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Santa Maria, CA; September 4, 2009 – Hardy Diagnostics has acquired Bacti-Lab, a California based biomedical firm specializing in microbiology products for Veterinarian and Physician Office labs. Bacti-Lab’s product line consists of prepared culture media packaged in petri dishes which are designed to cultivate bacterial and fungal microorganisms which cause disease in both humans and animals. Some of the trademarks acquired in the purchase of Bacti-Lab are: Derm-Duet™, Uro-Duet™, Uro-Plate™, Candi-Detec™, Pathfinder™, Strep-Duet™, Stre Plate™, and Sab-Duet™.

Bacti-Lab was founded almost 40 years ago by Aaron J. Fink, MD. As a urologist in private practice, he saw the need for simplified in-office culture systems. By performing diagnostic cultures in house, physicians and veterinarians can offer the highest level of care to their patients, in the most timely and cost effective manner. Health care professionals across the country and internationally have found Bacti-Lab diagnostic culture systems to be a simple, reliable, and cost-effective alternative to sending tests out to central laboratories.

Jay Hardy, President of the company states, “We are thrilled to add this fine line of diagnostic medical products to our existing product offering”.

Hardy Diagnostics is an FDA licensed and ISO 13485 certified manufacturer of medical devices for microbiological procedures in clinical and industrial laboratories. Over 6,000 laboratories are serviced by Hardy throughout the nation. Hardy maintains five remote distribution warehouses throughout the United States.. Over 2,800 microbiology products are manufactured at the company's headquarters in Santa Maria, where it employs 180 workers. The company was founded in 1980 in Santa Barbara by Jay Hardy and Robert Shibata, two Medical Technologists who completed their laboratory training at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital before starting their culture media manufacturing endeavor.

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