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‘INTEGRITY’ VIDEOS TO FOCUS ON MADDY LABORATORY

DAVIS, CA – Filming begins this week on two educational videos that will affirm the integrity of horse racing in California, largely by taking some of the mystery out of the drug testing process at the Kenneth L. Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory at the University of California in Davis.

CHRB Chairman Alan Landsburg toured the Maddy Laboratory last November as part of a Board meeting held on the Davis campus. The work being performed at the facility was so impressive that Landsburg felt the entire racing world should be educated via video of the activities at the Maddy Laboratory. Industry help was sought to underwrite the video. Frank Stronach, whose Magna Entertainment Corp. owns and operates Santa Anita Park, Golden Gate Fields, Bay Meadows Race Course, and San Luis Rey Downs Training center, agreed to finance the project.

Accomplished filmmakers Robin Rosenthal and Bill Yahraus, who are in the middle of shooting a documentary on horse racing in California featuring trainer Richard Mandella, will take a short break from that year-long project to film the Maddy Laboratory footage. As time permits over the summer, they will interview stewards, official veterinarians, CHRB investigators, and other officials at the racetrack to form a complete picture of how horse racing is regulated.

“Robin and Bill are perfect for this project,” said Dr. Scott Stanley, assistant professor of equine chemistry, who runs the Maddy Laboratory along with Dr. Cynthia Koliass-Baker. “We were fortunate to find someone who is already at the racetrack, who has access to the detention barns and the other high-security areas, and the knowledge to put it all together.

“One of the videos is intended for the general public and the horse-racing community. The other, longer video is meant for people who are closer to the regulatory process and have more sophisticated knowledge of how it works – such as other racing chemists and members of various medication committees on the state and national levels.

“Both videos will show people that the industry is well regulated and there isn’t a lot of abuse going undetected and unpunished. It is a very worthwhile project, and we are grateful to Frank Stronach for helping to make it happen.”

The videos are scheduled for completion by the end of the year.

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