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OF NORTH FLORIDA, INC.

July 18, 2016

Sagan, LLC  
11035 Technology Place, Suite 100  
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858-675-7017 ext. 2000

RE: Heavy Metal, Fluoride and Perchlorate filtration efficacy test study of the provided Sagan® Journey filter units; BCS ID 1606103 and 1606104.

To whom it may concern,

We have conducted the requested filtration efficacy study on the filter units received on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The experimental set up and challenge of the water filter was designed to evaluate the filter's chemical removal efficacy of heavy metal species, Fluoride and Perchlorate potentially found in drinking water at initial use. The filter challenge study test was based on client's request to demonstrate the filter's initial performance to remove the stated species from drinking water.

In the following pages, you will find a summary of the methodology used and the results of our analysis. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George Lukasik'.

George Lukasik, Ph.D.  
Laboratory Director

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FILE: SAGAN JOURNEY METAL, FLUORIDE & PERCHLORATE REMOVAL STUDY BCS 1606103-1606104  
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**Test Article(s):**

On June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 2 Sagan Journey filter units were received from Sagan LLC. The two filter units were issued BCS identifiers 1601038 and 1601039 respectively.

**Study Date:**

The study was initiated on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and completed on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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**Analyzed by:** David Sekora, M.S.

**Study Supervisor:** George Lukasik, Ph.D.

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### Physical parameter measuring devices and critical equipment utilized:

Equipment and Measurement Parameter	Manufacturer	BCS Lab ID
Balance	Sartorius Laboratory Instruments	BL-4
CP Masterflex Gear Pump Digital	Masterflex, 577903	Pump 27
CP Masterflex Gear Pump Digital	Masterflex, 986006	Pump 25
Timer	VWR Traceable 62344-910	T-11
1-Liter standardized graduated cylinder	Nalgene	GC-1L-A

### Test Matrix; General Test Water 1:

General Test Water 1 (GTW1, NSF P231) was made up of the dechlorinated municipal water. Municipal water was dechlorinated by filtration through carbon block filters and was used in the study. A measured aliquot of Heavy Metal Spike solution (CPI International, USA), Zinc Sulfate (Fisher Scientific, USA) and Mercuric Chloride (Ricca, USA) were added to 20 liters and homogenized. The test water was allowed to incubate overnight to allow the settling and separation of any precipitates. The top 80% fraction of the water was collected and used for the challenge study.

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For the Fluoride, a measured aliquot of standard solution was added to a separate 20 liter volume of carbon block dechlorinated municipal water and homogenized. Additionally, an aliquot of perchlorate standard was added to a separate 20 Liter volume of dechlorinated municipal water.

### **Challenge study Description / Methodology:**

The provided filters were connected to individual digital gear drive pumps (Masterflex, USA) and submerged in a reservoir of the heavy metals challenge water. The water was drawn up through the filters at an approximate flow rate of 485mL/min. After the passage of >5 liters of the test water, 250mL samples of the filters' influent and effluent were collected in special containers that contained a preservative (TestAmerica Laboratories, Tampa, FL). The study was repeated as described for both the prepared perchlorate and fluoride test waters and samples of the filters' effluents were collected following the passage of 5 liters of the respective test water. The collected influent and effluent samples were preserved and shipped to Test America Laboratories (Tampa, FL) for analysis.

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Study data are summarized in the provided table(s). The results presented pertain only to the study conducted on the test articles/samples/units provided by the client (or client representative). The study was authorized and commissioned by the client. The analytical results pertain only to the samples analyzed relating to the respective identifier number(s) indicated. The data provided is strictly representative of the study conducted using the material/samples/articles provided by the client (or client's representative) and it's (their) condition at the time of test. The study and data obtained under the laboratory conditions may not be representative or indicative of a real-life process and/or application. Positive, negative, and neutralization controls were performed as outlined in the method and as per Good Laboratory Practices. All analyses were performed in accordance with laboratory practices and procedures set-forth by ISO 17025-2005 and NELAP/TNI accreditation standards unless otherwise noted. BCS makes no express or implied warranty regarding the ownership, merchantability, safety or fitness for a particular purpose of any such property or product.

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**Project:** Sagan, LLC Journey Efficacy Test  
**Sample(s):** BCS 1606103 and 1606104 received June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
**Test:** Filtration efficacy at initial use (single challenge at pH 6.5)  
**Test Parameter:** Heavy Metal, Perchlorate and Fluoride Removal  
**Test Dates:** June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016-June 16<sup>th</sup>,2016

Sample Type	Chemical species content, following the passage of 5 liters of test water								
	Arsenic (ppm)	Barium (ppm)	Cadmium (ppm)	Chromium (ppm)	Lead (ppm)	Mercury (ppm)	Zinc (ppm)	Perchlorate (ppb)	Fluoride (ppm)
Filter Influent	0.71	1.1	1.0	0.27	0.49	5,700	7.9	5,200	2.5
Journey Filter A Effluent	0.028	0.026	0.94	Undetected < 0.0020	Undetected < 0.0020	210	3.6	3,600	1.4
Journey Filter B Effluent	0.026	0.95	0.59	Undetected < 0.0020	0.0031	19	0.93	5,000	1.7
<b>Average Percent Reduction*</b>	<b>96.3%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>23.5%</b>	<b>&gt; 99.3%</b>	<b>99.5%</b>	<b>98.0%</b>	<b>71.3%</b>	<b>38.0%</b>	<b>17.3%</b>

\*The respective percent reductions were determined based on the concentration obtained in the filter influent and effluent samples.

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I hereby certify to the accuracy, quality, and data integrity of the reported study. I also certify that the study was appropriately executed and is fully defensible. All physical measurements and their source have been documented. Measurements were obtained using approved protocols and NIST traceable and/or validated instruments. Analysis execution and results were fully documented. Analytical methods used to produce the study's raw data are within the laboratory's ISO 17025 accreditation. The results and conclusions of the study accurately reflect the real raw data obtained in the study.

Signature of Sr. Analyst



David Sekora, M.S.

Date: 07/18/2016



George Lukasik, Ph.D.

Date: 07/18/2016

I certify that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted herein. Based on my inquiry of the individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I certify the submitted information to be true, accurate, and complete. The data provided is solely representative of the analysis conducted on the material/samples/articles provided by the client (or client's representative) it's (their) condition at the time of study. They may not be representative of a process or product. The sample(s) were analyzed in accordance with the method described for each analyte. Due to the inherent limitation(s) of analytical method(s), BCS Laboratories offers no express or implied warranties concerning the quality, safety, and/or purity of any sample, batch, source, or the process they are derived from. The species analysis and presented results in this report meet the requirements of The NELAC Institute (TNI), ISO 17025, and The State of Florida Department of Public Health's Laboratory Certification Program, as applicable unless otherwise noted.

Signature of Study Director



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