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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

December 6, 2017

To the Board of Directors
Texas A&M Research Foundation
College Station, Texas

We have audited the financial statements of the Texas A&M Research Foundation (the "Foundation") for the year ended August 31, 2017, and have issued our report thereon dated December 6, 2017. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter to you dated April 28, 2016. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Foundation are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended August 31, 2017. We noted no transactions entered into by the Foundation during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. Significant accounting estimates reflected in the Foundation's financial statements are normal and were determined on a basis consistent with that used in the prior year.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. The attached schedule summarizes uncorrected misstatements of the financial statements. Management has determined that their effects are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The following material misstatement detected as a result of audit procedures was corrected by management: Net assets were restated by \$1,479,633.42 to reverse deferred revenue that was improperly reported in a prior year.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 6, 2017.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Foundation's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Foundation's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and

reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of the Texas A&M Research Foundation and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ingram, Wallis & Company". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the firm.

Ingram, Wallis & Company
Bryan, Texas

**Summary of Passed Audit Adjustments
For Texas A&M Research Foundation
8/31/2017**

Financial Statement Classification

	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Liabilities</u>	<u>Net Assets</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Prior Year Effect	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (16,596)	\$ 71,405	\$ (54,809)
Accounts Receivable	(50,400)	-	-	50,400	-
Travel Advances	(5,370)	5,370	-	-	-
Property & Equipment	(8,146)	-	-	-	8,146
Accounts Payable	<u>326,305</u>	<u>(326,305)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(326,305)</u>	<u>326,305</u>
	<u>\$ 262,389</u>	<u>\$ (320,935)</u>	<u>\$ (16,596)</u>	<u>\$ (204,500)</u>	<u>\$ 279,642</u>