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AMERICAN DIAGNOSTICA INC. ACQUIRES vWF MANUFACTURING RIGHTS FROM AXIS-SHIELD DIAGNOSTICS LIMITED

Stamford, CT, USA . . . American Diagnostica Inc. announced it has acquired the manufacturing rights to the Axis-Shield von Willebrand Factor (vWF) Activity Kit from Axis-Shield Diagnostics Limited, Dundee, Scotland. This assay uses a novel vWF antibody and allows the rapid determination of vWF activity. vWF, an important protein in the coagulation cascade, serves as a carrier that stabilizes factor VIII and acts as an adhesion protein in clotting. von Willebrand's Disease (vWD) is considered to be the most common bleeding disorder, with an incidence of 1 in 100 persons, caused by defects in, or reduced levels of, vWF.

American Diagnostica has sold this product under the IMUBIND[®] trademark for many years. Dr. Richard Hart, President of American Diagnostica, commented: "We are very pleased to be able to acquire the manufacturing rights to this important in-vitro diagnostic product from Axis-Shield Diagnostics. By manufacturing this product, we will be able to promote it more aggressively with our other coagulation tests through our world-wide network of subsidiaries and distributors. We have enjoyed a long and successful relationship with Axis-

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Shield Diagnostics and we will continue to explore areas that our two companies can work together in the future.”

Axis-Shield Diagnostics is an international Anglo-Norwegian in-vitro diagnostics (IVD) company headquartered in Scotland.

American Diagnostica serves the clinical diagnostic, biopharmaceutical and life science research markets with one of the broadest product lines available.

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TO THE EDITOR: American Diagnostica Inc. is a world leader in the discovery, development, manufacture and marketing of novel assay systems and reagents relating to the diagnosis and research of disorders involving blood coagulation, fibrinolysis, hemostasis, and thrombosis. American Diagnostica Inc. has headquarters in the United States and maintains subsidiary sales offices in Canada, France and Germany. A cGMP compliant and ISO Certified manufacturing and research facility is located in Stamford, CT. ADI has distributors in most countries of the world.

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