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September 24, 2012

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Re: Limited Mold Assessment Services

Hedrick Middle School

Room 4215

1526 Bellaire Boulevard

Lewisville, Texas

SWG Project No. 0112238

### Introduction

Southwest Geoscience (SWG) conducted limited mold assessment activities for the Lewisville Independent School District (Lewisville I.S.D.) within room 4215 at Hedrick Middle School located at 1526 Bellaire Boulevard in Lewisville, 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 (License No. MAT1075) on September 21, 2012. SWG'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 room 4215. SWG'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 SWG's mold assessment or this report at this time.

# Scope of Work

As set forth in SWG's Mold Assessment Proposal (No. 01121299) dated August 27, 2012, SWG's scope-of-work was to provide visual and/or analytical mold assessment and related services in the Investigation Areas which included:

Visual Reconnaissance: SWG 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. SWG's visual reconnaissance only included readily accessible or visible portions of the Investigation Areas.

Suspect Mold Growth Sampling and Analysis: SWG 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

SWG's Mold Assessment Site reconnaissance was performed on September 21, 2012 by Mr. Clinton S. Jech. SWG's visual reconnaissance of the Investigation areas revealed the following:

# Temperature and Relative Humidity

Temperature readings collected inside the room was reported as 78.0 degrees Fahrenheit while relative humidity was reported 32.8 percent. Temperature readings collected outside the



building ranged from 88.7 to 95.0 degrees Fahrenheit while outside relative humidity ranged from 31.2 to 34.4 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/work place 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					

SWG 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 room ranged from 8 - 11% which is considered normal by the manufacturer.

## Air Monitoring Results

SWG collected one (1) sample from the interior of the room 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

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and accredited under the AIHA Laboratory Quality Assurance Program for Environmental Microbiology.

Air testing performed using spore traps found that airborne mold spores in the classroom were considerably lower and were qualitatively similar to those measured outside of the building at the time the sampling was performed. Total fungal spore concentration within the investigation area was reported as 13,960 counts/m³ while the exterior level ranged from 91,800 to 96,400 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). Based on SWG's limited assessment and the analytical results, it appears that the indoor air quality, as it relates to airborne fungi, was within recommended guidelines.

## Suspect Mold

SWG observed no visible mold during the assessment.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

Based on SWG's limited assessment and the analytical results, it appears that the indoor air quality, as it relates to airborne fungi, was within recommended guidelines. 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.

Southwest Geoscience

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Industrial Hygiene Services

Texas Mold Assessment Consultant

Lic. No. MAC0321

Attachments: Analytical Results/Chain of Custody

Mold Services Definitions & Limitations/Standard of Care and Reliance



Analytical Results/Chain of Custody

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Project: Hedrick MS, Room 4215 Report Date 09/24/2012 2:35 PM

**Project #:** 0112238 **Sample Date :** 09/21/2012

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Sample Number	Volume (liters)	Sample Description	Identification	Concentration spores/cubic meter
1	75	Exterior, Northeast	Agaricus / Agrocybe	440
		* See Analytical Notes report for further details	Alternaria	21480
			Ascospores	3560
			Aspergillus / Penicillium	5000
			Basidiospores	6240
			Cladosporium	21840
			Coprinus	480
			Curvularia	3560
			Drechslera / Bipolaris group	9720
			Fusarium	2160
			Hyphal / Spore Fragments	7400
			Myxomycete / Periconia / Rust / Smut	13000
			Nigrospora	520
			Pithomyces	1000
			Total:	96400

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2	75	Exterior, Southeast * See Analytical Notes report for further details	Agaricus / Agrocybe Alternaria Ascospores Aspergillus / Penicillium Basidiospores Cercospora / Pseudocercospora Cladosporium Coprinus Curvularia Drechslera / Bipolaris group Epicoccum Fusarium Ganoderma Hyphal / Spore Fragments Myxomycete / Periconia / Rust / Smut Nigrospora	720 19560 1000 6600 15560 920 30600 920 2120 2440 320 920 280 4120 5400 320	
3	150	Room 4215 * See Analytical Notes report for further details	Agaricus / Agrocybe Alternaria Aspergillus / Penicillium Basidiospores Cladosporium Curvularia Drechslera / Bipolaris group Hyphal / Spore Fragments Myxomycete / Periconia / Rust / Smut Pithomyces  Total:	91800 160 1640 1560 3120 2300 620 1220 2100 1020 220	

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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 Director: Steve Moody

Approved Signatory:

Thank you for choosing Steve Moody Micro Services

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Sample ID:	1		2		3					
Location:	Exterior, Northeast		Exterior, Southeast		Room 4215					
Debris Rating:	5		5		5					
Media Expires On:		Jul 2013		Jul 2013		Jul 2013		3		
Notes Included?:										
Volume:		75			75			150		
	raw ct.	MDL	spores/m³	raw ct.	MDL	spores/m³	raw ct.	MDL	spores/m³	
Agaricus / Agrocybe	11	40.00	440	18	40.00	720	8	20.00	160	
Alternaria	537	40.00	21480	489	40.00	19560	82	20.00	1640	
Ascospores	89	40.00	3560	25	40.00	1000				
Aspergillus / Penicillium	125	40.00	5000	165	40.00	6600	78	20.00	1560	
Basidiospores	156	40.00	6240	389	40.00	15560	156	20.00	3120	
Cercospora / Pseudocercospora				23	40.00	920				
Chaetomium										
Cladosporium	546	40.00	21840	765	40.00	30600	115	20.00	2300	
Coprinus	12	40.00	480	23	40.00	920				
Curvularia	89	40.00	3560	53	40.00	2120	31	20.00	620	
Drechslera / Bipolaris group	243	40.00	9720	61	40.00	2440	61	20.00	1220	
Epicoccum				8	40.00	320				
Fusarium	54	40.00	2160	23	40.00	920				
Ganoderma				7	40.00	280				
Hyphal / Spore Fragments	185	40.00	7400	103	40.00	4120	105	20.00	2100	
Memnoniella										
Myxomycete / Periconia / Rust / Smut	325	40.00	13000	135	40.00	5400	51	20.00	1020	
Nigrospora	13	40.00	520	8	40.00	320				
Non-specified Fungal Spore(s)										
Pithomyces	25	40.00	1000				11	20.00	220	
Pollen										
Stachybotrys										
TOTALS	2410		96400	2295		91800	698		13960	
Analyst	F	Rob Greene		Rob Greene		ene	Rob Greene			
Analysis Date	9/24/2012		9/24/2012		9/24/2012					

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### **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.

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

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Samples Analyzed

1: Exterior, Northeast Sample No:

Notes: 35% Occluded.

Sample No: 2: Exterior, Southeast

Notes: 50% Occluded. 3: Room 4215 Sample No: Notes: 80% Occluded.

## Field Blanks

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

## Methods

Method: ASTM D7391-09: Categorization and Quantification of Airborne Fungal Structures in an Intertial 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 ASTM D7391-09.



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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 SWG'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, SWG 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). SWG cannot warrant the accuracy of prior or subsequent information/data, reports and services performed by other firms at the Site. SWG assumes no responsibility or liability for errors in information or data provided by or through the client or third party sources. SWG's services are not to be construed as legal or medical interpretation or advice.



Moisture Intrusion Limitation. SWG 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, SWG will report observed areas of apparent moisture intrusion. SWG does not and will not investigate the cause or causes of such observed moisture intrusion. In the event apparent moisture intrusion is observed, SWG 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. SWG (and/or its personnel) will render the services set forth in this proposal in the capacity of a Texas licensed Mold Assessor. SWG 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 SWG'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 SWG is engaged to render services in connection with a mold remediation project, SWG will require *Client to provide to SWG 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

SWG 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

SWG'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 SWG 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, SWG 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 SWG.