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ELITechGroup and R-Biopharm announced a worldwide agreement to expand their Real-Time PCR assay portfolio.

Puteaux, France and Darmstadt, Germany April 19th 2018 - ELITechGroup, a leading company in sample-to-result molecular diagnostics, and R-Biopharm, a globally active life science company, announced today a worldwide agreement to strengthen their positions in molecular infectious disease testing. Under this agreement, R-Biopharm and ELITechGroup will cooperate in the development, production and marketing of Real-Time PCR reagents.

*"We are very pleased to have won R-Biopharm as a partner to expand our molecular diagnostics portfolio," said **Christoph Gauer, CEO of ELITechGroup**. "This collaboration will contribute to complete the menu of our sample-to-result system ELITe InGenius®. We will increase the overall number of CE-IVD assays from currently 23 to 33 by the end of 2018 making ELITe InGenius® the system with the broadest CE-IVD menu on the market."*

*"Collaborating with ELITechGroup will leverage and strengthen the position of R-Biopharm in the field of Molecular Diagnostics, stated **Ralf Dreher, CEO of R-Biopharm**. As Molecular Diagnostics is one key pillar within the cross divisional strategy in the R-Biopharm Group, we are confident that this partnership will contribute significantly towards the overall success of the company."*

Press Release

About ELITechGroup

ELITechGroup, headquartered in Paris, is a global leader in targeted segments of the In Vitro Diagnostics (IVD) market. With R&D and manufacturing facilities in Europe as well as the United States, ELITechGroup focuses on specific segments in clinical chemistry and microbiology and has a strong presence in molecular diagnostics. The company has a broad array of proven PCR assays currently in use across the world for in vitro diagnostic analysis on open systems. These assays take advantage of ELITechGroup's intellectual property portfolio which includes the Minor Groove Binder (MGB), modified bases, and novel fluorophores. Recently, ELITechGroup launched ELITe Ingenius®, a sample-to-result molecular diagnostics system.

About ELITe InGenius®

ELITe InGenius is the first sample-to-result solution introduced with a quantitative CE-IVD core menu for transplant pathogen monitoring. ELITe InGenius is an ease-of-use and highly flexible solution integrating all the steps of molecular diagnostics: extraction, amplification and result interpretation, in a single platform with best-in-class and proven technologies for nucleic acid extraction and RT-PCR amplification. Built on ELITechGroup expertise to design, optimize and provide efficient PCR solutions for in vitro diagnostic laboratories, the system was CE-IVD marked for IVD applications in Europe in August 2015 and is also available in the US as Laboratory Use Equipment.

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About R-Biopharm

R-Biopharm AG (Darmstadt, Germany) is a globally active life science company and a leading provider of reliable test systems for clinical diagnostics, companion diagnostics and for analyzing human food and animal feedstuffs.

Since 1988, R-Biopharm has been developing innovative products characterized by top quality, reliability and efficiency. A strong sense of responsibility, long-standing experience and a network of more than 20 affiliated companies and subsidiaries in Europe, the US, Brazil, Latin America, China, India and Australia, as well as more than 120 distribution partners, make R-Biopharm a prime partner for clients from retail, industry and public institutions looking for answers and solutions for current diagnostic and analytical challenges.

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