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**NOTICE OF COMPLETION
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Project Title: The Jackson Laboratory, JAX West, at UC Davis

State Clearinghouse No.: To be reassigned by State Clearinghouse

Project Location: University of California, Davis.

County: Yolo

This letter will serve as a transmittal for fifteen (15) copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), dated December 2000, for the above-named project. This submittal is pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines issued by the Office of the Secretary for Resources for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. Copies of the Draft EIR and all documents referenced therein are available for public review at the Office of Resource Management and Planning, Mrak Hall, UC Davis.

This letter and the attached Environmental Document Transmittal Form serve as the Notice of Completion for this environmental document. A brief project description is included in the attached copy of the Public Notice. We expect the State review period will extend from approximately December 28, 2000 through February 12, 2001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Meyer".

John A. Meyer
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enc. 15 copies of Draft EIR
1 completed Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal Form
1 copy of Public Notice

cc: Notice of Completion and Copy of Draft EIR sent to addresses on attached list

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PUBLIC NOTICE
THE JACKSON LABORATORY, JAX WEST, at UC DAVIS

Proposed Project

UC Davis proposes the construction and operation of a new facility, JAX West, for the breeding and maintenance of genetically standardized mice. The campus prepared a Draft Focused Tiered Environmental Impact Report (EIR) analyzing the potential significant environmental effects of the proposal. The purpose of this notice is to provide the public an opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Focused Tiered EIR.

The new facility would be a highly sterile building on a site leased to the Jackson Laboratory, a non-profit entity specializing in breeding, research, and maintenance of genetically standardized strains of mice. The proposed facility would provide research specimens to UC Davis and to researchers throughout the western United States. The Jackson Laboratory is internationally recognized as the primary repository and supplier of inbred and genetically modified mice to the biomedical research community. These research specimens are essential to the study of human genetic diseases.

The facility would consist of a 96,000 square foot building, parking and landscaping around the building, and utility connections to serve the new building. The building would include space for breeding and housing mice, laboratory space, office and administrative space, and employee facilities. The new facility would encompass approximately six acres and is proposed for a currently undeveloped location near the UC Davis airport, west of Hopkins Road on the UC Davis campus.

Project Objectives

The overall project objective is to provide the UC Davis campus with a reliable supply of high quality genetically standardized mice for use in genetic research. Establishment on campus of a source of supply would be beneficial to UC Davis both in promoting its objectives under the campus Genomics Initiative, and in enhancing the scientific and academic stature of the campus in the area of genetic research.

JAX West would provide state-of-the-art facilities for preparing, breeding, and housing genetically standardized research mice for use in research on the UC Davis campus and in other research facilities. The campus has identified the following specific objectives for the proposed project:

- Advance the University's capabilities and establish its leadership in mammalian genetic research, in support of its mission and teaching, research and public service, and of its Genomics Initiative;
- Ensure a reliable and stable long-term supply of high-quality research mice for the growing genetic research programs of UC Davis;

- Contribute to attracting world-class scientists in mouse biology and genomics to the UC Davis campus;
- Contribute to the University's initiative for the collaborative development of private and non-profit enterprises on campus, which enhance campus programs.

The objectives for The Jackson Laboratory are to:

- Establish a state-of-the-art West Coast facility for the production of genetically standardized mice to supply to the research community in the western United States;
- Support scientific collaboration among genetic researchers at JAX West and UC Davis.

Environmental Review

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the state and University of California guidelines for implementation of CEQA, a Draft Focused Tiered Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the proposed project.

The environmental analysis for the proposed project is tiered from the UC Davis 1994 LRDP EIR in accordance with Section 15152 and 15168(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Public Resources Code Section 21094. The environmental analysis in the 1994 LRDP EIR (State Clearinghouse #94022005) has been supplemented and amended by the 1997 Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement Project EIR (State Clearinghouse #95123027 and #96072024), by the 1997-98 Major Capital Improvement Projects Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) (State Clearinghouse #97122016), by the Center for the Arts Performance Hall and South Entry Roadway and Parking Improvements Tiered Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse #98092016), by the USDA Western Human Nutrition Research Center Tiered Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse #99092060), by the Veterinary Medicine Laboratory and Equine Athletic Performance Laboratory Facilities Focused Tiered EIR (State Clearinghouse #2000022057), by the Genome and Biomedical Sciences Facility Focused Tiered EIR (State Clearinghouse #2000042028) and would be amended by the proposed Veterinary Medicine Facilities Improvement Project Focused Tiered EIR currently under preparation (State Clearinghouse #200009212). Copies of all documents referenced in the Draft Focused Tiered EIR may be obtained at the Office of Resource Management and Planning, 3rd Floor, Mrak Hall, UC Davis.

The 1994 LRDP EIR as amended is a Program EIR, prepared pursuant to Section 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15000 et seq.). The 1994 LRDP EIR analyzed full implementation of uses and physical development proposed under the 1994 LRDP through the year 2005-06 and identified

measures to mitigate the significant adverse project and cumulative impacts associated with that growth.

Pursuant to Section 15161 of the CEQA Guidelines, this Draft Focused Tiered EIR is a project EIR examining the environmental impacts of the proposed development on a project-specific level. As provided for in the CEQA Guidelines, the environmental analysis for the JAX West facility incorporates by reference relevant information contained in the UC Davis 1994 LRDP EIR. A Tiered Initial Study prepared for the proposed project focused the EIR analysis to certain potential impacts related to Utilities and Service Systems. The Tiered Initial Study is included as Appendix A in the Draft Focused Tiered EIR. To address an area of potential public controversy, the EIR also provides detailed analysis of Hazards and Hazardous Materials to confirm the determination reached in the Initial Study that impacts to this resource as a result of the proposed project were adequately addressed in the 1994 LRDP EIR analysis.

Based on the Draft Focused Tiered EIR, it has been determined that project-specific impacts will be less than significant following mitigation. The project may incrementally contribute to, but not exceed, significant and unavoidable cumulative impacts identified in the 1994 LRDP EIR related to loss of prime farmland, noise level, increased traffic volumes, criteria pollutants and toxic air contaminants, hazardous materials use, radioactive materials use, emergency response, post-construction water quality, loss of groundwater recharge potential, demand from the deep aquifer, seismic groundshaking, loss of cultural resources, loss of rural character, fire protection services, police protection services, and contribution of school age children to the Davis Joint Unified School District.

Most of the impacts are significant on a cumulative level only. Many of these significant unavoidable cumulative impacts can be avoided through implementation of the LRDP EIR mitigation measures or of measures by agencies outside the jurisdiction of the University of California. All significant and unavoidable impacts have been addressed in the findings and statement of overriding considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with their approval of the 1994 LRDP.

Public Review and Comment

The **PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD** for the JAX West Draft Focused Tiered EIR will be from December 28, 2000, through February 12, 2001. Copies of the Draft Focused Tiered EIR and the 1994 LRDP EIR may be obtained at the following locations: UC Davis Office of Resource Management and Planning, 376 Mrak Hall on the UC Davis campus; the Yolo County Library, 315 East 14th St., Davis, California; and the Vacaville Public Library, 1020 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville. The JAX West Draft Focused Tiered EIR also is available on-line at www.pbo.ucdavis.edu/env/envplan/.

A **PUBLIC HEARING** to receive testimony as part of the formal record on the DEIR is scheduled as follows:

Date: January 29, 2001
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: University Club, University of California, Davis

Written comments received during the public review period, scheduled to end at 5:00 p.m. on February 12, 2001, will also be part of the formal public record and may be submitted to:

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