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RE: Sole Source Designation—Thomson Reuters CLEAR

Dear Sarita:

Thomson Reuters is pleased to provide you with information concerning CLEAR. The purpose of this letter is to confirm that Thomson Reuters is the sole source provider for the features and capabilities of CLEAR.

Thomson Reuters CLEAR is a comprehensive, online investigative platform that allows investigators and analysts to easily access billions of public records, publicly available information, and proprietary data for investigation and due diligence, including identity verification and risk assessment, screening, and monitoring. Through its easy-to-use, intuitive interface, CLEAR provides extensive and current data sources, functionality, and exclusive offerings that comprise the most comprehensive investigative database platform available.

West Publishing Corporation, a Thomson Reuters business, is the sole provider of CLEAR, and we do not permit sale/resell through distributors or resellers. No other online investigative research tool provides the following combination of data, features, and capabilities as found on CLEAR.

KEY INVESTIGATIVE CONTENT

- **License Plate Recognition Data**—Through CLEAR, law enforcement customers have access to more than six (6) million images of vehicles and license plates from a nationwide network of cameras (excluding Hawaii). Images are date/time stamped and include geo-coordinate information.
- **CLEAR ID Confirm**—CLEAR ID Confirm allows customers to efficiently conduct identity verification on individuals and businesses and understand the level of validity or risk involved. With a dashboard view of user input, field-by-field matching (match/partial match/no match), identity flag hits, and scores, users readily see whether an identity appears to be valid and which data sources have information on the subject. Verification parameters are fully configurable to customer preferences. CLEAR ID Confirm is available either as a premium add-on feature to CLEAR or as a standalone subscription plan via web-based access, batch, or System-to-System (API web services).

- **Bank Account Header Data**—This header data is non-financial information collected on a subject related to checking account and direct deposit account activity, such as account opening or closing, check orders, or insufficient funds. Containing more than 500 million records, this data is from financial, retail, and lending institutions. Types of data include names, addresses, phone numbers, dates of birth, driver’s license numbers, and Social Security numbers or individual taxpayer identification numbers. Records span all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and limited coverage from selected U.S. territories. Data from the source is updated monthly.
- **Passport Checker**—By entering information from a subject’s passport, CLEAR users can compare the Machine-Readable Zone (MRZ) of the passport against the MRZ text generated from the passport information entered in CLEAR, to detect possible fraud.
- **Photo Images on Criminal Records**—CLEAR provides photo images on arrest and criminal records. When available from the sources, these images will be displayed on arrest records, sex offender records, and selected Department of Correction records.
- **Cell Phone Data**—CLEAR’s phone data is the most comprehensive, current, and accurate data in the industry. No service other than CLEAR offers gateway access to real-time, nationwide phone data. Through this real-time gateway, CLEAR provides comprehensive phone data, including detailed carrier contact information, for cell phones, landlines, and VoIP. Additionally, the Phone Records data set provides access to hundreds of millions of phone records, including more than 200 million cell phone numbers, as well as landlines and VoIP numbers.
- **Credit Reporting Bureaus**—CLEAR provides government investigators and analysts with regularly updated credit header information originating from all three of the major credit reporting bureaus, including real-time header information from Experian and TransUnion in CLEAR’s comprehensive reports. This results in reports that provide more current address information. Other critical address information provided by credit reporting bureaus includes the high-risk address alert, which identifies addresses that may be associated with a propensity for fraud.
- **Real-Time Vehicle Registration Data**—CLEAR offers real-time gateway access to vehicle registration data for 43 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, providing up-to-date information on vehicles and their registered owners.
- **Global Business Data**—CLEAR provides comprehensive data on business entities, including small and privately held companies as well as corporations. Business data sources also include Worldbase, a global offering of more than 305 million companies. This content includes both U.S. company information and international company information from 220 countries.

ADVANCED FEATURES AND CAPABILITIES

- **Batch Services**—Batch Services allows for searching thousands of subjects at once and provides for quick and easy file submission and delivery of batch results that are easy to use and export. Additionally, with Batch Services, Batch Search can be customized to deliver only the specific information needed, and Batch Alerts can be added to provide ongoing monitoring of changes to information.
- **Alerts**—With CLEAR Alerts, users can automatically monitor the status of a selected attribute or subject, at a chosen time interval (e.g., daily, weekly, etc.). When either new information is added or information changes on the selected attribute or subject, CLEAR sends a notification to the user about the updated information.

- **Quick Analysis Flags**—Provides a checklist of data sets that can be potential red flags for a person or business, in order to help determine where to focus investigative efforts.
- **Address Map**—Shows the addresses associated with the subject (and which appear in the Vital Statistics section of search results) on an interactive map, via Google Maps.
- **Customizable Dashboard**—CLEAR’s dashboard view allows users to get an immediate overview of a person or business and to quickly get a sense of potential risks associated with the subject. Users can customize the dashboard to ensure a focus on data that’s most relevant to them.
- **Vital Statistics**—CLEAR results include this feature, which provides a convenient summary of the key attributes and information from multiple sources for a subject.
- **Linked Searching**—CLEAR offers the ability to search from within search results, making it fast and convenient to dive deeper into returned data. Linked searches include address, business name, driver’s license number, email address, person name, phone number, and Social Security number.
- **Entity Resolution**—CLEAR uses entity resolved database (ERD) technology to efficiently find all available public records pertaining to a subject. CLEAR’s ERD technology uses multiple data elements and identifiers to match records and can overcome partial and incomplete data, misspellings, etc. CLEAR’s ERD technology ensures that users obtain the full complement of available data on a subject.
- **Relevance Scores**—As results are returned in CLEAR, the most relevant records appear at the top of the result list.
- **Data Source Transparency**—In CLEAR, sources and their corresponding "reported dates" are provided with search results to provide maximum transparency to the user. The reported dates shown on records indicate the dates of the transaction or activity associated with the record at the source. In contrast, many providers of investigative database services list the date that the information was most recently updated in their database, and not when it was updated at the source. CLEAR shows the actual date of update in the source data. Additional source details, such as detailed coverage information and update frequencies, are provided in CLEAR’s Online Help, so that users can be assured of the credibility, reliability, and currentness of the data.
- **User Preferences**—CLEAR’s Preferences account tool allows users to create preferences for conducting linked searches, permissible uses, user profile, display order of dashboard modules, and regarding data included in selected dashboard tools, e.g., Quick Analysis Flags, Associate Analytics.
- **Customized Reporting**—In CLEAR, customers have several customizing options available and can create report templates by setting report preferences, identifying the sections to include, and setting the sequence in which sections are displayed.
- **Workspace**—The Workspace feature allows customers to save selected results and report data indefinitely and provides the ability to generate link-chart and map views of the data. Visualizing information on multiple subjects in a link-chart view makes it easier for investigators to discern possible connections or associations between subjects/entities.
- **CLEAR Mobile Access**—CLEAR users can access critical data on their smart phones and other mobile devices. CLEAR Mobile does not restrict data returns, so users have access to the same results information that they would on their computers, including Vital Statistics in search results and comprehensive reports. CLEAR automatically detects a user’s mobile device type and seamlessly logs in the user to a streamlined, mobile version.

- **Compatibility with Analytical Programs**—For investigators who need to conduct more powerful analysis on CLEAR results, CLEAR data can be readily integrated with i2 Analyst’s Notebook and Palantir.
- **Google Maps Compatibility**—CLEAR provides mapping of address data, powered by Google Maps, in several areas, including the Address Map and Map Analytics modules, Workspace, and in Search Results, by selecting the map icon located beside the address.

I would be happy to further discuss with you the exclusive features, services, and content available for CLEAR. If you have any questions concerning this document or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Tom