

September 25, 2014

Lewisville Independent School District 340 Lake Haven Lewisville, Texas 75057

Attn: Mr. Paul Siddall

Re: Limited Mold Assessment Services

Donald Elementary School

Art Room

2400 Forest Vista Flower Mound, Texas

Apex Project No. 7210114H234 LISD PO No. 91501592-00

### **Introduction**

Apex TITAN, Inc. a subsidiary of Apex Companies, LLC (APEX) conducted limited mold assessment activities for Lewisville Independent School District (Lewisville I.S.D.) within Donald Elementary School located at 2400 Forest Vista in Flower Mound, Texas (hereinafter referred to as the "Site"). The investigation was limited to areas of the Site identified by Lewisville I.S.D. as described below. The assessment was performed by Mr. Clinton S. Jech, a State of Texas licensed Mold Assessment Technician (Lic. No. MAT1075) on September 19, 2014. Apex's mold services definitions and limitations are included as an attachment to this report.

#### **Investigation Areas**

Lewisville I.S.D. identified the following physical portions of the Site as the target investigation areas ("Investigation Areas") for mold assessment: readily accessible areas within the art room. Apex's mold assessment services were limited to the Investigation Area(s) identified by Lewisville, I.S.D. Additional areas or portions of the Site were out-of-scope and not included in Apex's mold assessment or this report at this time.

### **Scope of Work**

As set forth in Apex's Mold Assessment Proposal (No. P0114H1356 dated September 12, 2014. Apex's scope-of-work was to provide visual and/or analytical mold assessment and related services in the Investigation Areas which included:

Visual Reconnaissance: Apex performed a visual reconnaissance of the Investigation Areas for visible indications of moisture intrusion (as indicated by staining or visible moisture) and/or suspect mold growth. Apex's visual reconnaissance only included readily accessible or visible portions of the Investigation Areas.

Suspect Mold Growth Sampling and Analysis: Apex collected limited ambient air samples for nonviable mold spores utilizing Air-O-Cell cassettes. "Air-O-Cell" refers to slit impaction air sampling cassettes manufactured by Zefon Analytical Accessories, St. Petersburg, Florida.

### Site Reconnaissance Observations/Findings and Recommendations

Apex' Mold Assessment Site reconnaissance was performed on September 19, 2014 by Mr. Clinton S. Jech. Apex's visual reconnaissance of the Investigation areas revealed the following:

### **Temperature and Relative Humidity**

Temperature readings collected inside the room was reported as 73.5 degrees Fahrenheit while relative humidity was reported as 51.8 percent. Temperature readings collected outside the building ranged from 84.7 to 86.5 degrees Fahrenheit while outside relative humidity ranged from 51.5 to 59.6 percent.

Relative humidity is a measure of the moisture content of air and is closely tied to the comfort of the office/workplace temperature. As with temperature, there are no regulations governing acceptable office/workplace humidity ranges. Humidity levels in the office/workplace are not only related to health effects, but also have operational impacts on modern office equipment.

Workplace/office temperatures have historically been considered a subjective factor because the perception of uncomfortable temperature levels is specific to each individual. There are no regulations governing acceptable office/workplace temperature ranges, but significant research has been conducted which indicates that there are temperature ranges that are not only comfortable but also result in optimum performance. ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating & Air Conditioning Engineers) has published guidelines describing thermal environmental conditions that at least 80% of the persons who occupy that environment will find acceptable or "comfortable." Table I below explains the applicable limits and guidelines.

Table I							
Acceptable Ranges Of Temperature And Humidity							
Relative Humidity	Winter Temperatures	Summer Temperatures					
30%	68.5 to 76°F	74 to 80°F					
40%	68.5 to 75.5°F	73 to 79.5°F					
50%	68.5 to 74.5°F	73 to 79°F					
60%	68 to 74°F	72.5 to 78°F					

Apex utilized a Protimeter Moisture Measurement System (MMS) instrument (Model No. BLD2000) to measure and diagnose dampness in the drywall within random areas. The MMS is a battery powered handheld unit that is equipped with hydrostick probes to measure moisture content in wood, drywall and other and non-conductive materials. The device measures electrical conductivity of building materials and compares the conductivity readings to an internal, electronic standard reading for normal or "dry" materials.

Moisture content readings were obtained by pushing the moisture probe pins into surfaces. The measured values were then displayed on a colored scale depicting if the materials measured were normal (dry), higher than normal but not critical (at risk) or contained excessive moisture levels (wet). Based on the manufacturer's guidelines, the instrument measurement values are described below:

< 5%	Out of Range
> 5% but < 16%	Normal
> 17% but < 20%	Higher than Normal but Not Critical
> 20%	Excessive Moisture Levels

Moisture meter readings taken from the walls within the rooms were ranged from 10-13% which is considered normal by the manufacturer.



### **Air Monitoring Results**

Apex collected one (1) sample from the interior of the investigation area and two (2) samples from the exterior of the building. The microbial samples were analyzed by Steve Moody Micro Services, Inc. (SMMS) in Farmers Branch, Texas; SMMS is a State of Texas licensed mold analysis laboratory and accredited under the AIHA Laboratory Quality Assurance Program for Environmental Microbiology.

Air testing performed using spore traps indicated that total airborne mold spores in the classrooms were lower as compared to those measured outside of the building at the time the sampling was performed. The total fungal spore concentration within the investigation area was reported as 3,682 counts/m³, while the exterior level ranged from 14,495 to 19,849 counts/m³.

Four (4) types of mold were identified at a higher concentrations within the investigation area as compared to the samples collected from the exterior of the building. The air sample collected within the art room reported Curvularia as 93 counts/m³, Stachybotrys as 67 counts/m³, Drechslera/Bipolaris group as 40 counts/m³ and Chaetomium as 13 counts/m³ while exterior levels where reported as 227 counts/m³.

The American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) sets forth assessment criteria related to the "indoor/outdoor" relationship where the indoor air quality should be at or below that of outdoor air quality with regard to fungal spores (see ACGIH Bioaerosols, Assessment and Controls publication, 1999).

### **Suspect Mold**

No visible mold was observed during the assessment. No odors or excessive dust were noted.

### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

Apex recommends that the areas be cleaned and additional testing be performed.

If you have any questions regarding this report or if we can assist you with any other matter, please contact the undersigned at (214) 350-5469.

Sincerely,

Apex TITAN, Inc.

Darren G. Bowden

Senior Program Manager Industrial Hygiene Services

Texas Mold Assessment Consultant

Lic. No. MAC0321

Attachments: Analytical Results/Chain of Custody, Mold Services Definitions & Limitations



## **ATTACHMENT 1**

Analytical Results/Chain of Custody



Steve Moody Micro Services, LLC

2051 Valley View Lane

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AIHA EMPAT ID: 102577

Farmers Branch, TX 75234 Phone: (972) 241-8460

Client: Apex TITAN, Inc. - Dallas, TX Lab Job No. 14F-11875

Project: Donald ES Art Room Report Date 09/23/2014 1:16 PM

**Project #:** 7210114H234 **Sample Date:** 09/19/2014

Sample Type: Spore Trap, Non-cultured Spore Trap Type: Zefon - Air-O-Cell

**Test Method:** Mold: ASTM D7391-09 - Standard Profile Page 1 of 2

On 9/19/2014, three (3) samples were submitted by Clint Jech of Apex TITAN, Inc. - Dallas, TX (located at 2351 W. NW Highway #3321, Dallas, TX 75220) for Spore Trap, Non-cultured mold analysis. This report consists of three sections; a summary section, a data detail section, and an analytical notes section.

Sample Number Volume (liters)		Sample Description	Identification	Concentration spores/cubic meters	
1	75	Exterior, Southeast	Basidiospores Aspergillus / Penicillium Cladosporium Ascospores Hyphal / Spore Fragments Nigrospora Coprinus group Myxomycete / Periconia / Rust / Smut Agaricus / Agrocybe Alternaria Cercospora / Pseudocercospora Fusarium	7745 5545 3879 973 307 280 253 173 107	39% 28% 20% 5% 2% 1% <1% <1% <1% <1%
			Total:	19849	100%
2	150	Exterior, Southwest * See Analytical Notes report for further details	Basidiospores Cladosporium Aspergillus / Penicillium Ascospores Myxomycete / Periconia / Rust / Smut Hyphal / Spore Fragments Agaricus / Agrocybe Coprinus group Fusarium Nigrospora Alternaria Cercospora / Pseudocercospora  Total:	5303 4622 2875 614 434 213 167 80 73 67 27 20	37% 32% 20% 4% 3% 1% <1% <1% <1% <1% <1% <1% <1% <1% <1%

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3	150	Art Room Closet	Basidiospores	1688	46%	
<u> </u>		* See Analytical Notes report for	Aspergillus / Penicillium	727	20%	
		further details	Cladosporium	434	12%	
			Myxomycete / Periconia / Rust / Smut	287	8%	
			Hyphal / Spore Fragments	260	7%	
			Curvularia	93	3%	
			Alternaria	73	2%	
			Stachybotrys	67	2%	
			Drechslera / Bipolaris group	40	1%	
			Chaetomium	13	<1%	
			Total:	3682	100%	

Results may not be reported except in full. Data contained in this test report relates only to the samples tested. This report does not express or imply interpretation of the results contained herein. Interpretation should be made by a qualified professional.

Steve Moody Micro Services assumes no responsibility for the manner in which these samples were collected or handled prior to being received at this laboratory. SMMS assumes no responsibility for the qualifications of personnel performing sampling and/or interpretations of this data.

Analyst(s): Rob Greene

Lab Manager: Heather Lopez

Lab Director: Bruce Crabb

Approved Signatory: Bene Gull

Thank you for choosing Steve Moody Micro Services

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Data Detail

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Sample ID:	1			2			3					
Location:	Exterior, Southeast			Exterior, Southwest			Art Room Closet					
Media Expires On:	Feb 2015			Feb 2015				Fe	b 2015			
Notes Included:												
Volume:			75				150				150	
	raw ct.	MDL	spores/m³		raw ct.	MDL	spores/m³		raw ct.	MDL	spores/m³	
Agaricus / Agrocybe	13	13.33	173	<1%	25	6.67	167	1%				
Alternaria	13	13.33	173	<1%	4	6.67	27	<1%	11	6.67	73	2%
Ascospores	73	13.33	973	5%	92	6.67	614	4%				
Aspergillus / Penicillium	416	13.33	5545	28%	431	6.67	2875	20%	109	6.67	727	20%
Basidiospores	581	13.33	7745	39%	795	6.67	5303	37%	253	6.67	1688	46%
Cercospora / Pseudocercospora	8	13.33	107	<1%	3	6.67	20	<1%				
Chaetomium									2	6.67	13	<1%
Cladosporium	291	13.33	3879	20%	693	6.67	4622	32%	65	6.67	434	12%
Coprinus group	21	13.33	280	1%	12	6.67	80	<1%				
Curvularia									14	6.67	93	3%
Drechslera / Bipolaris group									6	6.67	40	1%
Fusarium	8	13.33	107	<1%	11	6.67	73	<1%				
Hyphal / Spore Fragments	23	13.33	307	2%	32	6.67	213	1%	39	6.67	260	7%
Memnoniella												
Myxomycete / Periconia / Rust / Smut	19	13.33	253	1%	65	6.67	434	3%	43	6.67	287	8%
Nigrospora	23	13.33	307	2%	10	6.67	67	<1%				
Stachybotrys									10	6.67	67	2%
TOTALS	1489		19849	100%	2173		14495	100%	552		3682	100%
Analyst		Rob	Greene		Rob Greene			Rob Greene				
Analysis Date		9/2	3/2014		9/23/2014			9/23/2014				
Debris Rating			4		5			5				
Debris Composition												
Fibers	1/5		2/5			5/5						
Inorganic/Other			4/5		4/5				5/5			
Insect Parts	0/5		0/5			0/5						
Pollen			5/5		5/5			0/5				
Skin/Dander			0/5				0/5				5/5	

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### Samples Analyzed

Sample No: 2 : Exterior, Southwest

Notes: 20% Occluded.

Sample No: 3 : Art Room Closet

Notes: 85% Occluded.

#### Field Blanks

No discernable field blanks were submitted with this set of samples.

NOTE: All remaining samples suitable for analysis.

### Methods

Method: ASTM D7391-09: Categorization and Quantification of Airborne Fungal Structures in an Inertial Impaction Sample by Optical Microscopy.

Calculation: Spores/cubic meter = (Raw spore count)\*(MDL)

Note: MDL (Minimum Detection Limit) is calculated based upon 1 raw spore count.

Steve Moody Micro Services recommends two significant figures for calculated values based on ASTM D7391-09.

This report must not be used by the customer to claim product certification, approval, or endorsement by AIHA, ISO, or any agency of the Federal Government.

#### **Debris Rating Key**

- 0 No debris detected.
- 1 Trace debris.
- 2 Light debris.
- 3 Moderate debris.
- 4 Substantial debris.
- 5 Extensive debris.
- 6 Field blank.
- 10 Hold Sample

NOTE: Debris defined as skin, fibers, pollen grains, insect parts, and/or other non-fungal particles.

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# Chain of Custody



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## **ATTACHMENT 2**

Mold Services Definitions & Limitations/Standard of Care and Reliance





#### **Mold Services Definitions & Limitations**

"Mold" defined. Mold is a general term used to describe various types of singled-celled naturally occurring biological organisms occurring worldwide. For purposes of this report (and the Texas Mold Assessment & Remediation Rules), the term "mold" is broadly defined to include any living or dead fungi or related products or parts, including spores, hyphae, and mycotoxins.

Limited Scope of Mold Assessment. The scope of Apex's mold assessment services as reflected in the Proposal and this report are limited in that (i) they were physically limited to certain portions of the building structure (e.g., the Client identified Investigation Areas); and (ii) limited by accessibility to building materials or components within the Investigation Area(s). In contrast to a Limited Assessment" is a comprehensive assessment, which involves destructive sampling methods and the scope of the assessment typically extending to the entire building structure.

Time sensitive. Mold assessments are essentially a "snap shot in time," and the results are only relevant at the time of site reconnaissance. Because mold, when biologically active, is a living organism, its presence is influenced and controlled by environmental conditions. Mold assessments, therefore, are "time sensitive" in that the presence and concentration of mold and similar organisms in building structures or in the air is directly influenced by environmental conditions (such as humidity, moisture, nutrients and substrates), whether natural or caused by man, which conditions may vary significantly over relatively short periods of time.

Methodologies. Currently, mold assessment methodologies and protocols in Texas are governed by persuasive guidelines (rather than promulgated federal/state or local regulations). Presently, there is no data that supports a threshold limit or dose-response relationship for exposure to mold aeroallergens, individual pathogens, opportunistic pathogens and/or mycotoxins. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and other non-governmental associations, have not yet established permissible exposure limits (PELs), recommended exposure limits (RELs), or other limit values for aeroallergens. Because no limit values presently exist, Apex will not and cannot represent that the site contains no harmful microbes, mold, fungi, or their metabolites, or other latent conditions beyond those identified by the limited scope of this mold assessment.

Findings limited. Findings from a limited mold assessment are limited because of the nature of the information obtained (e.g., visual reconnaissance of readily accessible areas of building structures, interview information, anecdotal information, and limited sampling data derived from one or more specific sampling events). Apex cannot warrant the accuracy of prior or subsequent information/data, reports and services performed by other firms at the Site. Apex assumes no responsibility or liability for errors in information or data provided by or through the client or third party sources. Apex's services are not to be construed as legal or medical interpretation or advice.

Moisture Intrusion Limitation. Apex performs mold assessment services and is not a moisture intrusion, HVAC, roofing, plumbing or building envelope specialist. However, during the course of conducting its mold assessment services, Apex will report observed areas of apparent moisture intrusion. Apex does not and will not investigate the cause or causes of such observed moisture intrusion. In the event apparent moisture intrusion is observed, Apex will recommend

that the client contact a specialist (i.e., plumbing contractor, building envelope specialist, HVAC contractor, water intrusion specialist, etc.) to assist the client in determining the specific cause or causes of the moisture intrusion and remedial options.

Texas Licensing Requirements. Apex (and/or its personnel) will render the services set forth in this proposal in the capacity of a Texas licensed Mold Assessor. Apex is not licensed as a Mold Remediation Contractor and does not perform mold remediation. As of January 1, 2005, Texas law has required that Mold Assessors and Mold Remediation Contractors be licensed.

Mold Remediation Certificate. For mold remediation projects (above certain size thresholds), applicable Texas law (i.e., Texas Occupation Code Section 1958.54 and T.A.C. Section 295.397 (the Texas Mold Assessment and Remediation Rules), requires that a "Certificate of Mold Remediation" be issued by the Mold Remediation Contractor upon successful completion of the project. This certificate must be provided to property owners no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day after the date on which the mold remediation is completed at a property. The Mold Remediation Certificate issued by the Mold Remediation Contractor must include a certification by the Mold Assessor that the mold remediation project has been successfully completed in accordance with the mold remediation protocol.

Be advised that Apex's issuance of a Mold Remediation Certificate upon successful completion of a Mold Remediation project does not mean, warrant or otherwise guarantee that mold will not be subsequently found in any portion of the Investigation Area or the Site. In the event that Apex is engaged to render services in connection with a mold remediation project, Apex will require Client to provide to Apex a signed certificate prepared by Client's moisture intrusion specialist or appropriate contractor stating that all sources of moisture which resulted in the presence of mold in the Investigation Area have been fully remediated and corrected.

#### Standard of Care

Apex performed its Services in accordance with generally accepted practices of the profession undertaken in similar services at the same time and in the same geographical area. No other warranties, expressed or implied, apply to the Services hereunder or this report.

#### Reliance

Apex's proposal for this project, services and this report have been prepared on behalf of and for the exclusive use of Lewisville Independent School District solely for their use and reliance in assessing the presence of mold in the Investigation Areas of the site. Lewisville Independent School District is the only party to which Apex explained the risks and limitations of the services and was solely involved in shaping the scope of services. Accordingly, reliance on this report by any other party may involve assumptions leading to an unintended interpretation of findings and opinions. With the consent of the client, Apex may offer reliance to third parties or contract with other parties to develop findings and opinions related to such party's unique risk management concerns. Notwithstanding the foregoing, reliance by any and all third parties upon the proposal, the Services or this report shall be limited in the aggregate to all relying parties to the fair market value of the Services provided by Apex.

