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7 November 2023

By email

Commission of Inquiry to examine DNA Project 13 concerns
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Our ref:

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Caitlin Fletcher

Dear Commissioner

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We refer to Notice to Produce 13.002 dated 6 November 2023.

Our client cannot recall with certainty what documents she referred to in the interview with The Australian on 31 August and/or 8 September 2023.

To the best of her recollection, our client believes she referred to the notes made on the various versions of SOPs 24897, the change register and the statements of the scientists.

In our client's bundle of material she had printed, were copies of Project 9, 11, 13, 21 and 22. Our client has written notes on these documents, but has formed the view that these notes were made in 2023 because the documents themselves contain a Document ID and the brief provided to her by the former Commission of Inquiry in 2022 did not contain Document ID codes.

Without wishing to confuse the Inquiry, given the matters requested and the complexity of identifying when notes were made, she provides these documents so as to be open to the Commission and fulsome in her reply.

Out of an abundance of caution, we enclose the following documents:

1. Document 0438_001 – Undated handwritten notes
2. Document 0439_001 – Notes made on document FSS.0001.0080.6561 titled 'Automated DNA IQ™ Method of Extracting DNA'
3. Document 0440_001 – Notes made on Promega Technical bulletin: DNA IQ™ System – Small Sample Casework Protocol – Part# TB296
4. Document 0441_001 – Promega Technical Bulletin: DNA IQ™ System – Database Protocol – Part# TB297

5. Document 0442_001 – Notes made on document FSS.0001.0060.5715 titled 'Extraction Batch Audit'
6. Document 0443_001 – Notes made on document FSS.0001.0060.4876 titled 'Audit Checklist'
7. Audit 8227 – Notes made on document FSS.0001.0057.3107 titled 'Audit 8227, Process Audit of the Automated DNA IQ™ System (including Off-Deck Lysis)'
8. Audit 9642 – Notes made on document FSS.0001.0060.5699 titled 'Audit 9642: DNA IQ Method of Extracting DNA from Casework and Reference Samples Audit'
9. Change Register – Notes made on document WIT.0016.0188.0553
10. Document FSS.0001.0057.3100 – Notes made on document FSS.0001.0057.3100 titled 'Investigation into partial DNA profile negative extraction control sample (barcode 346795477)'
11. Document FSS.0001.0060.5786 – Notes made on document FSS.0001.0060.5786 titled 'A review of DNA extraction control results obtained in the first six months of 2008'
12. Document FSS.0001.0080.2541 – Document FSS.0001.0080.2541 titled 'Investigation into contamination of a Negative Extraction Control with a Positive Extraction Control'
13. Document FSS.0001.0080.2591 – Document FSS.0001.0080.2591 titled 'Investigation into Mixture found in FTA Evidence Sample (barcode 184858899)'
14. Document FSS.0001.0080.2750 – Document FSS.0001.0080.2750 titled 'Investigation into Negative Extraction Control with a partial DNA profile (barcode 346794568)'
15. Document FSS.0001.0080.6495 – Notes made on document FSS.0001.0080.6495 titled 'Automated DNA Extraction with the DNA IQ™ Kit Training Module'
16. Document FSS.0001.0080.6502 – Notes made on document FSS.0001.0080.6502 titled 'Automated DNA Extraction with the DNA IQ™ Kit Training Module'
17. Meeting notes 140708 – Notes made on document FSS.0001.0080.2579 and FSS.0001.0080.2657 – Agendas of meetings on 14 July 2008 and 28 July 2008

18. SOP 23602 V3 – Notes made on document titled 'Environmental Monitoring'
19. SOP 24897 V1 – Notes made on document titled 'Automated DNA IQ™ Method of Extracting DNA from Blood and Cell Substrates'
20. SOP 24987 V2 – Notes on document FSS.0001.0080.6622 titled 'DNA IQ™ Method of Extracting DNA from Blood and Cell Substrates'
21. SOP 24987 V3 – Notes on document titled 'DNA IQ™ Method of Extracting DNA from Casework and Reference Samples'
22. SOP 24987 V4 – Notes on document FSS.0001.0080.6677 titled 'DNA IQ™ Method of Extracting DNA from Casework and Reference Samples'
23. SOP 24987 V6 – Notes on document titled 'DNA IQ™ Method of Extracting DNA from Casework and Reference Samples'
24. Statement of Allan Russell McNevin – Notes on document WIT.0040.0077.0001 titled 'Statement of Allan Russell McNevin'
25. Statement of Catherine Allen – Notes on document WIT.0019.0016.0001 titled 'Statement of Catherine Allen'
26. Statement of Justin Anthony Howes – Notes on document WIT.0016.0188.0001 titled 'Statement of Justin Anthony Howes'
27. Statement of Thomas Nurthen 171022 – Notes on document WIT.0050.0002.0001 titled 'Statement of Thomas Nurthen'
28. Project 9 – Notes on document titled 'Project 9 Report on the Evaluation of Commercial DNA Extraction Chemistries'
29. Project 11 – Notes on document titled 'Project 11 Report on the Validation of a manual method for Extracting DNA using the DNA IQ System'
30. Project 13 – Notes on document titled 'Project 13 Report on the Verification of an Automated DNA IQ Protocol using the MultiPROBE II PLUS HT EX with Gripper Integration Platform'
31. Project 21 - Notes on document titled 'Project 21 A Modified DNA IQ Method Consisting of Off-Deck Lysis to Allow Supernatant Retention for Presumptive Identification of α -Amylase'
32. Project 22 – Notes on document titled 'Project 22 A Modified DNA IQ Method for Off-Deck Lysis Prior to Performing Automated DNA Extraction'

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The above documents can be accessed via the following secure, Sharefile link:

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Please let us know if you also require the hardcopy documents.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact Caitlin Fletcher or Gabrielle Forbes of our office.

Yours sincerely

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