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BD and HandyLab Announce Exclusive Collaboration to Commercialize Molecular Assays

*Fully Automated, Integrated BD MAX™ System for Rapid Testing for Infectious Diseases
Incorporates the New HandyLab Automated PCR System*

Franklin Lakes, NJ (May 18, 2009) – BD Diagnostics, a segment of BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company) (NYSE: BDX), and HandyLab, Inc. announced today that they have entered into an exclusive agreement for BD to commercialize its molecular assays on a new BD MAX™ system, an automated molecular diagnostic testing platform in development using HandyLab's recently launched Jaguar instrument. BD will focus initially on its BD GeneOhm™ line of molecular assays to detect major pathogens associated with healthcare-associated infections (HAIs).

“This collaboration further demonstrates BD’s commitment to address underappreciated healthcare needs,” said Philippe Jacon, President, BD Diagnostics – Diagnostic Systems. “As our customers expand their HAI and sexually transmitted infection testing programs, they are seeking simple, flexible and fully automated systems to meet their increasing demands. Our new BD MAX system will be a good strategic fit with our current platforms and those under development.”

Released by HandyLab in November 2008, the Jaguar system is the first fully integrated bench-top molecular diagnostic system to provide hands-off operation. The system incorporates clinical sample preparation, nucleic acid extraction, and microfluidic real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplification and detection. The self-contained workstation is designed to accommodate on-demand and batch workflows. It requires minimal laboratory space and minimal skill levels to generate up to 24 real-time PCR results in under two hours.

“This exclusive collaboration with BD represents an important step forward in expanding the utility of the Jaguar system,” said Jeff Williams, President and CEO, HandyLab. “BD is a global leader in molecular diagnostic testing for infectious diseases. Together we plan to provide diagnostic laboratories with a broad molecular test menu on one of the industry’s most advanced automation platform.”

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BD is a leader in rapid molecular test methods to help detect major HAI-associated pathogens including methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), *Staphylococcus aureus*, vancomycin-resistant

enterococcus and toxigenic *Clostridium difficile*. The BD GeneOhm™ MRSA assay has been used to test over 4 million patients worldwide for carriage of the potentially lethal MRSA bacteria. BD is also a leader in molecular testing for Chlamydia and gonorrhea with its BD ProbeTec™ *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT) Amplified DNA Assay and the BD ProbeTec™ *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC) Amplified DNA Assay.

About HandyLab, Inc.

HandyLab is dedicated to the development, manufacture and sale of novel molecular diagnostic products. HandyLab's proprietary platform reduces the time, cost and complexity of testing while improving the quality of results. Using patented real time microfluidic PCR technology, HandyLab's products are positioned to decentralize nucleic acid testing. HandyLab is an Ann Arbor, Michigan based company. Additional information about the company can be found on the internet at www.handylab.com, or by calling 1-866-Handy Lab (1-866-426-3952).

About BD

BD is a leading global medical technology company that develops, manufactures and sells medical devices, instrument systems and reagents. The Company is dedicated to improving people's health throughout the world. BD is focused on improving drug delivery, enhancing the quality and speed of diagnosing infectious diseases and cancers, and advancing research, discovery and production of new drugs and vaccines. BD's capabilities are instrumental in combating many of the world's most pressing diseases. Founded in 1897 and headquartered in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey, BD employs approximately 28,000 people in approximately 50 countries throughout the world. The Company serves healthcare institutions, life science researchers, clinical laboratories, the pharmaceutical industry and the general public. For more information, please visit www.bd.com.

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