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16	MARC KASKY, On Behalf of the General Public of the State of) Case No. 994446
17	California,) FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR STATUTORY EQUITABLE AND
18	Plaintiff,) INJUNCTIVE RELIEF BASED) UPON VIOLATION OF CAL. BUS.
. 19	vs.) & PROF. CODE §17200,
20	NIKE, INC., PHILIP KNIGHT, THOMAS) <u>ET SEQ.:</u>) 1) UNLAWFUL BUSINESS
	CLARKE, MARK PARKER, STEPHEN GOMEZ,	
21	DAVID TAYLOR and DOES 1 through 200,) AND 1710, ET SEQ.; NEGLI-
22	Defendants.) GENT MISREPRESENTATION;) 2) UNLAWFUL BUSINESS
23	<u> </u>) PRACTICES, PREDICATED ON VIOLATIONS OF §§1572, 1709
24		AND 1710 OF THE CAL. CIVIL CODE; FRAUD AND DECEIT;
25		3) VIOLATION OF CAL. BUS.
. 26	TYPE OF ACTION: Local Rule 2.3 Designation:	& PROF. CODE §17200, ET SEO.; UNFAIR BUSINESS
	(1)(a): Unlawful and Unfair	PRACTICES; AND
27	Business Practices	& PROF. CODE §17200,
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This private attorney general action against defendant NIKE INC. ("NIKE") charges that NIKE, in order to maintain and/or increase its sales, made misrepresentations by the use of false statements and/or material omissions of fact, including but not limited to the following:

- Claims that workers who make NIKE products are (a) protected from and not subjected to corporal punishment and/or sexual abuse;
- Claims that NIKE products are made in accordance with applicable governmental laws and regulations governing wages and hours;
- Claims that NIKE products are made in accordance with applicable laws and regulations governing health and safety conditions;
- Claims that NIKE pays average line-workers double-(d) the-minimum wage in Southeast Asia;
- Claims that workers who produce NIKE products receive free meals and health care;
- (f) Claims that the GoodWorks International (Andrew Young) report proves that NIKE is doing a good job and "operating morally"; and
- Claims that NIKE guarantees a "living wage" for (g) all workers who make NIKE products.
- This action was originally filed on April 20, 1998. NIKE's press release response to the lawsuit stated that, ". . . the action appears to be more of a press release dressed up like a lawsuit." NIKE's press release response to the lawsuit stated,

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15	 Expanding education prog high school equivalency
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19	3. Plaintiff, by his attorn
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ut the health, safety and wage it was not until May 12, 1998, filed and served, that NIKE e, increase the minimum age of l safety and health air quality mmitment stated:

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- nal Safety and Health indoor air quality ear factories;
- grams, including middle and courses, for workers in ries;
- ts current micro-enterprise amilies each in Vietnam, Thailand;
- neys, brings this action on he State of California and on information and belief, except those allegations which pertain to the named plaintiff (which are alleged on personal knowledge), hereby alleges as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

This Court has jurisdiction over all causes of action asserted herein pursuant to the California Constitution, Article XI, §10, because this case is a cause not given by statute to other trial courts.

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- 5. This Court has jurisdiction over NIKE because this defendant is a foreign corporation authorized to do business in California and registered with the California Secretary of State and who does sufficient business in California, has sufficient minimum contacts with California, and intentionally avails itself of the markets within California through the promotion, sale, marketing and distribution of its products in California to render the exercise of jurisdiction by the California courts permissible under traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.
- 6. Each of the Individual Defendants has had substantial and continuing contacts with California, including trips here on behalf of NIKE in the course and scope of their employment such as to render the exercise of jurisdiction by the California courts permissible under traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.
- 7. Venue is proper in this Court because the products at issue are advertised, promoted, sold and used in this County, and defendant has received substantial compensation from the sale of the products at issue in this County by doing business here and making numerous misrepresentations which had an effect in this County.

PARTIES

8. Plaintiff MARC KASKY is a resident of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California. Pursuant to California Business and Professions Code §17200, et seq., he brings this action on behalf of the General Public of the State of California. Plaintiff alleges no harm or damages whatsoever

- 9. Defendant NIKE is an Oregon corporation and its principal place of business is located on the Nike World Campus at 1 Bowerman Drive, Beaverton, Oregon 97005-6453.
- 10. The Individual Defendants are each officers and/or directors of NIKE as set forth below:
 - (a) Philip Knight -- Chief Executive Officer;
- (b) Thomas Clarke -- President & Chief Operating Officer;
- (c) Mark Parker -- Vice President Consumer Product Marketing;
 - (d) Stephen Gomez -- Vice President Apparel; and
- (e) David Taylor -- Vice President Production.

 Each Individual Defendant was actively involved in the unfair business practices and misrepresentations of NIKE as detailed herein and personally profited therefrom.
- 11. The true names and capacities of the defendants sued herein as DOES 1 through 200 are unknown to plaintiff who therefore sues them by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will amend this Complaint to allege the true names and capacities of these defendants when they have been determined. Each of the fictitiously named defendants is responsible in some manner for the conduct alleged herein.
- 12. At all times mentioned in the causes of action alleged herein, each and every defendant was an agent and/or employee of each and every other defendant. In doing the things alleged in the causes of action stated herein, each and every defendant was acting within the course and scope of this agency or employment

and was acting with the consent, permission and authorization of each of the remaining defendants. All actions of each defendant as alleged in the causes of action stated herein were ratified and approved by every other defendant or their officers or managing agents, and by agreeing to actively conceal the true facts regarding the acts and omissions, as alleged herein, engaged in conspiratorial conduct with each other.

NIKE'S UBIQUITOUS AND SUCCESSFUL PROMOTIONAL SCHEME

- In order to promote, advertise and market its athletic shoes and apparel, NIKE expended almost \$1 billion in the fiscal year ending May 31, 1997. NIKE had annual revenues of \$9.2 billion. See "NIKE INC. 1997 ANNUAL REPORT," attached as Exhibit A.
- 14. According to sports-marketing specialists, by the 1990's, seven times as many athletes were parties to working agreements with NIKE as with any other company. Over half of the NCAA championship basketball teams of the past 10 years had worn NIKE products, and more than 60 big-time colleges were "NIKE schools" -- this, in most cases, because their coaches were NIKE coaches. In total, NIKE has promotional arrangements with over 200 colleges and universities, including the University of California at Berkeley. For example, the University of North Carolina reportedly receives \$7 million from NIKE. Well over 200 of the 324 NBA players wore NIKE shoes -- over 80 of them by contract. And, 275 pro football players wore NIKE shoes, as did 290 Major League Baseball players. See Donald Katz, Just Do It, The Nike Spirit in the Corporate World, Adams Media Corp., Holbrook, MA., 1994, p. 25 (hereinafter, "Just Do It").

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- 15. Recently, NIKE paid the Brazilian National Soccer Team an astonishing \$100-plus million to become a "NIKE team."
- 16. NIKE was so masterful at connecting its business aspirations to customers and high-profiled athletes and teams that NIKE's revenues by fiscal 1993 were as large as those garnered from NBA, NFL and Major League Baseball TV deals, tickets and retail paraphernalia sales combined. See Katz, Just Do It, supra, at p. 25.
- promotional campaign has been phenomenal. One <u>Time Magazine</u> story about the baby-boom generation quoted a social historian saying that the ethos of the largest American generation could be summed up in three words: "Just Do It." Scott Bedbury, an Advertising Director for NIKE, said, with respect to the slogan, "Just Do It," "[T]his thing has become much more than an ad slogan. It's an idea. It's like a frame of mind." <u>See Katz, Just Do It,</u> pp. 145-146.

NIKE'S SWEATSHOP STIGMA

- 18. NIKE's carefully cultured image has come under attack in the past few years. Various human rights groups have provided documentary evidence that:
 - Thousands of mostly young, female workers in Southeast Asian (Indonesia, Vietnam, China) factories that produce NIKE products were being exposed to reproductive toxins and suspected carcinogens. See, e.g., Exhibit B: NIKE document entitled, "Ernst & Young Environmental and Labor Practice Audit of Tae Kwang Vina Industrial Ltd. Co. Vietnam," January 13, 1997; this NIKE document was released by the Transnational Resource Action Center.
 - These workers were not earning a "living wage"
 even though they work unimaginable hours -- oftentimes
 12 to 14 hours per day. See Exhibit C: "Working

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Conditions in the Sports Shoe Industry in China," published by Hong Kong Christian Industrial Committee, Asia Monitor Resource Center Ltd., October 1997; see also, Exhibit D: NIKE letter to Prema Mattai-Davis, Executive Director, YWCA of America, from Dusty Kidd, dated September 28, 1997.

- NIKE workers in Southeast Asia have suffered corporal punishment and corporal abuse. <u>See</u> Exhibit E: Nguyen, "Report Provided by Thuyen Nguyen of Vietnam Labor Watch on March 29, 1997, After he Returned from 16-day Fact-Finding Tour of Vietnam Factories in Vietnam."
- NIKE young female workers have suffered sexual harassment.
- NIKE workers in Southeast Asia have been forced to work overtime in violation of applicable laws regulating wages and overtime.

Each of these allegations is more fully described below. NIKE disclosed none of these facts to California consumers either in the promotion of its shoes or at the point of purchase, or in any other manner. As more fully described below, in response to the public exposure of NIKE's labor policies and practices in Southeast Asia, NIKE has misrepresented to the California consuming public that in some instances the allegations herein alleged were untrue, or, if true, NIKE was not responsible for such acts.

- practices. See, e.g., CBS News, Financial Times, The New York

 Times, The San Francisco Chronicle, Greensboro North Carolina

 News and Record, Buffalo News and The Oregonian, all of whom have

 run stories and articles which expose NIKE's actual practices.

 See Exhibits F to L.
- 20. Recently, Reggie White, the Green Bay Packer all-prodefensive end, an ordained minister and a "NIKE athlete," has 000333

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called on NIKE to start manufacturing athletic shoes in the
United States instead of in Southeast Asia. See Exhibit M.
Michael Jordan, who is synonymous with NIKE, is planning to view
working conditions in the Asian factories that produce NIKE
products, said that:

I'm hearing a lot of different sides to this issue so . . . the best thing I can do is go to Asia and see it for myself. If there are issues . . . If it's an issue of slavery or sweatshops, [NIKE executives] have to revise its situation.

See Exhibit N: Marantz, "A Model of Understatement," The Sporting News, December 22, 1997.

NIKE IS LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERY WORKER WHO PRODUCES NIKE PRODUCTS

- 21. The vast majority of NIKE's products are manufactured by subcontractors in China, Vietnam and Indonesia. The vast majority of the 300,000 workers who actually make NIKE products are women under the age of 24.
- 22. NIKE is legally and ethically responsible for the workers who make NIKE products. Beginning in or after March 1993, NIKE, pursuant to its contracts with each of its subcontractors, has assumed legal responsibility to:
- (a) Require compliance with applicable governmental regulations regarding minimum wage;
- (b) Require compliance with applicable governmental regulations regarding overtime;
- (c) Require compliance with applicable health and safety regulations;
 - (d) Require compliance with environmental regulations;

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23. NIKE has represented to the public that NIKE has assumed full responsibility for these workers. In a NIKE document entitled "Please, Consider This . . .," NIKE states:

NIKE takes <u>full responsibility</u> for working conditions wherever its products are produced.

Emphasis added. See Exhibit P.

- 24. In a letter dated January 15, 1996, Lilian Bours, PR Manager Nike Europe, represented that the NIKE Memorandum of Understanding is "legally binding." See Exhibit Q.
- Presidents and Athletic Directors, including universities which have contracts with NIKE to wear its equipment and to display the "NIKE Swoosh," and copied to NIKE CEO Philip H. Knight, Steve Miller, Director NIKE Sports Marketing, represented and certified that NIKE is in compliance with applicable government regulations regarding minimum wage and overtime, as well as occupational health and safety, and environmental regulations, and that NIKE enforces these standards through daily observation by NIKE staff members. Mr. Miller stated:

First and foremost, wherever NIKE operates around the globe, it is guided by principles set forth in a code of conduct that <u>binds</u> its production subcontractors to a signed Memorandum of Understanding. This Memorandum strictly prohibits child labor, and <u>certifies</u> compliance with applicable government regulations regarding minimum wage and overtime as well as occupational health and safety, environmental regulations, workers insurance and equal opportunity provisions.

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Nike enforces its standards through daily observation by staff members who are responsible for mandatory adherence to the Memorandum.

Emphasis added. See Exhibit R.

THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ARE USED BY NIKE AS MARKETING TOOLS TO ATTRACT CONSUMERS

- 26. In 1992, NIKE established its own Code of Conduct, which NIKE claims applies to itself and to all of its business partners. See Exhibit JJ.
- were intended, among other things, to entice consumers who do not want to purchase products made in sweatshop and/or under unsafe and/or inhumane conditions. For example, in a candid acknowledgment of the linkage of sales to good company practices and in an overt appeal to customers to consider the Code of Conduct when shopping, NIKE's Director of Communication, Lee Weinstein, wrote in a letter to the editor published in the <u>San Francisco Examiner</u> on December 14, 1997:

Consumers are savvy and want to know they support companies with good products and practices . . . During the shopping season, we encourage shoppers to remember that NIKE is the industry's leader in improving factory conditions. Consider that Nike established the sporting goods industry's first code of conduct to ensure our workers know and can exercise their rights.

Emphasis added. <u>See</u> Exhibit S.

NIKE'S CLAIM THAT ITS CONTRACTS PREVENT CORPORAL PUNISHMENT AND SEXUAL ABUSE AT FACTORIES WHICH PRODUCE NIKE PRODUCTS IS DECEITFUL

28. In March 1993, NIKE signed an agreement representing that it would "only do business with partners whose workers are . . . not put at risk of physical harm." Athletic Footwear

- 29. Notwithstanding NIKE's representations and its legal and ethical duties to ensure that workers are not subjected to corporal punishment, reports of corporal abuse at factories which make NIKE products abound:
 - On March 8, 1997 (International Women's Day), a supervisor forced 56 female workers to run twice around the 1.2-mile factory perimeter as punishment for failing to wear regulation company work shoes. of the women suffered shock symptoms, fainted, and were hospitalized. See Exhibit E: Nguyen, "Report Provided by Thuyen Nguyen of Vietnam Labor Watch on 29 March 1997 After He Returned From 16-day Fact-Finding Tour of Vietnam Factories in Vietnam."
 - Forty-five Vietnamese workers were forced by their supervisors to kneel down with their hands up in the air for 25 minutes. See Exhibit F: CBS News Report, "48 Hours," Transcript, October 17, 1996.
 - On November 26, 1996, 100 workers at the Pouchen factory in Dong Nai, Vietnam were forced to stand in the sun for an hour for spilling a tray of fruit on an altar which three supervisors were using. See Exhibit W: VN Fact Sheet, "Hear Laps Story."
 - In Indonesia, an American inspector from NIKE reprimanded a supervisor because an incorrect color was being used on the outsoles. The supervisor, in turn, lined up six workers and smacked each of them with an

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- In certain Vietnamese factories, workers cannot go to the bathroom more than once per eight-hour shift and they cannot drink water more than twice per shift. See Exhibit E.
- Fifteen Vietnamese women were hit over the head by their supervisor for poor sewing. See Exhibit F: CBS News Report, "48 Hours."
- In Vietnam, at the Tae Kwang Vina plant, a supervisor fled the country after he was accused of sexually molesting several Vietnamese workers. However, in a speech to NIKE shareholders on September 16, 1996, NIKE CEO Philip H. Knight sought to minimize the incident by saying that the supervisor was just trying to wake the female workers and must have touched them in the wrong place. Significantly, the Vietnamese government took a different view: it instigated extradition procedures against the supervisor. See Ex. S. F&W.
- While ESPN was filming its special, "Outside the Lines, Made in Vietnam: The American Sneaker Controversy," which aired in or about May, 1998, Bob Ley, the ESPN reporter, stated that two incidents occurred while they visited the Tae Kwang Vina plant in Vietnam. While neither incident was on the camera, a producer saw a female supervisor slap a female worker on the arm for not working fast enough, and Bob Ley saw a supervisor angrily throw a shoe at a worker.

WAGE AND HOUR VIOLATIONS AT FACTORIES IN CHINA AND VIETNAM

under a legal duty to ensure that its products are manufactured in accordance with applicable governmental laws regulating wages and overtime. And, NIKE has represented that its products are manufactured in compliance with applicable laws and regulations regulating wages and overtime. See, e.g., Exhibits O, P, Q, R and S. The representations are intentionally and/or recklessly misleading and deceptive and/or were negligently made because

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- Workers work eleven hours per day in violation of addition to this, workers must work overtime. The overtime of 2.4 hours (on top of the 11-hour work day)
- Workers who refuse overtime are subject to termination. This violates both China's Labor Law and NIKE's Code of Conduct which states that coerced labor is not acceptable.
- Workers receive only two to four days off every month. This violates both China's Labor Law and NIKE's Code of Conduct which states that workers are entitled to at least one day of rest every week.
- In violation of Chinese Labor Law, pregnant workers are treated with disrespect and have been, on occasion, unjustly terminated.

See Exhibit C.

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In the same October 1997 report, the Asia Monitor Resource Center Ltd. and the Hong Kong Christian Industrial Committee documented the following wage and hour violations at the Yue Yuen Plant in Dongguan, China. Yue Yuen is a huge factory employing between 50,000 and 60,000 workers. About 80%

- In violation of Chinese law, workers must work 10 to 12 hours per day, six or seven days per week, not including overtime. This means a normal work week of 60-84 hours which exceeds the limit set by Chinese law.
- Eighty percent of the workers who were interviewed said that on top of the normal 10 to 12 hour workday, they worked an additional two hours of overtime.
- In the survey, half of the workers were paid by piece rate and stated that they did not receive any extra pay for overtime work. This violates China's Labor Law, Article 44, which requires that overtime pay should be at least 1.5 times the regular wage.

See Exhibit C.

34. In Vietnam, the facts give the lie to NIKE's representations that overtime is not compulsory. In late 1996, Ernst & Young, at NIKE's request, conducted an audit of the Tae Kwang Vina factory in Bien Hoa City, Vietnam. The audit report was delivered to NIKE in January 1997 but was kept secret until November 1997 when it was leaked to the press. Ernst & Young examined the payroll register of 50 workers at Tae Kwang Vina. Ernst & Young found as follows:

We noted 48 cases where workers were <u>required</u> to work above the maximum working hours.

Emphasis added. <u>See</u> Exhibit B: the Ernst & Young Audit of Tae Kwang Vina, at p. 3.

- 35. Thus, in 96% of the cases (48/50), Ernst & Young found that workers producing NIKE products were <u>required</u> to work overtime.
- 36. In addition to the Ernst & Young audit, Vietnam Labor Watch has documented instances in which workers were forced to

37. In an eye-witness visit to the factories which produce NIKE products, Thuyen Nguyen was able to observe the women employees' sense of desperation, physical exhaustion and pressure to work overtime to meet high production quotas. On March 29, 1997, Thuyen Nguyen reported that:

Many of the things I learned during my two-week visit I had already known from earlier reports. But meeting these workers face-to-face made me realize just how bad I cannot describe to you these the conditions are. women's sense of desperation. Many of them told me they had lost weight since coming to work at the Nike factories. They complained of being tired all the time. Most of the women I spoke to work 10 to twelve Forced and hour days, six or seven days a week. . . . excessive overtime to meet high quotas is the norm. . . . If workers refuse, they are punished or receive a warning. After three warnings, they're fired.

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38. In sum, NIKE's representation that its products are manufactured in compliance with applicable laws governing wages and hours is deceitful.

NIKE'S CLAIM THAT ITS CONTRACTS PREVENT HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS AT FACTORIES THAT MAKE NIKE PRODUCTS IS DECEITFUL

39. By its Memorandum of Understanding, NIKE is legally and ethically responsible to ensure that its subcontractors comply with applicable governmental health and safety, and environmental, standards. See Exhibit O. In a 1996 document entitled "Please Consider This . . . " NIKE stated that:

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NIKE takes <u>full responsibility for working conditions</u> wherever its products are produced . . .

Emphasis added. See Exhibit P. In its letter of January 15, 1996 to University Presidents and Athletic Directors, NIKE represented that the Memorandum of Understanding certifies NIKE's compliance with "applicable government regulations regarding occupational health & safety [and] environmental regulations."

See Exhibit R. At the NIKE Annual Shareholder Meeting on September 22, 1997, NIKE CEO Philip H. Knight represented that the air quality in NIKE's Vietnam shoe factory was better than it is in Los Angeles:

You go into the new shoe factory in . . . Vietnam today. There are no surgeon masks, and you'll find air quality better than it is in Los Angeles.

See Exhibit Y.

40. Notwithstanding NIKE's Memorandum of Understanding and NIKE's representations, thousands of young (18-24 years old) female workers are exposed to reproductive toxins, and other harmful chemicals, in the solvents and glue which are used in the production of NIKE shoes. These reproductive toxins include, but are not limited to, toluene. In addition to being a reproductive toxin, toluene has the following acute and long-term health consequences:

SOLVENT	ACUTE HEALTH CONSEQUENCES	CHRONIC HEALTH CONSEQUENCE
Toluene	vertigo; headaches; narcotic coma	irritation of the mucous membrane; euphoria; headaches; vertigo; nausea; lost appetite; alcohol intolerance; autoimmune illness

SOLVENT	ACUTE HEALTH CONSEQUENCES	CHRONIC HEALTH CONSEQUENCE	
Acetone	unrest; nausea; vomiting; progressive collapse; coma; kidney and liver damage	headache; drowsiness; throat irritation; coughing; vertigo	

41. NIKE's own documents confirm that workers who produce NIKE products have been exposed to highly toxic and dangerous chemicals. In the previously described audit of the Tae Kwang Vina plant in Bien Hoa City, Vietnam, Ernst & Young found the following:

- The problem of harmful fumes (caused by toluene) needs more attention.
- Dust in the mixing shops exceeds the standard by ten times.
- More than half of the employees in mixing, roller, P.U., stockfit, lamination, TPR (sections using chemicals) do not wear protective equipment (mask and gloves) even in highly hazardous places where the concentration of chemical dust and fumes exceeds the standard.
- In the stockfit section where employees can smell toluene fumes, only thin cotton mask and gloves are available. See Exhibit B, at p. 7.
- 42. On December 9, 1996, Ernst & Young found that the toluene and acetone levels dramatically exceeded the permissible levels:
 - Toluene: the level at the Assembly I-sole fit, Assembly Ultra Violet, Sole sinking, Attaching room of Stockfit section; Sole fit Ultra Violet, Attaching room of Assembly line and Mixing section exceeded the standard from six to 177 times.

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• <u>Acetone</u>: the level at Assembly I-sole fit, Assembly Ultra Violet, Attaching room of Stockfit section; Sole fit of Ultra Violet of Assembly line exceeded the standard from six to 18 times.

See Exhibit B, at p. 8.

43. In addition, Ernst & Young found that dust in the mixing room exceeded the standard by 11 times. See Exhibit B, at p. 8. Ernst & Young also found that employees working in sections with noise at more than 85dB(A) had no earplugs and still worked more than eight hours per day. See Exhibit B, at p. 8.

44. Notwithstanding the well-known and well-documented adverse health effects of each of the above-listed chemicals and the amount of those chemicals used in the manufacturing of its products, NIKE officials amazingly say that they have little information about the long-term health effects of exposure to solvents. Dusty Kidd, Director of NIKE's Labor Practices department, downplayed the danger, saying most workers' exposure is limited because they do not stay more than two or three years in the factories. NIKE's Kidd said the goal is to meet United States OSHA standards, but that NIKE does not know how many factories meet these standards. According to Kidd, "It's a work in progress." See Exhibit L: Jeff Manning, "Poverty Legions Flock to Nike," The Oregonian, November, 1997.

45. In its documentary aired in May, 1998, "outside the Lines, Made in Vietnam: The American Sneaker Controversy," ESPN documented that, while the largely young, female workers worked the glue lines and were exposed to toluene daily, the recently provided cotton masks worn by only some of the workers were

ineffective. ESPN interviewed Dr. Howard Frumkin, Chairman of Environmental and Occupational Health at Emery University. Frumkin stated that the workers need to wear gloves, as well as masks. He stated that the cotton masks provided were ineffective: appropriate masks must have charcoal cartridges to filter out the toxic fumes. He recommended little or no exposure during pregnancy. Thus, notwithstanding NIKE's long-term knowledge of the use and effects of toluene, NIKE continues to allow these young female workers of child-bearing age to be exposed to dangerous reproductive toxins. Indeed, NIKE officials acknowledged to ESPN that the cotton gloves were ineffective when the toluene fume limits were high. NIKE officials knew when they made this statement that recent tests had shown the levels to be over the limits allowed under Vietnamese law.

NIKE'S CLAIM THAT IT PAYS DOUBLE THE MINIMUM WAGE IS DECEITFUL

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In a document entitled "Nike Responds to Sweatshop Allegations," NIKE represents that the "average line-workers' wage in Asian subcontracted facilities is double the governmentmandated minimum." See Exhibit Z.

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claim. According to Ernst & Young, the minimum wage for workers is \$40 per month. According to Ernst & Young, workers at the Tae

The Ernst & Young audit directly contradicts this

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Kwang Vina factory in Vietnam received an average wage of \$45 per month. See Exhibit B, at p. 2, ¶3, and p. 3, ¶12.

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48. Another recent study of wages of workers who produce goods for NIKE in Vietnam shows that NIKE's claim of paying double-the-minimum wage is not true. Mr. Vo Minh Quang, Director

of the Dong Nai Labor Bureau, and Mr. Nguyen Dinh Thang, President of the Dong Nai Confederation of Labor, reported that:

Most workers here in Dong Nai received at most \$40 (U.S.) Per month or 440,000 VND (Vietnam Dong). According to [Vietnam minimum wage laws], this pay is not even legal.

See Exhibit AA: "The Truth Behind Nike's Recent Public Statement," excerpted from a newspaper entitled Thanh Nien and translated by Vietnam Labor Watch.

49. In March 1997, Vietnam Labor Watch interviewed 35 workers of four factories which produce NIKE products. Vietnam Labor Watch examined the pay stubs of some of the workers. The pay stubs, attached as Exhibit BB, show as follows:

Exhibit No.	Basic Pay Without Overtime Per Month	Net Pay Including Overtime, After Deductions for Meals/Health	Hours of Overtime Per Month
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These pay stubs show that, even with overtime hours that often exceed Vietnam's legal limits, workers do not earn twice the minimum wage of 444,444 VND.

50. Indonesia provides another example that disproves NIKE's representation that it pays double-the-minimum wage. To attract companies such as NIKE, the Indonesian government set the national minimum wage below what was deemed necessary to support the workers' minimum "physical needs." Significantly, as NIKE has conceded, throughout much of the 1990's, NIKE subcontractors

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- that NIKE was commissioning an independent investigation of its Asian operations. NIKE contracted with Andrew Young, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, to conduct the investigation. To conduct this investigation, Andrew Young founded a firm called "GoodWorks International" (hereinafter, "GoodWorks").
- 56. GoodWorks released its report in June 1997. <u>See</u>
 Exhibit EE. On the same day that GoodWorks issued its report,
 NIKE took out full-page advertisements in major U.S. newspapers
 (New York Times, Washington Post, U.S.A. Today, San Francisco
 Chronicle, etc.) <u>See</u> Exhibit FF.
- 57. In addition, NIKE has repeatedly used the GoodWorks
 Report in various public statements. For example, at the
 September 22, 1997 Annual Shareholders' Meeting, NIKE CEO Philip
 H. Knight, stated:

So I think we continue to make good progress, and I think that any independent party will find as Andrew Young that we are operating morally.

Emphasis added. See Exhibit Y.

- 58. NIKE's representations that the GoodWorks Report supports claims that NIKE is "doing a good job" and "operating morally" are misleading because NIKE intentionally omitted the following facts:
- (a) The GoodWorks Report did not address, directly or indirectly, wage, hour and overtime violations at factories which produced NIKE products. Mr. Young has stated, "I was not asked by NIKE to address compensation and 'cost of living issues' which

- threatening health and safety issues documented in the Ernst & Young audit of the Tae Kwang Vina factory. See Exhibit B. Even though the Ernst & Young audit was completed three months before Andrew Young visited Vietnam, Andrew Young did not address a single violation which was documented in the Ernst & Young audit. In fact, Andrew Young did not even visit the Tae Kwang Vina plant. Either NIKE withheld the Ernst & Young Tae Kwang Vina audit from Andrew Young, or Andrew Young and/or his staff negligently or recklessly ignored the Ernst & Young report. In any event, NIKE knew, or should have known, that the Goodworks Report was deficient in its failure to address the potentially life-threatening health and safety violations at the Tae Kwang Vina plant (as documented by Ernst & Young); and
- (c) As NIKE knew, or should have known, the GoodWorks Report listed consultants who were never consulted. For example, The GoodWorks Report lists Anita Chan, a renowned researcher of the Australian National University, as a person whom GoodWorks contacted. Mr. Young states as follows:

Early in the process, I wrote and called a number of the important international and U.S. N.G.O.'s [non-governmental organizations] -- both to inform them of our assignment and to solicit their input and advice.

See Exhibit EE, p. 7; Appendix, p. 16.

59. In a letter submitted to the <u>Washington Post</u>, Anita Chan categorically denies that she was either phoned or contacted by Andrew Young or anyone else from GoodWorks. She goes on to

- 60. NIKE also knew, or should have known, that the alleged photograph of Andrew Young with the caption, "Andrew Young meeting with plant management and union representatives in Vietnam," was misleading. This photograph, along with others purporting to show Andrew Young with "union representatives," came as something of a shock to the Vietnamese Confederation of Labor, which represents workers at the NIKE factory. They do not know these individuals. Mr. Vada Manager, a NIKE spokesperson, has admitted that these individuals receive salaries from the company, not from the union or the government. See Exhibit HH: Stephen Glass, "The Young & the Feckless," New Republic, September 15, 1997.
- 61. In sum, NIKE's representations that the GoodWorks
 Report is proof that NIKE is "doing a good job" and that NIKE is
 "operating morally" are misleading.

NIKE'S CLAIM THAT IT GUARANTEES A "LIVING WAGE FOR ALL WORKERS" IS MISLEADING

Washington, D.C. and entitled, "Nike Addresses Concerns Regarding Women's Issues and Highlights Leadership in Worker Initiatives."

See Exhibit II. The release quotes Kathryn Reith, NIKE Manager of Women's Sports Issues, who represented that NIKE guarantees a living wage for all workers. Ms. Reith stated that:

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NIKE is fulfilling our responsibility as a global corporate citizen each and every day by guaranteeing a living wage for all workers . . . and creating opportunities for women's financial independence.

Emphasis added.

63. This statement is false. On September 28, 1997, a month before the Kathryn Reich statement quoted above, Dusty Kidd, Director of NIKE's Labor Practices department, wrote:

I am fully cognizant of the call on the part of some for a "living wage." That is generally defined as sufficient income to support the needs of a family of four. We simply cannot ask our contractors to raise wages to that level -- whatever that may be -- while driving us all out of business, and destroying jobs, in the process.

This letter was written to Prema Mattai-Davis, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, YWCA of America. Dusty Kidd copied Doug Stamm, NIKE's Director of Public Affairs, on the letter. See Exhibit D.

64. The May, 1998 ESPN documentary, "Outside the Lines, Made in Vietnam: The American Sneaker Controversy," documented that workers did not receive a living wage and had often been cheated out of the wages they were to receive.

HOW NIKE'S TOP OFFICERS HAVE POCKETED MILLIONS FROM NIKE'S LABOR PRACTICES

65. NIKE has been quite explicit in proclaiming how well it has done financially in recent years:

1996 Annual Report

By standards of measurement we normally use in this space, fiscal year 1996 was a fantastic year. We set an all-time record for sales and earnings. . . . And, to its credit, Wall Street saw fit to increase our multiple.

1997 Annual Report

If I could photocopy this letter for 1997 and send it on to you for next year, I would be happy to do just that. It was that good a year.

It was the best year we have ever had, the best anybody has ever had in our business. Strong enough that our increase in revenues equaled the total annual sales of the number-three company in the industry.

Performance is in the details:

Revenues up 42%
Net Income up 44%
10-year return on equity (average) 27.5%
U.S. footwear up 36%
U.S. apparel up 70%
International revenues up 49%

These numbers represent the latest in a long run of market strength and innovation. And it shows. If you had invested \$100 in the S&P 500 in 1987, that investment would be worth \$395 today. The same \$100 invested in NIKE in 1987 would be worth \$3,094 today.

66. NIKE's financial success over the past several years are highlighted below:

Nike Financial History

	1997	Year Ende	ed May 31: 1995	1994	1993
Revenues	-		\$4.8 Bil.	\$4.8 Bil.	\$3.9 Bil.
Gross margin %	40.1%	39.6%	39.8%	39.3%	39.3%
Net income	\$796 Mil.	\$553 Mil.	\$400 Mil.	\$299 Mil.	\$365 Mil.
Net income per common share		\$1.88	\$1.36	\$.99	\$1.19
Cash divid declared p common sha	er	\$.29	\$.24	\$.20	\$.19
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1		1992	Year Ended	May 31: 1990	1989	1988
2	Revenues			\$2.2 Bil.	\$1.7 Bil.	\$1.2 Bil.
3 4	Gross Margin%	38.7%	38.4%	38.1%	37.2%	33.2%
5	Net Income	\$329 Mil.	\$287 Mil	. \$243 Mil.	\$167 Mil.	\$102 Mil.
6 7	Net Incom Per Commo Share		\\$.90	\$.80	\$.55	\$.34
8 -9 10	Cash divi declared common sh	per	\$.13	\$.10	\$.07	\$.05
11	67.	NIKE's e	xecutive c	ompensation	scheme has	provided a
12	strong mo	otive for N	IKE's top e	xecutives to	increase NIKE	's profits,
13	and thus	its stock	price, by u	sing cheap ch	nild labor, by	failing to

67. NIKE's executive compensation scheme has provided a strong motive for NIKE's top executives to increase NIKE's profits, and thus its stock price, by using cheap child labor, by failing to spend the money necessary to end illegal and harmful exposure of young women to reproductive toxins, and even by violating labor laws and standards of decency and fairness, because this allowed NIKE's top executives to pocket huge amounts of compensation, personally, and to inflate NIKE's stock price.

68. According to NIKE, its executive compensation program worked as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS. The Company's executive compensation programs are designed to motivate [executives] to maximize shareholder returns... A significant portion of each executive's total compensation is variable and dependent upon the attainment of strategic and financial goals...

There are three basic components to the Company's "pay for performance" system: base pay; annual incentive bonus; and long-term, equity-based incentive compensation. . . .

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BASE PAY. Base pay is designed to be competitive, although conservative (generally in the second quarter) as compared to salary levels for equivalent executive positions at other global consumer product companies. The executive's actual salary within this competitive framework will vary based on responsibilities, experience, leadership, potential future contribution, and demonstrated individual performance.

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ANNUAL REVIEWS. Each year, the Committee reviews the executive compensation policies The Company's philosophy and practice is to place a relatively greater emphasis on the incentive components of compensation.

ANNUAL INCENTIVE BONUS. Each executive is eligible The "target" to receive an annual cash bonus level for that bonus . . . are intended to motivate the Company's executives by providing substantial bonus payments for the achievement of financial goals within An executive receives a the Company's business plan. percentage of his or her target bonus depending on the Company achieves financial which the to performance goals set by the Committee and the Board, as measured by the Company's net income before taxes. the target if the Bonuses may exceed performance exceeds the goal.

LONG-TERM, EQUITY-BASED INCENTIVE COMPENSATION. The long-term equity-based compensation program is tied directly to shareholder return. Under the current program, long-term incentive compensation consists of stock options, 25% of which vest in each of the four years after grant, and awards of restricted stock under the proposed Long-Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP")...

69. According to NIKE, its policies have enabled its executives to exceed targeted financial goals in recent years and thus receive much larger than their targeted bonus levels:

For fiscal years 1995, 1996 and 1997, the Company exceeded the targeted financial performance objectives set for named executive officers under the Executive Performance Sharing Plan. This resulted from outstanding growth in the Company's total revenues and earnings. According to the Plan, the named executive officers received 150% of their targeted incentive bonuses.

70. With respect to Philip Knight, NIKE's CEO:

In reviewing Mr. Knight's performance, the Committee focused primarily on the Company's remarkable performance in fiscal year 1997, which reflected (1) strong growth in

sales and earnings, and (2) continued progress toward the achievement of various strategic and financial objectives such as expansion into and development of international markets. The Committee also considered the other facts and considerations described above. In addition to the incentive bonus, the Committee increased Mr. Knight's base salary for the 1997-1998 fiscal years to approximately \$1,050,000 and \$1,115,000, respectively.

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71. The huge salaries and bonuses, plus stock option awards the individual defendants have received in recent years are set forth below:

9			Annual Compensa		Long-Term Compensation Awards
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11	Name & Principal Position	Year	Salary(\$)	Bonus (\$)	Options(#)*
	Philip Knight	1997	1,032,500	1,084,125	-
12	Chief Executive	1996	939,167	915,688	-
	Officer	1995	864,583	787,500	-
13		1994	750,000	150,000	-
	mhaman Clarko	1997	758,333	739,375	40,000
14	Thomas Clarke	1996	670,833	603,750	133,892
	President & Chief	1995	625,000	515,625	140,000
15	Operating Officer	1993	370,833	112,438	36,698
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16	Mark Parker	1997	541,667	487,500	35,000
_	Vice President	1996	495,833	409,062	60,000
	Consumer Product	1995	442,500	337,500	120,000
17	Marketing	1994	357,083	99,806	33,028
18		1007	201 667	323,125	25,000
10	Stephen Gomez	1997	391,667		40,000
	Vice President	1996	314,583	235,937	48,000
19	Apparel	1995	272,917	165,000	40,000
		1994	_	-	-
20		1007	275 000	309,375	20,000
	David Taylor	1997	375,000	•	40,000
	Vice President	1996	347,916	260,937	40,000 56 000

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72. On May 31, 1998, Philip Knight was interviewed on "NBC Today." It was noted during this show that Philip Knight, as a student at the Stanford Business School, had written a paper on the future of importation of athletic shoes from Asia. It was noted that in 1997 NIKE had profits in excess of \$800 million. "NBC

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These figures have been adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split that occurred on October 23, 1996.

1	Today" emphasized that Philip Knight had become the seventeenth
2	wealthiest American, with known assets in excess of \$5 billion.
3	73. In its documentary on NIKE, "Branded," which aired on
4	September 30, 1996, the BBC revealed a typewritten document
5	entitled, "NIKE Principles." These ten commandments included the
6	following:
7	"3. Break the rules; fight the law."
8	"9. It won't be pretty."
9	"10. If we do the right thing, we'll make money down the automatic."
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11	Emphasis added.
12	FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
13	(Unlawful Business Practices in Violation of California Business & Professions Code
14	§17200, <u>et seq</u> ., Predicated on Violations of Civil Code §§1572, 1709 and 1710,
15	et <u>seq</u> Negligent Misrepresentation)
16	74. Plaintiff incorporates by reference ¶¶1-73 above.
17	75. In order to maintain and/or increase its sales and
18	profits, NIKE, through its advertising, promotional campaigns,
19	public statements and marketing, has, by the use of false
20	statements and/or material omissions of fact, made misrepre-
21	sentations, including but not limited to the following:
22	(a) Claims that workers who make NIKE products are
23	protected from and not subjected to corporal punishment and/or
24	sexual abuse;
25	(b) Claims that NIKE products are made in accordance
26	with applicable governmental laws and regulations governing wages
27	and hours;
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- (c) Claims that NIKE products are made in accordance with applicable laws and regulations governing health and safety conditions;
- (d) Claims that NIKE pays average-line workers double-the-minimum wage in Asia;
- (e) Claims that workers who produce NIKE products receive free meals and health care;
- (f) Claims that the GoodWorks (Andrew Young) report proves that NIKE is doing a good job and operating morally; and
- (g) Claims that NIKE guarantees a "living wage" for all workers who make NIKE products.
- 76. In making these misrepresentations of fact to the general public, defendants have failed to fulfill their duty to not misrepresent material facts. The direct and proximate cause of defendants' misrepresentations was the negligence and carelessness of NIKE.
- 77. By making misrepresentations of material fact, NIKE violated Civil Code §§1572, 1709 and 1710 (negligent misrepresentation). Accordingly, NIKE has also violated the Business & Professions Code §17200's proscription against engaging in unlawful business practices.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Unlawful Business Practices in Violation of California Business & Professions Code §17200, et seq., Predicated on Civil Code §§1572, 1709 and 1710 -- Fraud and Deceit)

- 78. Plaintiff incorporates by reference $\P\P1-77$.
- 79. In order to maintain and/or increase its sales and profits, NIKE, through its advertising, promotional campaigns,

public statements and marketing, has, by the use of false statements and/or material omissions of fact, made misrepresentations, including but not limited to the following:

- (a) Claims that workers who make NIKE products are protected from and not subjected to corporal punishment and/or sexual abuse;
- (b) Claims that NIKE products are made in accordance with applicable governmental laws and regulations governing wages and hours;
- (c) Claims that NIKE products are made in accordance with applicable laws and regulations governing health and safety conditions;
- (d) Claims that NIKE pays average-line workers doublethe-minimum wage in Asia;
- (e) Claims that workers who produce NIKE products receive free meals and health care;
- (f) Claims that the GoodWorks (Andrew Young) report proves that NIKE is doing a good job and operating morally; and
- (g) Claims that NIKE guarantees a "living wage" for all workers who make NIKE products.
- 80. NIKE's misrepresentations were made with knowledge or with reckless disregard of the laws of California prohibiting false and misleading statements. In so doing, NIKE violated California Civil Code §§1572, 1709 and 1710, et seq., and accordingly violated California Business & Professions Code §17200, et seq.'s proscription against engaging in unlawful business practices.

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(Unfair Business Practices in Violation of California Business & Professions Code §17200, et seq.)

- 81. Plaintiff incorporates by reference ¶¶1-80.
- 82. In order to maintain and/or increase its sales and/or profits, by committing the acts enumerated herein, NIKE violated California Business & Professions Code §§17200, et seq.'s prohibition against engaging in unfair business practices. These practices include, but are not limited to:
- (a) Causing and/or allowing the working conditions pursuant to which its products are manufactured; and/or
- (b) Misrepresenting and/or omitting material facts in its advertising, promotion and public statements regarding the working conditions employed in the production and manufacturing of its products.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Violation of California Business & Professions Code §17500, et seq.)

- 83. Plaintiff incorporates by reference $\P\P1-82$.
- 84. Defendant's use of forms of advertising, promotional and public statements which misrepresent material facts violates California Business & Professions Code §17500, et seq. Beginning at an exact date unknown to plaintiff, but at least since 1993, defendants have committed acts of untrue and misleading advertising, including but not limited to the promotional statements and other public statements set forth in this Complaint, and as defined by Business & Professions Code §17500, by engaging in the acts and practices alleged in this Complaint, as well as other acts and

practices unknown to plaintiff at this time, with intent to induce members of the public to enter into contracts for the purchase of NIKE products. PRAYER FOR RELIEF WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays for the following relief: Preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining NIKE, its agents, employees, assigns and all persons acting in concert or participating with it from: Failing and refusing to disgorge all monies which NIKE acquired by means of any act found by this Court to be an unlawful and/or unfair business practice under California Business and Professions Code §17200, et seq.; (b) Failing and refusing to undertake a Court-approved public information campaign to correct any NIKE statement and/or claim that this Court finds misleading or deceitful within the meaning of California Business & Professions Code §17200, et seq. and §17500, et seq.; (c) Misrepresenting the working conditions under which NIKE products are made including, but not limited to, wages, hours, overtime, environmental, health and/or safety conditions, and the use of child labor to produce NIKE products. Reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. Such other and further relief as this Court may deem just

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JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

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