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RE: Laboratory Analysis of the Contaminated Solvent
LIGO Design & Qualification Test - Caltech Contract C146

Rai,

Attached is a two page fax report from the local laboratory. Let me know if you have any questions or want this lab to perform any additional tests.

Regards,

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ANALYSIS REPORT FOR:

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REPORT OF MATERIALS ANALYSIS: Analysis of two propanol solutions for non-volatiles content.
Determination of amount and type of non-volatiles.

METHODS: For both the propanol solvent and the contaminated propanol solution, 20 ml of each liquid was quantitatively oven dried in glass petri dishes. The non-volatile materials left after the oven drying were analyzed by FTIR spectral analysis in a KBr matrix. A small portion of the contaminated solution was dried on a microscope slide and examined at 100X magnification to identify the insoluble matter in the solution.

RESULTS:Non-Volatile Content of the Propanol Solvent

The solvent was found to contain 24.5 mg/l of non-volatile matter which appears to be a hydrocarbon type lubrication oil.

Non-Volatile Content of Contaminated Solution

This solution contained 180mg/l (224 ppm) of non-volatile matter.

FTIR spectral analysis of the Non-volatiles indicates the presence of 2 or more organic components which appear to be:

A Silicone oil or grease

An organic ester (possible a Phthalate Ester)

Possibly also a small amount of a hydrocarbon oil or grease.

Copies of the FTIR spectra of the non-volatiles are enclosed for your examination.

