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Vital Diagnostics announces exclusive agreement with Cardinal Health to distribute the PATHFAST® Analyzer

Lincoln, Rhode Island – [February 21, 2012] – Vital Diagnostics, Inc. announces that it has signed an exclusive agreement with Cardinal Health, Dublin OH, to sell the PATHFAST point-of-care chemiluminescence immunoassay analyzer in the United States.

Cardinal will have exclusive rights to sell the PATHFAST into hospital emergency rooms, coronary care units and laboratories, including satellite laboratories. John Hardsky, COO of Vital Diagnostics states, "We are excited about bringing together game changing critical point of care technology with Cardinal Health's proven ability to execute in this space."

The PATHFAST system is a unique, self-contained, bench-top chemiluminescence immunoassay analyzer that rapidly measures concentrations of emergency biomarkers from a single whole blood sample. Manufactured and sold worldwide by Mitsubishi Chemical Medience Corporation, a member of Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings Group, the PATHFAST offers a complete cardiovascular menu which includes Cardiac Troponin I (cTnI), N-terminal pro brain natriuretic peptide (NT-proBNP), D-Dimer, Myoglobin, Creatinine Kinase (CK-MB), and high-sensitivity C-reactive protein (hsCRP). The system directly utilizes a whole blood sample, eliminating the need for centrifugation of the specimen. With a seventeen (17) minute turnaround time, critical results are available to the physician quickly, enhancing patient care.

About Vital Diagnostics

Vital Diagnostics is a supplier of products and services for the clinical laboratory in the traditional *in vitro* diagnostics market worldwide, with a focus on the physician's office, hospital and small-to-medium sized laboratory segments. The company manufactures and distributes bench-top chemistry analyzers, automated ESR analyzers, liquid reagents and consumables designed to fulfill the needs of the clinical laboratory, as well as consulting services offered by Total Lab Care, the company's consulting branch. To learn more, visit the company's website at www.vitaldiagnostics.com.

About Mitsubishi Chemical Medience Corporation

Mitsubishi Chemical Medience Corporation is a member of the Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings Corporation Group, which is headquartered in Tokyo, Japan. Mitsubishi Chemical Medience is the first company in Japan to establish a business style that combines clinical and diagnostic laboratory testing services with *in vitro* diagnostics (IVD) and pharmaceutical development and support. One of Mitsubishi Chemical Medience's primary business areas is their IVD business, which includes the development, sale, export and import of *in vitro* diagnostics reagents and instruments. Mitsubishi Chemical Medience's globally accepted PATHFAST system, a rapid point-of-care immunochemistry analyzer, has been exported to more than 40 countries.

Throughout almost five decades of IVD business, customers in various chemical and diagnostic industry segments have come to trust and rely on Mitsubishi Chemical Medience's competence and strength, as represented by the superior quality of their products and customized solutions.

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