



LGC acquires Douglas Scientific to expand its high throughput PCR platform offering

London and Alexandria (MN) 6 April 2016 - LGC, the international life sciences and measurement company, announces that it has acquired a majority stake in Douglas Scientific, a leading laboratory automation company based in Alexandria, MN. Douglas Scientific was previously owned by Kingdom Enterprises.

Douglas Scientific provides high throughput PCR and qPCR platforms and the proprietary Array Tape[®] consumables to a variety of applied end markets, including agbio and clinical research laboratories.

This acquisition enables LGC to offer customers an enhanced range of high throughput genotyping and qPCR instrumentation together with proprietary DNA extraction solutions, PCR assays and reagents and associated consumables.

Giulio Cerroni, Managing Director, LGC, Genomics division, said: "We are delighted to be adding Douglas Scientific products to our portfolio of offerings. Douglas Scientific is a leader in its market and has developed automation solutions and consumables which have become very well established in a relatively short period of time.

"Customers will benefit from the unique synergies between our two organisations, including: combined workflow solutions for extraction, genotyping and gene expression with optimised application protocols utilising LGC proprietary KASP[®] and Klearcall[™] PCR mastermix reagents together with our Biosearch BHQ[®] and BHQplus[®] probes. The combined organisations will provide customers in all regions with access to the SNPLine[™], Nexar[®] and IntelliQube[®] platforms, benefiting from LGC's international footprint. We are excited about the new product development possibilities to provide our customers with new workflow solutions."

Dan Malmstrom, President and COO, Douglas Scientific, said: "Since its incorporation in 2009, Douglas Scientific has provided clients with innovative high throughput genotyping instruments and consumables in applied market sectors. We are looking forward to joining the LGC team, expanding into new markets and developing new offerings that will leverage our strong

engineering capabilities and LGC's proven chemistries.”

Vern Anderson, CEO of Kingdom Enterprises, said: “We are excited about this new chapter for Douglas Scientific as they join LGC to make the world a safer and better place. The synergies between the two companies are uniquely strong. Their combined strengths will offer them a great future and an opportunity to grow the business right here in Alexandria.”

Douglas Scientific's portfolio of instruments and consumables includes:

- Nexar, a leading ultra-high throughput platform for endpoint genotyping used by the majority of the world's largest seed organisations as well as customers in other applied markets such as livestock breeders, food testing and veterinary diagnostics.
- IntelliQube, the first fully automated mid to high throughput instrument for both endpoint and quantitative PCR.
- Array Tape, an established and proven consumable technology for high throughput automated genotyping and qPCR on both the Nexar and IntelliQube platforms.

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About LGC

LGC is an international life sciences measurement and testing company with leading positions in growing markets. LGC provides a range of measurement products and services which underpin the safety, health and security of the public, including reference materials and proficiency testing, genomics reagents and instrumentation, and expert sample analysis and interpretation. LGC serves customers across a number of end markets including Pharmaceuticals, Agricultural Biotechnology, Diagnostics, Food, Environment, Government and Academia.

LGC's headquarters are in London and the company employs over 2,000 people, operating out of 22 countries worldwide. Its operations are extensively accredited to international quality standards such as ISO/IEC 17025, ISO 13485, GMP, GLP and ISO Guide 34.

With a history dating back to 1842, LGC has been home to the UK Government Chemist for more than 100 years and is the designated UK National Measurement Institute for chemical and bio measurement. LGC was privatised in 1996, and is now owned by funds affiliated with KKR.

About Douglas Scientific

Douglas Scientific is a leading automation company that designs and manufactures a full line of laboratory instrumentation – Nexar and IntelliQube systems to enable PCR reactions in Array Tape. Douglas Scientific is a rapidly growing laboratory automation company located in Alexandria, MN with a team of more than 100 professionals bringing together expertise in engineering, biosciences, automation, motion control, and other fields. Prior to this acquisition, they were owned by Kingdom Enterprises, a holding company for Douglas Machine, who will continue to have a minority interest in the company. Core to the Douglas Scientific mission is a dedication to making the world a better place by delivering innovative laboratory automation.

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