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RE: The National Laboratory of Vaccinology and Tropical Viruses (LNVyVT) BSL2-3 Laboratory– Biocontainment Standard Letter of Compliance

Dr. Salazar Sánchez,

Merrick is pleased to issue the following letter of compliance to the Virology and Immunovirology Laboratory, Department of Microbiology, National School of Biological Sciences, National Polytechnic Institute for the startup of operations, on the recently completed National Laboratory of Vaccinology and Tropical Viruses (LNVyVT) BSL2-3 Laboratory in Mexico City, as a fit for purpose BSL2-3 biocontainment facility.

As a global leader in biocontainment facilities, Merrick was retained by VRM Construcciones y Servicios, S.A. de C.V. for the planning, design, and commissioning of the BSL-3 Laboratory with the support of the MatriCX Group, a 3rd party independent commissioning agent. The facility is in compliance with international biocontainment standards and is capable of meeting key user needs for safe and reliable BSL2-3 programs that include:

- provide the level of biosafety and biosecurity required to be able to handle emerging and re-emerging diseases, potentially lethal in large quantities, in accordance with current biosafety standards
- meeting internationally accepted standards and best practices for containment and safety being able to deal with samples suspected to contain very high-risk pathogens
- having capacity to use modern, proven diagnostic methods and adapts as new testing methods become available

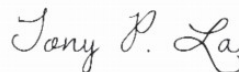
The project has been constructed by VRM Construcciones y Servicios, S.A. de C.V. to a proper level of quality and detail for these type of biocontainment facilities. With the successful completion of commissioning and verification testing, the facility satisfies the intent under:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories (BMBL) 6th Edition

The facility is ready for operational use and is deemed a “Suitable Facility” as being one whose design, construction and operational functionality can achieve Laboratory Certification, meaning that it will be approved as a containment facility.



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