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FRAUD ALERT

BEWARE OF SCAMS IMPLYING ASSOCIATION WITH RIKEN CORPORATION AND RIKEN OF AMERICA, INC.

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Riken Corporation and its world-wide affiliates, including Riken of America, Inc. (collectively, "Riken"), have been made aware of various unauthorized correspondences being circulated via e-mail from individuals or organizations (collectively, "Scam Artists") falsely identifying themselves as representatives of Riken. It appears that these Scam Artists are targeting unsuspecting individuals to act as representatives on behalf of Riken in the United States and/or Canada. We have strong reason to believe that these solicitations are a part of a larger fraudulent scam. These Scam Artists may seek to obtain money, bank or credit card information and/or other personal information from targeted victims. Riken has not authorized such Scam Artists to act on Riken's behalf, nor does it have any affiliation with them.

Riken wishes to warn the public at large about these fraudulent activities being perpetrated purportedly in the name of Riken, and would appreciate your calling to our attention any suspect communications of which you may become aware. Riken considers these fraudulent (often criminal) activities a serious violation of its rights and intends to aggressively pursue all remedies available to it.

Riken strongly recommends that recipients of solicitations such as those described above exercise extreme caution. Financial loss and identity theft could result from the transfer of money and/or personal information to those issuing such fraudulent correspondences. Victims of such scams should also report all relevant information to their local law enforcement authorities for appropriate action.

Should you have any doubts concerning the authenticity of an e-mail, letter or telephone communication purportedly from, for, or on behalf of Riken, please contact us at staniguchi@rikencorp.com or by telephone at 847-972-2223, attention: Satoshi Taniguchi, before taking any further action with respect to the correspondence.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

