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September 12, 2001

Via Overnight Delivery

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Regarding Timely Filing of 2001 Uniform Business Report

Please consider this as a timely filing for the 2001 Uniform Business Report, due September 12, 2001 for:

Corporation: LABORATORY ACQUISITION COMPANY, INC Document#: P99 000 111213

Due to the unfortunate national tragedy of the attacks on New York and Washington and the resulting shutdown of the transportation system, we were unable to send this report on September 11, 2001 via overnight delivery for a timely receipt by September 12, 2001.

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Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely

Christopher T. Harkins Exec VP & CFO

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