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***United States v. Mathias Tezock***

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Dear Friends:

Please be advised that the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas has obtained a Federal Indictment charging Dr. Mathias Tezock with misappropriating certain trade secrets of Voltaix, the former monopoly owner on domestic germane production, and now a wholly owned subsidiary of Air Liquide Corp. This Indictment grows out of issues stemming from Dr. Tezock's termination of employment by Voltaix in 2005. After being terminated from Voltaix, Dr. Tezock applied for, and was granted a patent on germane production, without objection from Voltaix in 2009; Voltaix's only response to Dr. Tezock's patent was to attempt to re-hire him. In February, 2010, Voltaix, after waiting over 4 years, brought a civil suit against Dr. Tezock and Metaloids Precursors, Inc., which Dr. Tezock founded, alleging misappropriation of certain trade secrets of Voltaix. The civil lawsuit is still pending in State District Court, in Kaufman County, Texas. Despite the mighty efforts of a \$100 million dollar plus company, Dr. Tezock and Metaloids have thus far rebuffed the allegations in the civil suit. Additionally, Air Liquide, now the owner of Voltaix, was a customer of Metaloids until January, 2014.

Approximately 2 ½ years ago, and more than 6 years after the alleged misappropriation, Voltaix brought the same complaint to the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas seeking criminal charges to be brought against its competitor, Dr. Tezock. Those charges have now been filed by the United States Attorney's Office some **8 years after** the alleged misappropriation.

Dr. Tezock, Metaloids, and its partners/shareholders, vehemently deny any allegation of wrongdoing made by the United States and Voltaix. Dr. Tezock has entered a not guilty plea, and looks forward to defending his and his company's principles and business practices to the jury. Dr. Tezock and Metaloids appreciate your past and continued support; please feel free to call me or Mike Gibson, at Burleson, Pate & Gibson, with any questions that you may have.

Very truly yours,



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