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Re: Statement of Independence

To Whom It May Concern:

- I, John E. Scates, P.E., certify that I meet the requirements of "independence" as it relates to DBCI. Specifically,
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- (4) I do not have, nor will acquire, a financial interest in any other entity involved in the approval process of the product.

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