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Report on the External Quality Assessment Review

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz
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Subject: *Report on the Quality Assessment Review of the Investigative Operations
of the Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice*

Dear Mr. Horowitz:

The Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Labor, has reviewed the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative function of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ OIG) in effect for the period ending January 31, 2013. Our review was conducted in conformity with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) Quality Standards for Investigators, the Quality Assessment Review guidelines established by the CIGIE, and the Attorney General's Guidelines for Office of Inspectors General with Statutory Enforcement Authority, as applicable.

We reviewed compliance with DOJ OIG's system of internal policies and procedures to the extent we considered appropriate. The review was conducted at the DOJ OIG Headquarters office in Washington, D.C., and at three regional offices. Additionally, we sampled 60 case files for investigations that had been closed during the previous 24 month period.

In performing our review, we have given consideration to the prerequisites of Section 6(e) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (as amended) and Section 812 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Pub.L. 107-296). Those documents authorize law enforcement powers for eligible personnel of each of the various offices of presidentially appointed Inspectors General. Those powers may be exercised only for activities authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978, other statutes, or as expressly authorized by the Attorney General.

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In our opinion, the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative function of DOJ OIG in effect for the period ending January 31, 2013, is in full compliance with the quality standards established by the CIGIE and the Attorney General's guidelines. These safeguards and procedures provide reasonable assurance of conforming with professional standards in the conduct of its investigations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel R. Petrole".

Daniel R. Petrole
Deputy Inspector General