



September 14, 1992

To: All Clients of Syracuse Research Corporation's **Aquatic Toxicology Center**

Subject: Announcement of Sale and Transfer of Business

Syracuse Research Corporation is pleased to advise you of the formation of a new, local business entity, *AquaTox Research, Inc.* which has been formed from the sale of our company's Aquatic Toxicology Center. This new small business concern, independently owned and operated by Dr. Francis Doherty, will continue to provide the superior aquatic toxicology analytical services previously furnished by SRC's business unit. The contract agreement has been signed and formal transfer of the business to Dr. Doherty is slated for September 30, 1992.

Dr. Doherty, the President of *AquaTox Research, Inc.*, was the originator of, and has for the last five years been the driving force behind, SRC's Aquatic Toxicology Center. The newly formed company will be acquiring the full range of capital equipment and physical assets of our Aquatic Toxicology Center. Additionally, his company will not only be continuing to provide to you, and all other existing and new clients, the same range of aquatic toxicology testing you previously enjoyed, but it is our understanding that Dr. Doherty intends to further expand the range of services in the future.

SRC's decision to spin-off this business unit resulted from a corporate desire to focus more closely on our Defense Electronics Engineering and Chemical Hazard Assessment Divisions which are structured primarily for provision of expert services to the U.S. Federal Government. The Aquatic Toxicology Center, deriving its clients from the commercial sector, was being unduly burdened by a lack of synergism with the other operating components. As a result, it was not structured to take full advantage of private versus public based markets. SRC's wish to sustain this important resource within the Syracuse and other Upstate New York areas, resulted in this decision to assist in the development of a new small business concern.

We would like to express our sincere wishes for good luck to Dr. Doherty and his staff in their pursuit of this new business venture and are confident of the many successes that lie ahead for them. And we strongly urge you to continue, and to build upon, the very successful business relationship developed with Dr. Doherty and his group.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Roberts', written in a cursive style.

Robert U. Roberts
President & CEO

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