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**ALTERNATE REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
FOR NONQUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS FOR A SELECT
GROUP OF MANAGEMENT OR HIGHLY COMPENSATED EMPLOYEES**

To the Secretary of Labor:

In compliance with the requirements of the alternative method of reporting and disclosure under Part I of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 for unfunded pension plans for a select group of management or highly compensated employees, specified in Department of Labor Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 2520.104-23, the following information is provided by the undersigned employer.

Name and Address of Employer: Birchwood Laboratories, Inc.
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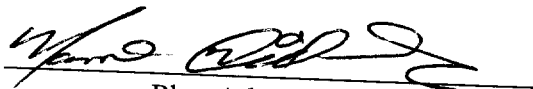
Employer Identification Number: 41-1351619

Birchwood Laboratories, Inc. maintains a plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees.

Number of Plans and Participants
in Each Plan: 1 Plan covering 6 employees

Dated: Dec 11, 1997

BIRCHWOOD LABORATORIES, INC.

By 
Plan Administrator

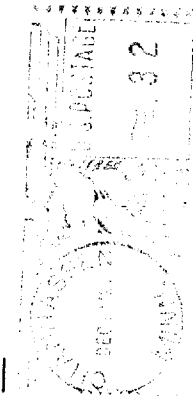
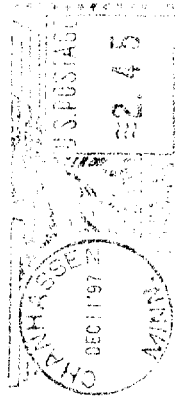
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