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REMARKS OF DOI COMMISSIONER ROSE GILL HEARN ON INDICTMENT RELATED TO STALLONE TESTING LABORATORIES

This case exposes yet another crack in the foundation of the concrete testing industry in New York City.

For the second time in a year, we are here discussing a concrete testing company that systematically cheated its customers, abandoned its professional obligations, and betrayed the public.

The charges announced today against Stallone Testing Laboratories and its Lab Director William Bayer represent a disappointing and disturbing revelation in this ongoing investigation. As charged, these defendants chose deceit, rather than honesty, as their code of conduct.

DOI was pleased to work with the District Attorney's Office and our law enforcement partners to root out the fraudulent scheme described in the indictment: The sham operation churned out bogus concrete test reports; took numbers cribbed from prior, unrelated projects; and invented testing results that were so blatantly fabricated investigators determined they were not even possible.

This indictment stands as a clear message that paying lip service to the Building Code by creating fictionalized documents will not be tolerated as a way to do business in New York City.

I would like to thank District Attorney Morgenthau and each of the investigators who worked tirelessly to expose this brazen fraud and ensure that individuals and companies who deliberately ignore the law will be held accountable.

An indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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