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May 27, 2003

Top Hat Plan Exemption
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration
Room N-5644
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20210

Re: Coriell Institute for Medical Research
457(b) Plan
Top-Hat Statement

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is a Statement for the referenced Deferred Compensation Plan. The management participants made initial contributions into this plan effective January 2003.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlotte Tule".

Charlotte Tule
Director, Human Resources

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Enclosure

TOP-HAT STATEMENT

Name of Tax-Exempt Employer: Coriell Institute for Medical Research
Address of Tax-Exempt Employer: 403 Haddon Avenue
Camden, New Jersey 08103
E.I.N.: 21-0672684

TOP-HAT STATEMENT

Coriell Institute for Medical Research (the "Employer"), hereby declares that the purpose of the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan of Coriell Institute for Medical Research (the "Plan") is to provide deferred compensation primarily for a select group of management and highly compensated employees. The number of employees covered under the Plan is 10. In addition, the Employer, maintains no unfunded top-hat plans described in Department of Labor Regulation Section 2520.104-23(b). The number of employees covered under such plans is 0.

Date: December 4, 2002

By:


Joseph L. Mintzer

Title: Vice President/Chief Operating Officer
(On Behalf of the Plan Administrator)



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