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SCIENCE COMMISSION

*Justice Through Science*

1700 North Congress Ave., Suite 445  
Austin, Texas 78701

January 12, 2016

Serological Research Institute  
Mr. Gary C. Harmon  
3053 Research Drive  
Richmond, CA 94806

RE: Renewal application for Texas Forensic Science Commission Accreditation under Title 37, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 651.

Dear Mr. Harmon:

With some exceptions, the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 38.35, requires Texas Forensic Science Commission (FSC) accreditation as a predicate to the admission of the forensic analysis of physical evidence and expert testimony relating to the evidence in a criminal case.

As the designee of the Texas Forensic Science Commission Presiding Officer, I have considered your renewal application based on your national accreditation from ASCLD/LAB and grant full FSC Accreditation to Serological Research Institute for the following discipline:

*Biology/DNA*

The term of ASCLD/LAB accreditation is from 5/26/2015 to 5/26/2019 unless they have extended their accreditation as part of a routine renewal process. The term of FSC accreditation is from 9/1/2015 until such time that the accreditation from ASCLD/LAB is no longer current.

**\*For laboratories outside the state of Texas that were previously accredited by the Texas Department of Public Safety and now required to be accredited by the Texas Forensic Science Commission, upon demonstration of fulfillment of the requirements for accreditation by a Texas recognized accrediting body, the FSC recognizes accreditation for the period granted by the accrediting body. Therefore, the FSC recognizes the accreditation period 12/5/2004 to 5/26/2019 for Serological Research Institute.**

FSC accreditation is contingent upon compliance with Title 37, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 651, including requirements of reporting correspondence, reports or communication between the laboratory and the accrediting body. FSC accreditation will be automatically rescinded at the same date and time as ASCLD/LAB withdraws your laboratory accreditation.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

*Leigh Tomlin*

Leigh M. Tomlin

FSC Accreditation Program Administrator