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HIT, Inc. Nears ASCLD/LAB-*International* Accreditation

Redlands, CA – March 28, 2007 –Human Identification Technologies, Inc. (HIT) has reached a major milestone in its quest to be the premier private forensic DNA laboratory in the United States. Recently inspectors from the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) visited the HIT laboratory to review the management and scientific operations of the laboratory in consideration for accreditation under the prestigious ASCLD/LAB-*International* program. The results of their visit demonstrated the incredible amount of preparation required. “We are quite proud of the fact that there were very few, minor findings during the inspection, considering the hundreds of criteria the laboratory was evaluated against;” said Meहुल B. Anjaria, Laboratory Director of HIT. “This achievement is consistent with our mission to raise the bar for what is possible for DNA testing. ASCLD/LAB-*International* is the gold standard for DNA laboratories” commented Blaine Kern, President of Human Identification Technologies, Inc.

To date, no forensic DNA laboratories (private or governmental) in the state of California have achieved this level of accreditation. An overwhelming majority of the 300-plus laboratories currently accredited by ASCLD/LAB are accredited under their Legacy program and will eventually be required to comply with the standards of the *International* program. The *International* program includes compliance standards that are used by laboratories worldwide in a number of fields.

“The lead up to this inspection was an 18 month process. The entire HIT staff made quite a sacrifice the last 12 weeks to wrap up the preparation for the inspection” confirmed Mr. Anjaria. The laboratory operations of Human Identification Technologies, Inc. have the unique benefit of being directed by Mr. Anjaria. Mr. Anjaria has been trained to audit DNA laboratories according to FBI standards and has been trained by ASCLD/LAB to inspect laboratories seeking Legacy accreditation. “From the very beginning, the HIT laboratory was built with ASCLD/LAB-*International* accreditation in mind” added Mr. Anjaria.

HIT’s sizable laboratory will play a large role in California’s forensic DNA testing infrastructure by providing attorneys and law enforcement agencies with access to faster turnaround times on DNA testing. Currently the government crime laboratories in California have been outsourcing DNA testing to private laboratories in Northern California and other parts of the United States. “Slow turn around times on DNA testing have become a problem in California’s justice system. HIT provides a solution with 20 business day turnaround times from seasoned forensic scientists.” stated Mr. Kern. “We are providing Genetic Justice™ for California and the entire United States.”

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