

## Information and consent to a genetic examination for the clarification of descent by a private order

Part 1: **Information**

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### **a) Objective, kind, extent and significance of the examination**

The examination as the objective to clarify the descent and/or family relationship in question described in the order by means of a genetic analysis. The paternity is normally determined either with a very high probability (> 99.9 %) or the examined man can be safely excluded as the father.

The examined DNA characteristics do with the exception of sex not permit any direct conclusions as to personal characteristics and are intended exclusively to clarify the descent and family relationship in question described in the order.

### **b) Risks to health**

The DNA required for the examination is taken e.g. from mouth swabs (they include cells of the mouth mucosa) or from a blood test of the person to be examined. Reliable DNA analyses are basically possible from any kind of genetic samples. At the time of sampling, you will be informed about any possible risks.

A genetic sample is only allowed for other purposes to the extent permissible by the respective legal provisions or if the person, from which the genetic sample has been taken gives beforehand his/her expressive and written consent to the other use after having been informed about the other objectives. After having granted the consent, the sample can also be kept for later verification of the examinations results or used for research purposes (see also part 2 of the information and consent sheet).

### **c) Use of the taken genetic sample and the obtained results**

The taken sample will be destroyed immediately when it is no longer needed for the examination purpose. The gained results will after having taken note be kept for 30 years (i.e. across generation) and destroyed thereafter.

### **d) Right of withdrawal of the consent**

You are entitled to withdraw your consent to the genetic examination at any time in writing or orally towards the person in charge.

### **e) Right not to know**

You have the right not to know, including the right not to be informed about the result of the examination or parts of the same or to have it destroyed. A destroying of the result implies that you have not yet obtained any knowledge of it.

If one of the persons involved in the clarification of a descent and family relationship withdraws his/her consent or makes use of his/her right not to know or destroying the results, the examination will be suspended with the objective to reach a decision of the parties involved with regard to the further proceeding.

## Part 2: Consent

I confirm by my signature that I agree to the examination and the taking of the genetic sample required for that purpose and have been sufficiently informed about

- ✓ Objective, kind, extent and significance of the genetic examination,
- ✓ the results that can be obtained,
- ✓ the intended use of the genetic sample as well as of the examination results,
- ✓ as well as on my right of withdrawal of the consent and my right not to know.
- ✓ I furthermore declare that I want to be informed about the result of the examination.

By way of derogation from that I declare (please tick if applicable):

- Possible father:       I do not want to be informed about the result of the examination.  
Child's mother:       I do not want to be informed about the result of the examination.  
Child:                     I do not want to be informed about the result of the examination.

I agree that all persons involved (if desired) receive a copy of the expert opinion.  
I have been informed that all parties involved are in any case entitled to a statutory right to information towards the person ordering the expert opinion (Section 1598a Para. 4 BGB [German Civil Code]).

Attention!

If the child is a minor, **all** persons entitled to custody have to consent to the examination of the child's sampling! This means by both parents in case of a shared custody. If the mother alone is entitled to custody, her consent alone shall be sufficient.

Possible father:

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*Name in print*

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*Signature of possible father*

Please tick if you would like to be sent a copy of the expert opinion.

Child's mother:

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*Name in print*

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*Signature of child's mother*

Please tick if you would like to be sent a copy of the expert opinion.

Child:

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*Name in print*

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*Signature of child*

*(legal representative, if applicable)*

Please tick if you would like to be sent a copy of the expert opinion.