

Mitsubishi Chemical Medience Corporation launches PATHFAST Analyzer in U.S. market

Tokyo, Japan – October 28, 2011 – Mitsubishi Chemical Medience Corporation announces today that it has signed an exclusive agreement with Vital Diagnostics, Inc. ([please visit the company's website at www.vitaldiagnostics.com.](http://www.vitaldiagnostics.com)) to sell the PATHFAST point-of-care chemiluminescence immunoassay analyzer in the United States.

The PATHFAST is a point-of-care analyzer that will be sold into hospital emergency rooms, coronary care units and laboratories, including satellite laboratories. There have been over 1,000 systems sold worldwide and will be available for sale in the U.S. on November 1, 2011.

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. The 510(k) clearance of the PATHFAST cTnI-II test in May, 2011 completes the cardiovascular product line of the PATHFAST analysis system, which also includes tests to determine quantities of 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 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 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 diagnostic 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. To learn more, visit the company's website at <http://www.medience.co.jp/english/index.html>

About Vital Diagnostics, Inc.

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.