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I write to you today to give you an update on our first meeting held with the SCC on June 25, 2003 to explore ways to adjust the Partnership Agreement to better reflect the current demands and challenges facing the CAEAL/SCC accreditation program.

The meeting was attended by Russ Calow, Louise Morin, Ned Gravel and Rick Wilson from CAEAL and Peter Clarke, Rick Parsons, Pat Paladino and Stephen Cross from SCC. The meeting was productive and I am cautiously optimistic that the SCC is now prepared and willing to examine the Partnership Agreement in detail.

We have struck two smaller committees with specific jobs. Louise Morin and Rick Parsons will, over the next two weeks, prepare a briefing paper analyzing the costs that laboratories bear to accredit under the CAEAL/SCC, NRC/SCC and BNQ/SCC partnership systems. Mr. Parsons will also provide a detailed analysis of the financial system at SCC. The second committee consisting of Rick Wilson and Pat Paladino will look in detail at all of the SCC accreditation partnerships and will report back in approximately one month with recommendations. Mr. Clarke has also agreed to call a SCC Partners meeting in mid-August to discuss the CAEAL/SCC deliberations. Mr. Clarke and I have agreed that our roles will be to monitor the work of the committees and to provide resources, encouragement and focus where and when needed.

Once again I am pleased with the first meeting and I hope that the progress and momentum created June 25, 2003 will carry on. If you require more information or would like to comment please do not hesitate to contact me.

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