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Hardy Diagnostics Acquires Division of Gibson Laboratories

Purchase of culture media group bolsters product line.



Hardy Diagnostics services over 6,000 laboratories nationwide.
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SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, SEP. 1 – Hardy Diagnostics has acquired the culture media portion of Gibson Laboratories, a Lexington, Kentucky based biomedical firm specializing in microbiology products for hospital, industrial, veterinarian, and physician office labs. Gibson's product line consists of 330 prepared culture media products packaged in Petri dishes and tubes which are designed to cultivate bacterial and fungal microorganisms that are capable of causing disease in both humans and animals.

The Gibson line has been integrated into the Hardy Diagnostics offering of over 3,500 media products and is available through Hardy's nationwide distribution network. Jay Hardy, President of Hardy Diagnostics, states, "We are thrilled to add this fine line of diagnostic medical products to our existing product offering. This acquisition will strengthen our ability to meet the needs of our customers."

ABOUT HARDY DIAGNOSTICS - Hardy Diagnostics is an FDA licensed and ISO 13485 certified manufacturer of medical devices for microbiological procedures in both clinical and industrial laboratories. Hardy Diagnostics was founded in 1980 in Santa Barbara by Jay Hardy and Robert Shibata after they completed their Medical Technology training in the laboratory at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital.

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Hardy Diagnostics manufactures over 3,500 different products for the culture and identification of bacteria and fungi. Among its offerings are products used to culture and detect pathogens commonly seen in the news such as *E. coli*, *Salmonella*, *Listeria*, MRSA, and Influenza H1N1. In addition, the company manufactures reagents and media for use by molecular biology researchers. Over 6,000 laboratories throughout the nation are serviced by Hardy Diagnostics.

Today, Hardy Diagnostics employs 180 workers and maintains seven distribution centers throughout the U.S. All manufacturing takes place at its headquarters in Santa Maria, California. The company also exports products to over 40 nations. The company's mission is to "partner with its laboratory customers to prevent and diagnose disease." For more information, visit www.HardyDiagnostics.com.

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