BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD JUN -8 PM 1:02 UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C.

FIFRA Appeal No. 07-(02)

In The Matter Of:

Rizing Sun, L.L.C. Peoria, Arizona

Docket No. FIFRA-9-2004-0024 (Region IX)

Appeal from the Initial Decision of the Presiding Officer, Administrative Law Judge Spencer T. Nissen, Dated May 8, 2007

NOTICE OF APPEAL BY THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR AGRICULTURE,

COMMUNITIES AND ECOSYSTEMS DIVISION,

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,

REGION IX

The Associate Director for Agriculture, Communities and Ecosystems Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX (the "Appellant"), for the Complainant in the proceedings below, by and through her counsel, David H. Kim, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.30(a), hereby submits this Notice of Appeal of the Initial Decision issued on May 8, 2007 by the Presiding Officer, Administrative Law Judge Spencer T. Nissen,

in the above-referenced proceeding brought pursuant to section 14(a) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended ("FIFRA" or the "Act"), 7 U.S.C. §§ 136 et seq., for the assessment of a civil penalty. Included herewith is the Appellant's Brief In Support of Notice of Appeal ("Brief").

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.30(a), Appellant submits the following single issue for review:

## I. Alternative Conclusion of Law

Appellant requests that the EAB make the following conclusion of law reversing and replacing conclusion of law  $\P7$  made by the Presiding Officer in the Initial Decision:

EPA can assess a separate civil penalty for violations of section 12(a)(1)(A) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(A), and section 12(a)(1)(E) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(E), arising from the distribution or sale of the same pesticide in the same transaction.

## II. Proposed Order

Appellant proposes that, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.30(f), the EAB issue a Final Order in this proceeding that SETS ASIDE IN PART the Initial Decision of the Presiding Officer issued on May 8, 2007. The Final Order should find that EPA may assess separate civil penalties for a violation of FIFRA section 12(a)(1)(A) and a violation of FIFRA section 12(a)(1)(E) arising from the distribution or sale of the same pesticide in the same transaction.

Dated: June **%**, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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