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Keratin Complex to Refute OSHA's Report of Investigation

September 19, 2011 (Boca Raton, FL) – Keratin Complex (Copomon Enterprises, LLC), the market leader in the professional keratin smoothing category, announced plans to challenge a recent, inaccurate, and inflammatory report of investigation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and related penalties proposed to be imposed after the regulator published an unfair and improper report claiming Keratin Complex products were not compliant with OSHA safety standards.

Larry Solomon, President of Keratin Complex, issued the following statement: "We disagree with OSHA's inflammatory and inaccurate report and we are asking for a full retraction. Keratin Complex not only complies with all OSHA standards but we meet or exceed their safety standards and requirements."

The OSHA report referenced 3 citations and Keratin Complex's reply follows: **all of the referenced citations were addressed and, where applicable, a corrective action or plan was developed and implemented prior to the citations being sent to Keratin Complex.**

Keratin Complex products were tested using the most accurate and advanced technology available, NMR - Nuclear Magnetic Resonance testing (similar to that of a MRI) which measures and indentifies substances in the product without chemically altering the product during the testing process.

The NMR tests conducted and their subsequent results clearly demonstrate that Keratin Complex Smoothing Therapy contained no detectable amounts of formaldehyde. Additional testing is on-going and will further support our claims.

OSHA, however, utilizes older technology methods (e.g. HPLC), which should not be relied upon because it provides incorrect information when testing water-containing cosmetic products, in general. This testing method chemically changes the composition of the product. When performed on these types of products, this testing method actually creates substantial amounts of formaldehyde that did NOT exist in the product.

Keratin Complex's MSDS clearly specifies that the potential release of traces of formaldehyde gas as a result of the heating process, but in all cases, the measured salon exposures are well **below** OSHA's most conservative exposure limits.

As a founding member of the **Professional Keratin Smoothing Council** (PKSC), Keratin Complex, along with other PKSC members are lobbying for OSHA to adopt the more accurate NMR testing methods, as well as carry out accurate air quality tests in salons. Later this month, the PKSC will also provide to the Cosmetic Ingredient Review (CIR) expert panel the results of extensive product and air monitoring testing which will further demonstrate the safety and regulatory compliance of their member's products.

In addition, the PKSC maintains and publishes online safety guidelines for keratin smoothing products. Among these are specific recommendations are proper local source ventilation for salons, Stylist Certifications, and ongoing product training for stylists.

“At Keratin Complex, we remain committed to safety and excellence. We have been working closely with OSHA since March, 2011. During the past six months, we have addressed all issues and implemented changes accordingly. Obviously, given that we addressed all issues, the citations came as a surprise. We will continue to work closely with OSHA in the future,” concluded Mr. Solomon.

Keratin Complex products are available in fine salons worldwide. For more product information, please visit www.keratincomplex.com. For more about our testing results, please contact 888-409-4445.