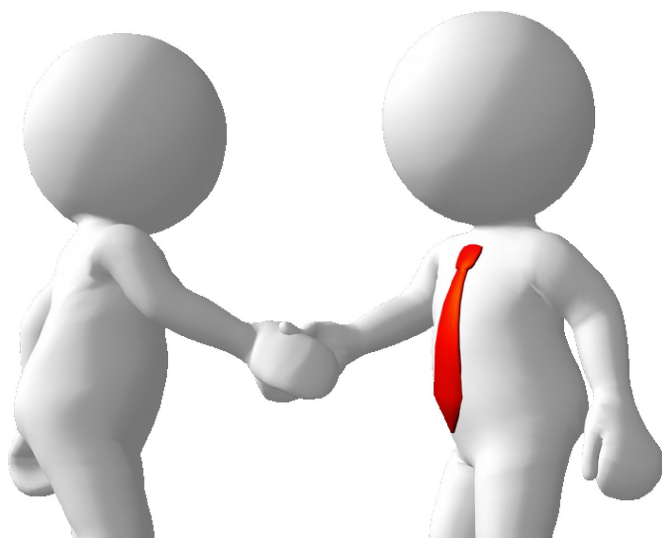


Stago Group acquires HemoSonics

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The Stago Group recently announced that it has completed the acquisition of HemoSonics LLC, a company specialized in the development of innovative Point-of-Care testing solutions based in Charlottesville, VA, with facilities in Durham, NC (USA).

This transaction provides Stago with expanded opportunities for future growth and is an important part of the company's on-going efforts to diversify its portfolio of medical devices in an ever-changing healthcare environment.

Lionel Viret, Chairman of the Board said, "This significant step makes us very proud to contribute to the management of healthcare costs and to the improvement of patients outcomes worldwide."

Timothy Fischer, President and Chief Executing Officer of HemoSonics said, "Stago brings exceptional expertise in the field of Thrombosis and Haemostasis that will greatly advance our efforts to rapidly and effectively deliver a new standard of care for the management of bleeding in the critical care setting"