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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Laboratory Corporation of America and Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings

Docket No. 9345

(PUBLIC)

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RESPONDING PARTY: THIRD PARTY HUNTER LABORATORIES, LLC

THIRD PARTY HUNTER LABORATORIES PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Third Party Hunter Laboratories ("Hunter Labs") has filed a motion to quash the January 27, 2011 subpoena issued by Laboratory Corporation of America and Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings (collectively, "LabCorp"), which was served on Hunter Labs on February 1, 2011. As of this date, the motion to quash has not been ruled upon. It is Hunter Labs' position that the filing of the motion to quash automatically stays production in response to the subpoena, until such time as the motion to quash is ruled upon. Commission Rule 3.34, however, is silent on that issue. Accordingly, to ensure that its objections are preserved, Hunter Labs submits the following objections to the subpoena, but in doing so, in no way moots, waives, or withdraws its motion to quash.

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RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 15

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Dated: February 28, 2011

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