

# Independent Confirmation of Authenticity

The purpose of this form is to verify that the entity or individual listed below as the “title holder” has indeed confirmed the existence of and suspected family/genus/species identification of, the specimen (s) known as:

\_\_\_\_\_ (informal name(s), AAPS accession number(s), or institutional accession number(s) if any ) with an unbiased, independent expert in the field of paleontology (below referred to as: the “Consultant”). The Consultant should have some knowledge of this type of fossil and sufficient experience with identification. This form helps the JPS make sure that privately-held, registered specimens in the JPS database are in deed authentic and not the product of fraud, fabrication, severe reconstruction, honest misidentification, exaggeration or hyperbole. This document is proof for satisfying a requirement for manuscript acceptance by the *Journal of Paleontological Sciences* (JPS). Please fill out the form below and return a copy to [stein151@earthlink.net](mailto:stein151@earthlink.net) to verify the fossils authenticity.

Title Holders Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Consultants Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Consultant’s Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Consultants e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Verification of Authenticity: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Opinion of the Specimen in Question: \_\_\_\_\_

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By signing below I certify that the above stated specimen is indeed as stated (in my opinion above), real and authentic to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I am free to disagree with the title holder or manuscript submitters interpretations or conclusions drawn from the specimen but agree that it is original, real, and does not contain any hyperbole, exaggeration, fraud, fabrication or severe reconstruction. I certify that I do have the required experience to conduct such identification and that I am not connected to the specimen in any monetary or ownership capacity.

Consultants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_