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Janice VerMerris  
Friesian Connection Stallion Station, Inc.  
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Dear Ms. VerMerris,

I am pleased to confirm that following extensive laboratory testing there is no evidence to indicate that the 2006 Friesian stallion Tjaarde 483 continues to shed equine arteritis virus in his semen. Based on current knowledge and past experience of this infection in the stallion, it is my professional opinion that Tjaarde 483 would appear to have successfully eliminated the virus from his reproductive tract. None of the carrier stallions I have encountered in the past that spontaneously cleared themselves of the virus ever reverted to virus shedding in semen in their subsequent breeding career. Accordingly, Tjaarde 483 should no longer be considered a carrier and semen shedder of equine arteritis virus.

Sincerely,



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OIE Designated Specialist on Equine Viral Arteritis

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