

PRESS RELEASE

STRATEC to develop Bio-Rad's next generation blood virus testing analyzer system

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STRATEC Biomedical Systems AG, Birkenfeld, Germany, signed an exclusive agreement with Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc., Hercules, California, US, concerning the development and supply of a new family of analyzer systems, which will automate current and future generations of Bio-Rad's blood virus diagnostic tests.

Bio-Rad and STRATEC launched a project in January 2008 to develop the new analyzer system.

Further details concerning the cooperation are subject to a confidentiality agreement signed between the two parties.

About Bio-Rad

Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc. (AMEX: BIO and BIOb) has remained at the center of scientific discovery for more than 50 years, manufacturing and distributing a broad range of products for the life science research and clinical diagnostics markets. The company is renowned worldwide among hospitals, universities, major research institutions as well as biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies for its commitment to quality and customer service.

Founded in 1952, Bio-Rad is headquartered in Hercules, California, and serves more than 85,000 research and industry customers worldwide through its global network of operations. The company employs over 6,300 people globally and had revenues approaching USD 1.5 billion in 2007. For more information, visit <http://www.bio-rad.com>.

About STRATEC

STRATEC Biomedical Systems AG (<http://www.stratec-biomedical.de>) designs and manufactures fully automated analyzer systems for its partners in the fields of clinical diagnostics and biotechnology. These partners market such systems, in general together with their own reagents, to laboratories, blood banks and research institutes around the world. The company develops its products on the basis of its own patented technologies. Shares in the company (ISIN: DE0007289001) are traded in the Prime Standard segment of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

The STRATEC Group consists of the publicly listed parent company STRATEC Biomedical Systems AG and of subsidiaries and second-tier subsidiaries in Germany, the USA, the UK, Switzerland and Romania.

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