

News Release

TrimGen and Spartan Bioscience partner to provide end-to-end real-time PCR Analysis

TrimGen eQ-PCR assays and reagents optimized for the Spartan DX™ DNA analyzer

Baltimore, MD, April 22, 2008 – TrimGen Corp., a US molecular diagnostic company is pleased to announce the strategic partnership with Spartan Bioscience Inc. Spartan Bioscience is a Canadian molecular diagnostics company that develops, manufactures, and markets DNA analyzers for on-demand applications. Under an MOU (memorandum of understanding) framework between the companies, TrimGen will develop real-time PCR reagents and kits optimized to run on the Spartan DX™ device and Spartan will distribute TrimGen products in Canada. This will provide Spartan customers with one-stop-shopping for their on-demand real-time PCR (polymerase chain reaction) requirements.

“The Spartan DX is a new instrument in the realm of molecular diagnostics. The key attributes of all Spartan products are that they are fast, affordable and easy-to-use. With the addition of optimized real-time PCR assays from TrimGen our customers have the industry’s leading on-demand real-time PCR platform combined with TrimGen’s PCR kits,” **said Dr. Paul Lem, CEO of Spartan Bioscience Inc.**”

“We’ve been working with Spartan for some time now and we share their vision of the future of on-demand real-time PCR. TrimGen’s eQ-PCR reagents and kits will be represented by Spartan in Canada where they are well connected with their customers. Spartan is creating a new market for on-demand molecular diagnostics. There is enormous potential for rapid and highly accurate DNA testing. We are very pleased with our relationship with Spartan and will continue to collaborate with them as their product line evolves.” **said Dr. James Wang, CEO of TrimGen Corporation.**”

TrimGen and Spartan will be attending the Clinical Virology Symposium in Daytona Beach, booths 108 and 110, in Florida, April 27-30, 2008.

About TrimGen Corporation

TrimGen is a privately held diagnostic company founded in 1999. The company focuses on nucleic acid-based molecular diagnosis for leukemia, cancer and infectious diseases. Our mission is to provide advanced genetic tests to transform traditional medicine into personalized medicine.

About Spartan Bioscience

Founded in 2005, Spartan Bioscience Inc. is a privately-held molecular diagnostics company that develops, manufactures, and markets DNA analyzers for on-demand applications. The company is focusing on applications where rapid and convenient DNA testing is particularly important, such as low-throughput research experiments and non-batched testing for infectious diseases.

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