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Sample & Assay Technologies QIAGEN DIGENE: Creating a Leader in MDx, June 4, 2007 _

QIAGEN & DIGENE

Announce Merger

The New Market and Technology Leader in

Molecular Diagnostics

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Creating a Leader in MDx

Creating a market and technology leading company in

sample and assay technologies in molecular diagnostics

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QIAGEN and DIGENE announced yesterday to combine the two companies to create a market and technology leading company in sample and assay technologies in molecular diagnostics

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The Deal

Approved by Boards of Directors of both companies

QIAGEN

is

to

acquire

100%

of

DIGENE s

stock

\$1,6 billion, 55% in cash, 45% in stock

Conservatively financed

QIAGEN remains financially strong

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This strategic transaction combines

QIAGEN s leading portfolio of sample & assay technologies with Energy s leadership in HPV and cancer-targeted MDx This creates a global leader with over \$350 million of molecular diagnostics revenue and \$700 million overall

2 600 employees

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50 100 150 200 250 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007E 0 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 Revenues Operating income QIAGEN and DIGENE at a Glance Revenues excluding the synthetic DNA business unit, sold in Q2 2004 Marketand technology leader in Sample & Assay Technologies Founded: 1984 Headquarters: Hilden, Germany Germantown, MD Employees: 1,990 International subs: 29 Rev 2006 (US\$ m) 466 Listing: NASDAQ: QGEN Frankfurt: QIA Absolute market leadership in HPV MDx testing, only FDA approved test Founded: 1987 Headquarters: Gaithersburg, MD Employees: 570 International subs: 7 Rev 2006 (US\$ m) 178

Listing:

2003-2006 15%

Revenues CAGR 2003-2006 32%

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MISSION

As the innovative market and technology leader, QIAGEN creates indispensable solutions that set standards in enabling access to content from any biological sample.

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Our mission is to enable our customers to achieve outstanding success and breakthroughs in research, applied markets, drug development and **molecular diagnostics**. We thereby make improvements in life possible.

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Our commitment to the markets we serve drives our innovation and leadership in all areas where solutions such as sample collection, stabilization, separation, purification, storage, handling and processing are required.

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The exceptional talent, skill and passion of our employees are key to QIAGEN s excellence, success and value. QIAGEN s Vision And Mission Statement

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The Combination Accelerates

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QIAGEN s Molecular Strategy
DIGENE s
highly
focused
strategy
in
MDx
is
unique
fit
with
QIAGEN
QIAGEN s
strategy:
leadership
in
 Sample
&
Assay
Technologies
in research, pharma, applied testing and MDx
Same target customers in MDx
Superb brands and reputations
HPV
testing
is
fastest
growing,
large
segment
in
MDx
with
over $1 billion market potential
DIGENE s
strong
IΡ
positions
in
HPV
over
70
subtypes
HPV bridges QIAGEN s virology leadership into emerging,
fast growing oncology segment
Important
HPV
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assay creates unique value for QIAGEN s platforms and assay breadth Leading regulatory expertise only **FDA** approved test for HPV Great fit with QIAGEN s emerging pipeline Enhanced growth profile and combined profitability leads to strong value creation

QIAGEN s Breadth and Platforms + DIGENE s

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The Combination Accelerates

DIGENE s

Development Goals

Highly attractive value for DIGENE shareholders

Significant premium today

Significant combined upside potential

Ongoing investment in the future

QIAGEN s unparalleled sample and assay technology breadth

creates opportunities for future:

Adds key assay technologies such as multiplexing

(QIAplex), PCR, isothermal technologies

Adds key sample technologies such as DNA processing

from cervical swabs

QIAGEN s broad assay portfolio offers new value for

DIGENE s

customers and

Next generation platform programs

QIAGEN s global sales strength accelerates rapid and global rollout

DIGENE

can

utilize

QIAGEN s

operations

and

infrastructure

which

are

needed for next phase of growth

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Absolute leadership in key segment of MDx: HPV testing

The DIGENE

HPV Test portfolio is the only FDA-approved test portfolio for the human papillomavirus

(HPV)

Exclusive IP positions on key high-risk types >70 HPV types

Regulatory leadership

Focus on women s health

Portfolio includes molecular diagnostic products for

HPV (over 10 million tests sold in 2006)

Chlamydia and gonorrhea

Blood viruses such hepatitis B and CMV

Proprietary Hybrid Capture technology

Markets its products in more than 40 countries worldwide

Headquartered in Gaithersburg, Maryland

Overview of DIGENE Corporation

Leader in Critical Area of Women s Health

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A Critical Disease Target: Human Papilloma

Virus (HPV)

Cervical cancer is the #2 cancer for women worldwide WW over 470k cases/year causing more than 230k deaths In US almost 10k cases/year, more almost 4k deaths One woman dies every two minutes from cervical cancer HPV is the proven cause of cervical cancer Pool of eligible candidates for DIGENE HPV screening is huge and largely untapped DIGENE is positioned as the standard of care for cervical cancer screening Prevalence of HPV in Cervical Cancers Worldwide 99.7%

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Vaccines are a Key Growth Driver for HPV Testing

Vaccines Are a Great Growth Driver for HPV Testing Significant marketing budgets advocating importance

Target age groups

Target vaccination age: 10-20 years

Target testing age: >30 years

It would take >20 years to phase over

Vaccinations

Limited to 2 high risk

HPV types

(70% of cancers)

DIGENE HPV Test tests for 13 types

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QIAGEN/DIGENE Creating a Leader in MDx Significant Synergy Value

Highly Synergistic Capabilities and Assets

Sales (Q1*4)

512

210

Sales in MDx

(approx)

154

210

Sales strength

Global

North America

Sales force size in MDx

120

150

Sales force target in MDx

Clinical Laboratories

Clinical Laboratories,

Physicians

Assay portolio

Broad: 120 tests -

virology,

microbiology, genetic,

pharmacogenetic

HPV

Technology portfolio

Strong -

sample and assay

technologies

HC2

Operations

US, D, CH, CN

US

Employees

1990

570

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Combined Revenue Distribution

Highly Complementary Based on Q1 2007 By Product Groups By Geographic Regions By Customer Groups Europe 46% North America 39% Asia 13% North America 85% EU 12% North America 52% EU 36% Asia 9% Consumables 89% Consumables 92% Consumables 90% Instruments 10% Instruments 8% Instruments 10% MDx100% MDx 48% MDx 27% Pharma 24% Pharma 17% AT11%

AT 8%

Biomedical

18%

Research

20%

All figures are estimates

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RoW

Research

27%

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QIAGEN/DIGENE Creating a Leader in MDx Dissemination

One Core: Sample and Assay Technologies QIAGEN sample and assay technologies Research: were there when researchers

in academia explore the virus

Pharma: were there when Merck develop

the vaccine

Molecular Diagnostics: are used to test for

HPV

are helping eradicate a disease that kills one woman every 2 minutes are making improvements in life possible

Dissemination

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Disseminating Technologies Into Four Markets

Product and Technology Continuum

Academia

Life Science

Research

Applied

Testing

Molecular

Diagnostics

Pharma
Research &
Development
SAMPLE
Technologies
ASSAY
Techologies
QIAGEN Case

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QIAGEN/DIGENE Creating a Leader in MDx QIAGEN and DIGENE

A decade long year partnership in Molecular Diagnostics >10 year partnership between QIAGEN and DIGENE DIGENE products utilize QIAGEN sample and assay technologies

Example: RapidCapture

system

Core platform of DIGENE

FDA approved solution, used in HPV testing

DIGENE sole marketer

Next generation platform development programs

Partnership

Similar cultures

Focus -

Excellence

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QIAGEN/DIGENE Creating a Leader in MDx QIAGEN and DIGENE -

Direct Neighbors Germantown and Gaithersburg MD Companies are 5 minutes apart (2.8 miles)

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Creating a Leader in MDx

World-Class Capabilities and Organization

to Ensure Success

Great breadth and depth of teams

Similar cultures and strong working relationship

Strong synergies:

This is about growth: allows retention of talent base

Integration plan well-developed

12 month process, clear timelines

Mirrored teams

Being neighbors a big advantage

Maryland: headquarters of MDx

business

QIAGEN has proven track record in very successfully

integrating

12 companies in last 3 years.

Business as usual until closing (August/September)

We are

Huge Growth Potential -

Increasing Awareness

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For Internal Use Only Four Phases to an effective Integration of Energy Phase 0

Pre-Process

planning

Phase 2

Detailed planning &

decision making

Phase 3

Implementation &

execution

Phase 1

Issue identification

and action planning

Appoint and launch

integration teams

Communicate

Stabilize the business

Establish resource

baselines for both

companies

Identify key integration

issues and areas for

synergy realization

Communication

Identify integration

opportunities

Develop/decide on future

business structure

Validate plans in detail

Initiate execution of short

term actions

Return first units to

business-as-usual

Finalize Budget 2008

Communicate

Resolve open issues

Implementing decisions

Monitor target achievement

Manage as single company

Communicate

Define integration process

and timeline

Define integration approach

& responsibilities

Plan, plan, plan

Agree on integration

resources, project teams,

charter & external support

Develop organizational and

core operating model

Determine targets

Communication

Pre-closing

Pre-closing

Plan

Budget 2008

Plan

Budget 2008

"Achievements"

"Achievements"

Pre-annoucement/

Pre-closing

Pre-annoucement/

Pre-closing

Day of public

announcement

Ca. September 2007

December

2007

June

2008

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Integration should be accomplished in 6

12 months 10 20 30 40 50 10 20 30 40 50 Load dependent on requirements Handover Resources FTE Integration Accomplished Line function Take over responsibilities Jul Jun May Mar Apr Jan Feb May Jun Jul Oct Nov Aug Sep Dec Aug Sep Apr Line function responsible **Integration Project** Functional project In transition Announcement 3. June Closing Announcement Pre-Planing Closing

New

Budget 2008

Pre-

Closing
PostClosing
Implementation

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Special Projects

Functional Projects

Business Projects

Responsible for the bulk of

the integration

Made up from representatives

of the different functions of

both companies

Develop guide-lines to ensure

consistency around the world

Responsible for planning and

tracking the overall process

Help to identify and resolve

emerging issues

Responsible for leading the

integration process

Divestments

&

Acquisition

New mission

&

Steering

principles

Locations

/ Property

Brand management

HR

IT

Manufacturing

R&D

Regulatory

Administration

Marketing Asia

Marketing Europe

Marketing USA,

Americas

Global Product

Management

Distributor

Sales Europe

Sales Asia

Sales USA,

Americas

Integration office

Communication

Doug Liu

Joe Slattery

Doug White Thomas Schweins

Project Team

Steering

Committee

Peer Schatz Daryl Faulkner

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QIAGEN/DIGENE
Creating a Leader in MDx
Doug Liu

VP Global Operations

QIAGEN

Douglas Liu

VP Global Operations

Doug Liu joined

QIAGEN in 2005

MBA from

Boston University

Science degree

from

the

University of Illinois

Multifunctional

background

in diagnostic

Industry

Operations

Strategic

planning

and

R&D

.

20 years

track

record

of success

in Molecular diagnostics

Bayer Operation Head

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Nucleic

Acid

Diagnostics

Bayer Strategic

Planning and Consulting

Abbott Diagnostics

Chiron

Diagnostics

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QIAGEN/DIGENE Creating a Leader in MDx Doug White

SVP Sales & Marketing **DIGENE** Douglas White SVP Sales & Marketing Americas and Asia Pacific Doug White joined DIGENE in 2003 Started as VP Sales & Marketing North America Oversees commercial operations incl. Sales, Marketing Service and Support Americas and Asia Pacific 20 years of sales & marketing experience in health care 10 years track record of success in Molecular diagnostics SVP Global Marketing at Roche Molecular Systems VP Sales & Marketing at Bayer Vice

President

of US Marketing at Chiron

Abbott Diagnostics

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QIAGEN/DIGENE Creating a Leader in MDx Joseph P. Slattery Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President Joe Slattery joined DIGENE in 1996 Corporation s finance, accounting, investor relations, treasury, information systems program management operations Mr. Slattery was appointed Chief Financial Officer Oct 2006. Prior to DIGENE, Joe worked in public accounting **KPMG** Peat Marwick Ernst & Young LLP He received a B.S. in accounting from Bentley College and is a certified public accountant.

Joe Slattery Chief

DIGENE

Financial Officer

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QIAGEN/DIGENE Creating a Leader in MDx Thomas Schweins

VP Marketing & Strategy Thomas Schweins VP Marketing & Strategy QIAGEN

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Thomas Schweins joined QIAGEN in 2004 Biochemistry, University Hannover Business Adminstration, USC Los Angeles PhD, Max Planck Institute, Heidelberg

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Multifunctional
background
in Life Science Industry
Strategy
and Strategic
Planning
Marketing

R&D

Post-Merger-Integration

15 years
track
record
of success
in Life Sciences
Senior Manager Boston Consulting
Group
Senior Project Manager Aventis
Technology & Business Dev
Manager Hoechst

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QIAGEN/DIGENE Creating a Leader in MDx A New Leader in MDx

Follows strategies of both companies

QIAGEN: leadership in sample and assay technologies

in research, pharma, applied testing and MDx DIGENE: next wave of growth for HPV

Creating the new leader in MDx

with broad synergies in

Technology

Content

Channel

Infrastructure

No changes in staffing planned at QIAGEN other than growth Growth, strength -> new career opportunities, an even better place to be

Excellent basis for further growth

Most exciting areas in MDx

links into oncology Infrastructure can exploit future opportunities, e.g. content Creating Value with our Strategy

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Questions and Answers

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Additional Information

QIAGEN is filing today a Current Report on Form 6-K that will include as exhibits the Agreement and Plan of Merger among QIAGEN, QIAGEN North American Holdings, Inc., QIAGEN s merger subsidiary and Digene Corporation. QIAGEN intends to file a Registration Statement on Form F-4 and a Schedule TO, and Digene plans to file a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9, with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the transaction. QIAGEN and Digene expect to mail a Prospectus, which is part of the Registration Statement on Form F-4, the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 and related exchange offer materials, including a letter of election and transmittal, to shareholders of Digene upon commencement of the exchange offer. These documents contain important information about the transaction and should be read before any decision is made with respect to the exchange offer. Investors and stockholders will be able to obtain free copies of these documents through the website maintained by the Securities and Exchange Commission at www.sec.gov. Free copies of these documents may also be obtained from QIAGEN, by directing a request to QIAGEN s IR department at QIAGEN Strasse 1, 40724 Hilden, Germany, or from Digene, by directing a request to Digene at 1201 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg, MD, 20878.

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