

Environmental Monitors Ally for Speed on Bio-Threat Assessment; New Combined System Cuts Time for Action on Monitored Threats

Innovative Biosensors, Inc. and BioVigilant Systems, Inc., Partner on Biological Detection & Warning Systems for Environmental Monitoring

ROCKVILLE, Md. & TUCSON, Ariz. - Two bio-monitoring technology companies have joined to speed rugged, portable bio-threat detectors for clients dependent on accurate, quick environmental assessments.

Innovative Biosensors, Inc. (IBI) of Rockville, MD, a company developing rapid, ultra-sensitive tests to identify harmful pathogens and BioVigilant Systems, Inc. of Tucson, AZ, a company delivering a family of optically based point monitoring solutions announced they will team to develop, manufacture and sell an integrated biological threat identification system for implementation in biosafety environments.

Under the agreement, BioVigilant will provide integration services, as well as its biological detector capabilities, while IBI will provide the collection and identifier components via their "BioFlash" platform.

IBI's proprietary BioFlash biological identifier is rugged, portable, and incorporates a high-volume aerosol sampler. The well integrated technology provides rapid, specific and sensitive identification of up to 21 biological threat agents in single test or multi-test formats in less than five minutes.

"IBI's BioFlash has, for the first time, integrated the processes of collection and real-time identification; and this collaboration will allow our customers to further exploit its unique capabilities," said Scott McGill, BioVigilant's Vice President, Security Business Unit.

BioVigilant's patented point trigger solution provides real-time, high sensitivity, 24/7 bio-monitoring for a range of environments including clean rooms and indoor facilities, as well as challenging outdoor deployments. BioVigilant's patented "particle by particle" assessment method allows its end users to fully assess a given environment or threat condition.

"The technology platform being developed by BioVigilant has the potential for significantly enhancing the processes that commercial, government and military organizations use to monitor and control environments," said Rick Thomas, Vice President of Business Development for IBI. "Furthermore, the ability to provide results continuously and in real-time is critical to cost effective and rapid warning to meet the needs of clients."

About Innovative Biosensors, Inc.

Innovative Biosensors, Inc. is a privately held company developing novel technologies for the rapid detection of pathogens in biodefense applications and human clinical diagnostics. IBI's technology has been tailored to rapidly and sensitively detect biological threats in building security, military, and civil defense applications. Additionally, the technology platform is being used to develop rapid tests for the detection of hospital-acquired infections. Additional information is available at Innovative Biosensors, Inc. (IBI).

About BioVigilant Systems, Inc.

BioVigilant develops, builds and maintains a family of environmental monitoring instruments for use in pharmaceutical manufacturing, military, security, and other applications. Through the novel use of Instantaneous Microbial Detection technology, BioVigilant's scientists have created instruments with entirely new classes of functionality and unparalleled sensitivity and accuracy than had been possible using existing methodology. BioVigilant, based in Tucson, AZ, maintains development operations in Austin, TX and Boston, MA. BioVigilant Systems

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