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Mr. Barney Chan
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SUBJECT: RICHARD WENNING, M.E.M. NEW TO CHEMRISK PRACTICE AREA LEADER FOR SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA OFFICE

Dear Mr. Chan :

We are pleased to announce that Richard J. Wenning, M.E.M. has accepted the position of ChemRisk Practice Area Leader in the San Francisco Bay Area. Richard received his Bachelor's degree in environmental science from the University of Denver and his Master's degree in ecotoxicology from Duke University. His career with McLaren/Hart began in 1987 at our ChemRisk office in Portland Maine. Prior to accepting his new assignment, Richard dedicated two years to successfully establishing McLaren/Hart's risk assessment consulting practice in offices located in Melbourne and Sydney Australia.

His accomplishments include:

- Development and use of statistical "fingerprinting" methods for chemical source identification, resolving cost allocation issues among potentially responsible parties, and tracking chemical movement in waterways and harbors;
- Extensive involvement in the development of alternative remediation criteria for dioxin in residential and industrial soils, resulting in remediation cost savings for his clients of millions of dollars;
- Implementation of multi-chemical, multi-source natural resource damage assessments of heavily industrialized estuaries for clients in the Gulf Coast and northeastern United States, Australia and New Zealand;
- Derivation of cost-saving risk-based cleanup goals for persistent chemicals and heavy metals in soil and sediment using human health and ecological risk assessment on behalf of Fortune 500 clients and law firms; and,
- Publication of over 50 papers in the peer-reviewed scientific literature arena on the sources of dioxin and other persistent chemicals in the environment, ecological risk assessment, chemical fingerprinting, and biomarkers.

Richard is responsible for directing the risk assessment and toxicology practice in the San Francisco Bay Area, where he will focus on both regional markets and selected national and international issues. You can reach him via telephone at (510) 748-5684; facsimile at (510) 521-1547; or e-mail at rjwenning@aol.com.

We are delighted to have Richard join our firm and believe his national and international expertise and experiences provide our clients additional resources for successfully resolving difficult environmental liability issues.

Sincerely,

Ellis A. Wallenberg, III
Vice President
Operations Manager