In particular, Defendants' Roundup was
4 defective in the following ways:

- 5 a. When placed in the stream of commerce, Defendants' Roundup Products were
6 defective in design and formulation and, consequently, dangerous to an extent beyond
7 that which an ordinary consumer would anticipate.
- 8 b. When placed in the stream of commerce, Defendants' Roundup products were
9 unreasonably dangerous in that they were hazardous and posed a grave risk of cancer
10 and other serious illnesses when used in a reasonably anticipated manner.
- 11 c. When placed in the stream of commerce, Defendants' Roundup products contained
12 unreasonably dangerous design defects and were not reasonably safe when used in a
13 reasonably anticipated manner.
- 14 d. Defendants did not sufficiently test, investigate, or study its Roundup products.
- 15 e. Exposure to Roundup presents a risk of harmful side effects that outweigh any
16 potential utility stemming from the use of the herbicide.
- 17 f. Defendants new or should have known at the time of marketing its Roundup products
18 that exposure to Roundup and could result in cancer and other severe illnesses and
injuries.
- 19 g. Defendants did not conduct adequate post-marketing surveillance of its Roundup
20 products.

21 140. Defendants knew, or should have known that at all times herein mentioned its Roundup
22 was in a defective condition, and was and is inherently dangerous and unsafe.

23 141. Plaintiff was exposed to Defendants' Roundup in the course of his employment, as
24 described above, without knowledge of Roundup's dangerous characteristics.

25 142. At the time of the Plaintiff's use of and exposure to Roundup, Roundup was being used
26 for the purposes and in a manner normally intended, as a broad-spectrum herbicide.

27 143. Defendants with this knowledge voluntarily designed its Roundup with a dangerous
28 condition for use by the public, and in particular the Plaintiff.

144. Defendants had a duty to create a product that was not unreasonably dangerous for its
normal, intended use.

1 145. Defendants created a product that was and is unreasonably dangerous for its normal,
2 intended use.

3 146. Defendants marketed and promoted a product in such a manner so as to make it inherently
4 defective as the product downplayed its suspected, probable, and established health risks inherent with
5 its normal, intended use.

6 147. The Roundup designed, researched, manufactured, tested, advertised, promoted,
7 marketed, sold, and distributed by Defendants was manufactured defectively in that Roundup left the
8 hands of Defendants in a defective condition and was unreasonably dangerous to its intended users.

9 148. The Roundup designed, researched, manufactured, tested, advertised, promoted,
10 marketed, sold, and distributed by Defendants reached their intended users in the same defective and
11 unreasonably dangerous condition in which the Defendants' Roundup was manufactured.

12 149. Defendants designed, researched, manufactured, tested, advertised, promoted, marketed,
13 sold, and distributed a defective product, which created an unreasonable risk to the health of consumers
14 and to the Plaintiff in particular, and Defendants are therefore strictly liable for the injuries sustained by
15 the Plaintiff.

16 150. The Plaintiff could not, by the exercise of reasonable care, have discovered Roundup's
17 defects herein mentioned or perceived its danger.

18 151. By reason of the foregoing, the Defendants have become strictly liable to the Plaintiff for
19 the manufacturing, marketing, promoting, distribution, and selling of a defective product, Roundup.

20 152. Defendants' defective design, of Roundup amounts to willful, wanton, and/or reckless
21 conduct by Defendants.

22 153. Defects in Defendants' Roundup were the cause or a substantial factor in causing
23 Plaintiff's injuries.

24 154. As a result of the foregoing acts and omission, the Plaintiff developed NHL, and suffered
25 severe and personal injuries, which are permanent and lasting in nature, physical pain and mental
26 anguish, including diminished enjoyment of life, and financial expenses for hospitalization and medical
27 care.

28 155. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in

1 Plaintiff's favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred,
2 attorneys' fees and all relief as this Court deems just and proper. Additionally, Plaintiff demands a jury
3 trial on all issues contained herein.

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5 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**
(STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY – FAILURE TO WARN)

6 156. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and re-alleges each and every allegation of this Complaint
7 contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully
8 set forth herein.

9 157. Defendants have engaged in the business of selling, testing, distributing, supplying,
10 manufacturing, marketing, and/or promoting Roundup, and through that conduct have knowingly and
11 intentionally placed Roundup into the stream of commerce with full knowledge that it reaches
12 consumers such as Plaintiff who are exposed to it through ordinary and reasonably foreseeable uses.

13 158. Defendants did in fact sell, distribute, supply, manufacture, and/or promote Roundup to
14 Plaintiff. Additionally, Defendants expected the Roundup that they were selling, distributing, supplying,
15 manufacturing, and/or promoting to reach – and Roundup did in fact reach – consumers, including
16 Plaintiff, without any substantial change in the condition of the product from when it was initially
17 distributed by Defendants.

18 159. At the time of manufacture, Defendant could have provided the warnings or instructions
19 regarding the full and complete risks of Roundup and glyphosate-containing products because it knew
20 or should have known of the unreasonable risks of harm associated with the use of and/or exposure to
21 such products.

22 160. At all times herein mentioned, the aforesaid product was defective and unsafe in
23 manufacture such that it was unreasonably dangerous to the user, and was so at the time it was distributed
24 by Defendants and at the time Plaintiff was exposed to and/or ingested the product. The defective
25 condition of Roundup was due in part to the fact that it was not accompanied by proper warnings
26 regarding its carcinogenic qualities and possible side effects, including, but not limited to, developing
27 non-Hodgkin's lymphoma as a result of exposure and use.

1 161. Roundup did not contain a warning or caution statement, which was necessary and, if
2 complied with, was adequate to protect health those exposed in violation of 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(E).

3 162. Defendants' failure to include a warning or caution statement which was necessary and,
4 if complied with, was adequate to protect the health of those exposed, violated 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(E)
5 as well as the laws of the State of California.

6 163. Defendants could have amended the label of Roundup to provide additional warnings.

7 164. This defect caused serious injury to Plaintiff, who used Roundup in its intended and
8 foreseeable manner.

9 165. At all times herein mentioned, Defendants had a duty to properly design, manufacture,
10 compound, test, inspect, package, label, distribute, market, examine, maintain supply, provide proper
11 warnings, and take such steps to assure that the product did not cause users to suffer from
12 unreasonable and dangerous side effects.

13 166. Defendants labeled, distributed, and promoted the aforesaid product that it was dangerous
14 and unsafe for the use and purpose for which it was intended.

15 167. Defendants failed to warn of the nature and scope of the side effects associated with
16 Roundup, namely its carcinogenic properties and its propensity to cause or serve as a substantial
17 contributing factor in the development of NHL.

18 168. Defendants were aware of the probable consequences of the aforesaid conduct. Despite
19 the fact that Defendants knew or should have known that Roundup caused serious injuries, Defendants
20 failed to exercise reasonable care to warn of the dangerous carcinogenic properties and side effect of
21 developing NHL from Roundup exposure, even though these side effects were known or reasonably
22 scientifically knowable at the time of distribution. Defendants willfully and deliberately failed to avoid
23 the consequences associated with their failure to warn, and in doing so, Defendants acted with a
24 conscious disregard for the safety of Plaintiff.

25 169. At the time of exposure, Plaintiff could not have reasonably discovered any defect in
26 Roundup prior through the exercise of reasonable care.

27 170. Defendants, as the manufacturers and/or distributors of the subject product, are held to
28 the level of knowledge of an expert in the field.

1 171. Plaintiff reasonably relied upon the skill, superior knowledge, and judgment of
2 Defendants.

3 172. Had Defendants properly disclosed the risks associated with Roundup, Plaintiff would
4 have avoided the risk of NHL by not using Roundup.

5 173. The information that Defendants did provide or communicate failed to contain adequate
6 warnings and precautions that would have enabled Plaintiff, and similarly situated individuals, to utilize
7 the product safely and with adequate protection. Instead, Defendants disseminated information that was
8 inaccurate, false, and misleading and which failed to communicate accurately or adequately the
9 comparative severity, duration, and extent of the risk of injuries associated with use of and/or exposure
10 to Roundup and glyphosate; continued to promote the efficacy of Roundup, even after it knew or should
11 have known of the unreasonable risks from use or exposure; and concealed, downplayed, or otherwise
12 suppressed, through aggressive marketing and promotion, any information or research about the risks
13 and dangers of exposure to Roundup and glyphosate.

14 174. To this day, Defendants have failed to adequately warn of the true risks of Plaintiff's
15 injuries associated with the use of and exposure to Roundup.

16 175. As a result of their inadequate warnings, Defendants' Roundup products were defective
17 and unreasonably dangerous when they left the possession and/or control of Defendant, were distributed
18 by Defendant, and used by Plaintiff.

19 176. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions as alleged herein, and in such
20 other ways to be later shown, the subject product caused Plaintiff to sustain injuries as herein alleged.

21 177. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in
22 Plaintiff's favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred,
23 attorneys' fees and all relief as this Court deems just and proper. Additionally, Plaintiff demands a jury
24 trial on all issues contained herein.

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26 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
27 **(BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES)**
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1 178. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates, and re-alleges each and every allegation of this Complaint
2 contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect all if more fully
3 set forth herein.

4 179. At all times herein mentioned, the Defendants manufactured, distributed, compounded,
5 recommended, merchandized, advertised, promoted, and sold Roundup and/or have recently acquired
6 the Defendants who have manufactured, compound portrayed, distributed, recommended,
7 merchandized, advertised, promoted, and sold Roundup, as a broad spectrum herbicide. These actions
8 were under the ultimate control and supervision of Defendants.

9 180. At the time Defendants marketed, sold, and distributed Roundup for use by Plaintiff,
10 Defendants knew of Roundup's intended use and impliedly warranted the product to be of merchantable
11 quality and safe and fit for this use.

12 181. The Defendants impliedly represented and warranted to Plaintiff and users of Roundup,
13 the agricultural community, and/or the EPA that Roundup was safe and of merchantable quality and fit
14 for the ordinary purpose for which it was to be used.

15 182. These representations and warranties were false, misleading, and inaccurate in that
16 Roundup was unsafe, unreasonably dangerous, not of merchantable quality, and defective.

17 183. Plaintiff and/or the EPA did rely on said implied warranty of merchantability of fitness
18 for particular use and purpose.

19 184. Plaintiff reasonably relied upon the skill and judgment of Defendants as to whether
20 Roundup was of merchantable quality and safe and fit for its intended use.

21 185. Roundup was injected into the stream of commerce by the Defendants in a defective,
22 unsafe, and inherently dangerous condition, and the products' materials were expected to and did reach
23 users, handlers, and persons coming into contact with said products without substantial change in the
24 condition in which they were sold.

25 186. The Defendants breached the aforesaid implied warranties, as their herbicide Roundup
26 was not fit for its intended purposes and uses.

27 187. As a result of the foregoing acts and omissions, Plaintiff suffered from NHL and Plaintiff
28 suffered severe and personal injuries which are permanent and lasting in nature, physical pain and mental

1 anguish, including diminished enjoyment of life, financial expenses for hospitalization and medical care,
2 including medical expenses and other economic, and non-economic damages.

3 188. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in
4 Plaintiff's favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred,
5 attorneys' fees and all relief as this Court deems just and proper. Additionally, Plaintiff demands a jury
6 trial on all issues contained herein.

7 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

8 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants on each of the above-referenced
9 claims and causes of action and as follows:

10 1. Awarding compensatory damages in excess of the jurisdictional amount, including, but not
11 limited to pain, suffering, emotional distress, loss of enjoyment of life, and other non-economic damages
12 in an amount to be determined at trial of this action;

13 2. Awarding compensatory damages to Plaintiff for past and future damages, including, but not
14 limited to, Plaintiff's pain and suffering and for severe and permanent personal injuries sustained by the
15 Plaintiff including health care costs and economic loss;

16 3. Awarding economic damages in the form of medical expenses, out of pocket expenses, lost
17 earnings and other economic damages in an amount to be determine at trial of this action;

18 4. Punitive and/or exemplary damages for the wanton, willful, fraudulent, and reckless acts of the
19 Defendants who demonstrated a complete disregard and reckless indifference for the safety and welfare
20 of the general public and to the Plaintiff in an amount sufficient to punish Defendants and deter future
21 similar conduct, to the extent allowed by applicable law;

22 5. Pre-judgment interest;

23 6. Post-judgment interest;

24 7. Awarding Plaintiff reasonable attorneys' fees;

25 8. Awarding Plaintiff the costs of these proceedings; and

26 9. Such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.
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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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Plaintiff hereby demands trial by jury as to all issues.

Dated: February 1, 2016

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DEFENDANTS

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(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant _____
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES	
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Management Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act IMMIGRATION <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395if) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 Original Proceeding
- 2 Removed from State Court
- 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
- 4 Reinstated or Reopened
- 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)
- 6 Multidistrict Litigation

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
28 U.S.C. Sec 1332

Brief description of cause:
Personal Injury - Product Liability

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. DEMAND \$ 10,000,000.00 CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:
JURY DEMAND: Yes No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions): JUDGE _____ DOCKET NUMBER _____

DATE: 02/01/2016 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD: /s/ Aimee H. Wagstaff

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