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**To whom it may concern****Statement regarding European-wide recognition of accreditation**

UKAS is the United Kingdom's National Accreditation Body appointed by the UK Government pursuant to UK Accreditation Regulation 2009 (Statutory Instrument 2009/3155) and is a signatory to the EA Multilateral Agreement (EA MLA) for the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies. The objective of the EA MLA is to facilitate the free movement of goods and services and eliminate technical trade barriers by creating acceptance and confidence in accreditations provided by national accreditation bodies and in conformity assessment activities delivered by accredited conformity assessment bodies (e.g. laboratories, certification, verification and inspection bodies).

The EA MLA is managed and controlled by the European co-operation for Accreditation (EA) and is based on a process of peer evaluations amongst EA members.

Based on the EA MLA UKAS has confidence in the accreditation system operated by Deutsche Akkreditierungsstelle GmbH (DAkkS), and considers that the accreditation system operated by DAkkS is equivalent to UKAS' own accreditation system.

Under the EA MLA, reports issued by MVZ für Integrative Diagnostik & Medizin GmbH<sup>(1)</sup> accredited by DAkkS, which is also a signatory to the EA MLA, are accepted by UKAS as being as reliable as any comparable reports that have been issued by laboratories accredited by UKAS.

The EA MLA does not establish in any case that accreditation of MVZ für Integrative Diagnostik & Medizin GmbH by one of the signatories means any kind of implicit accreditation by the other signatories. Therefore, the present letter does not imply that UKAS "validates" "recognises" or "approves" the laboratories accredited by another signatory, thus any possible claim about its performance or information about its accreditation must be treated exclusively with the body that has accredited it.

<sup>(1)</sup> When a CAB is accredited abroad and is operating with sites in UK (mainly in the case of an international company acting with different legal entities) it is advisable, to avoid market confusion, to make an explicit reference to the actual accredited CAB (e.g. including the full address in the foreign country).

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