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Industrial Laboratories Selected as State Chemist

The Louisiana State Racing Commission ("LSRC") has selected Industrial Laboratories of Denver, Colorado ("Industrial") to serve as its state chemist, on an interim basis, beginning July 1, 2023. Industrial will conduct Post-Race, Out-of-Competition, Vets' List, and TCO₂ testing in the State of Louisiana. A longer contract for LSRC's state chemist will be put out on public bid in compliance with state public bid laws.

Industrial is an independent, third-party, private testing laboratory. The company was founded in 1945, began drug-testing for performance sports animals in 1953, and currently conducts drug-testing for various states, racing jurisdictions, fairs, and other sporting events. Industrial specializes in analytical chemistry and microbiology and is accredited to ISO 17025, the pinnacle in third-party laboratory accreditation. Industrial is accredited by the Racing Medication & Testing Consortium ("RMTC"). Industrial provides state-of-the-art technical testing services coupled with outstanding quality to protect the interests of equine athletes, horsemen, and the wagering public.

Industrial is one of six laboratories approved by the Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit ("HIWU"), which oversees the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority's ("HISA") Anti-Doping and Medication Control ("ADMC") Program.

The LSRC would like to thank LSU's School of Veterinary Medicine for its loyal service and being a trusted partner for the last 36 years. The testing conducted by the Equine Medication Surveillance Laboratory, under the leadership originally of Dr. Steven Barker and then Dr. Levent Dirikolu, has played a pivotal role in the LSRC fulfilling its commitment to the public to ensure integrity and safety in the sport of horseracing in Louisiana. The LSRC and LSU have mutually and amicably agreed not to renew their contract for equine drug-testing.