

August 13, 2001



Central Hong Kong

RE: *Proficiency Testing of Valery N. Aginsky, Ph.D.*

Dear Ms. [REDACTED]:

This letter is to inform you that this firm has completed proficiency testing of Valery N. Aginsky, Ph.D., on two separate occasions. The details are as follows:

- June, 2001* – An internal proficiency test of eight “blind” ink samples (ink formulation and age unknown to the analyst). This test was obtained from an external vendor and administered to Dr. Aginsky as an internal proficiency test. An internal test is one that is administered by a member of our firm, yet the analyst does not know the result until after concluding the examinations and preparing his results. Dr. Aginsky analyzed eight ink samples in this test and he was able to offer conclusive opinions on seven of the samples. The conclusions offered were correct.
- July, 2001* – An external proficiency test of eight “blind” ink samples (ink formulation and age unknown to the analyst). This test was obtained from a second external vendor and administered to Dr. Aginsky as an external (outside) proficiency test. An external test is a test that is administered by the vendor. Neither the analyst nor the firm knows the results until after the conclusion of the examinations and the results have been sent to the vendor. Of the test of eight ink samples, Dr. Aginsky was able to offer conclusive opinions on all eight of the samples. The conclusions offered were correct.

Very truly yours,

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