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Pronostics to supply Hannover Medical School with next generation diagnostics for autoimmune disease

Cambridge, UK, 10 September 2008 ... Pronostics Ltd, developer and manufacturer of next generation multiplexed diagnostics for healthcare providers and the pharmaceutical industry, has signed a deal with Hannover Medical School to provide its proprietary platform for the diagnosis of autoimmune disease.

The deal, which is through Pronostics German distributor, Medipan, will see Hannover Medical School, one of the worlds leading medical centres, use the UltraPlex™ hardware and ANA kits for the diagnosis of autoimmune disease.

The UltraPlex™ solution eliminates the possibility of subjective errors, removes non-specific positive results and focuses on clinically significant results, with known disease association. Its introduction will also significantly reduce test turn-a-round times and laboratory costs.

Dr Torsten Witte, from Hannover Medical School, said: "The UltraPlex™ system and ANA assay is a powerful tool in the rapid and accurate diagnosis of auto-immune diseases. This combined with its ease of use, makes it an excellent system for busy pathology laboratories, ensuring patients can be quickly diagnosed and the relevant treatments prescribed."

Robert Booth, CEO of Pronostics added: "Hannover Medical School is one of the world's leading medical centres, and we are extremely pleased that an organisation with its global reputation has decided to use our UltraPlex™ technology after extensive evaluation."

Dr. Dirk Roggenbuck, Managing Director of Medipan added: "We are extremely pleased to have been able to secure our first deal in the German market for Pronostics with Hannover Medical School, a world leading medical centre which has recognized the value of Pronostics UltraPlex™ solution."

The UltraPlex™ ANA assay, consists of 11 tests in one, providing valuable time and cost savings compared to serial testing approaches or current multiplexing methods. It allows hospitals and laboratories to perform fully automated tests on patient samples and gives both quantitative and qualitative results for antibodies in autoimmune diseases.

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About PRONOSTICS

Pronostics is a leading clinical diagnostics company, providing diagnostic and disease monitoring applications, through its core UltraPlex™ technology. UltraPlex™ is a 'next generation' multiplexing solution enabling tens to hundreds of assays to be performed simultaneously in a single test using a microscopic digital bar-coding system. UltraPlex™ improves the speed, efficiency and cost of clinical diagnostic testing and drug development and combined with Pronostics' FingerPrint Immunomics technology, is enabling the next generation multivariate diagnostics.

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