

Bio-Techne to acquire Exosome Diagnostics

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Singapore – Bio-Techne Corporation announced that it has reached agreement to acquire Exosome Diagnostics, Inc. for \$250 million in cash plus contingent consideration of up to \$325 million due upon the achievement of certain future milestones. The transaction is expected to close in July or early August 2018. The transaction will be financed through a combination of cash on hand and a revolving line of credit facility that Bio-Techne expects to obtain prior to the closing of the acquisition.

Charles R. Kummeth, President and Chief Executive Officer of Bio-Techne commented, "We are excited to acquire the Exosome Diagnostic technology platform and integrate it into the Bio-Techne portfolio. ExosomeDx's technology is a game changer, and positions Bio-Techne to be a leader in the rapidly-growing non-invasive liquid biopsy market. There are multiple synergies with our core company, including our 40-year track record of developing and commercializing the highest-quality biologicals, especially in the field of cytokines. We will leverage our strong brand and market leadership position to extend these core competencies to the science of exosomes and cell free-DNA (cfDNA) biology and their utility as novel diagnostic tools. The non-invasive nature of this technology creates a new process for liquid biopsies and is likely to transform medical practice. Exosome Diagnostics complements our molecular pathology business, Advanced Cellular Diagnostics (ACD), which remains a robust growth segment for the Company."

Currently Exosome Diagnostics markets a urine-based test, ExoDx Prostate(IntelliScore) (EPI), to assist physicians in determining the need for a prostate biopsy in patients with an ambiguous PSA test result. Exosome Diagnostics has approximately 200 filed patents and applications to protect the technology and enable the development of novel, highly sensitive diagnostics in various pathologies with either difficult or no current diagnostic solutions, like prostate, bladder, kidney, breast, glioblastoma and a host of other cancers.

