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PSS Announces launch of geneLEAD VIII in Europe **PSS forms European sales alliance with Diagenode**

Today PSS and Diagenode announced a joint sales arrangement for the geneLEAD VIII, a fully automated genomic testing system that incorporates a dedicated menu of proprietary diagnostic PCR assays. Per the agreement, Diagenode is now the designated supplier for the CE/IVD marked geneLEAD VIII system in France, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg. The system will continue to carry the PSS brand. In other European countries, PSS and Diagenode will also begin a similar joint sales venture upon completion of the agreement.

Didier Allaer, President and CEO of Diagenode stated, "We are pleased to be collaborating with PSS and developing a solution that incorporates automation with validated reagent solutions for the diagnostics market. The complete workflow drives diagnostics assays to a new level of quality and reproducibility."

"The diagnostics field is rapidly evolving with the latest developments of automated high throughput systems," stated Dr. E.C.J. (Eric) Claas, Molecular Medical Microbiologist from the Molecular Diagnostics at Nijmegen, LUMC Leiden in the Netherlands. He added, "The geneLEAD VIII all-in-one system is fueling this evolution with specific advantages such as the capacity for low-to-median assay number compartments, the flexibility of the system, the rapid time to results, and the relevant menu of assays developed by Diagenode."

"We are looking forward to the launch of the first all-in-one PSS system and PSS reagents in the European market. It has been a fruitful collaboration between Diagenode and PSS in designing the reagent solutions and validating on the geneLEAD VIII. Diagenode has been an invaluable partner in this co-development partner," said PSS President Tajima. He added that

“PSS will continue the expansion of the assay menu with new assays for Europe and other markets in Asia. Together, with Diagenode, expanding into new markets will be a successful venture.”

About Diagenode

Founded in 2004, Diagenode (<http://www.diagenodediagnostics.com>) is a leading developer of innovative life-science tools and systems for epigenetics and molecular diagnostics. Diagenode develops novel products for the infectious disease diagnostics market and assays for third parties. The company’s customers include diagnostics companies and leading public and private clinical laboratories. Diagenode’s high performance products provide clinicians with consistent, cost-effective, and robust results.

(Employee member)



(Company overview)



(Packaging of PCR reagent kit)

