



Berlin and Pforzheim, February 25th, 2009

Effective March 1, 2009, IOM GmbH will become a fully owned subsidiary of Berthold Detection Systems GmbH.

IOM GmbH (IOM) has a proven track record of successful development and market introduction of innovative fluorescence detection products. The current IOM product range covers fluorescence readers, spectrometers and fluorescent assays for life science applications with the primary focus on drug discovery. IOM's novel approach to fluorescence detection has been recognized and rewarded by sizeable contracts from major pharmaceutical companies.

Berthold Detection Systems GmbH (Berthold) is a market leader in the detection of bio- and chemiluminescence. Berthold products became a standard in the areas of gene expression, inflammation, tumor research and many others. It's microplate and single tube luminometers are cited in hundreds of scientific publications year after year. In addition, Berthold is an OEM supplier of luminometers for in-vitro diagnostics. Berthold luminometers are used for the detection of infectious diseases, hormones and tumor markers.

Berthold's global sales network allows easy access to Berthold products and services around the world. In order to supply it's worldwide customers with complete assay processing solutions, Berthold recently became the principal shareholder of Titertek Instruments, Inc., a supplier of microplate processing devices.

IOM and Berthold have a history of successful collaboration. The shareholders and managers of both companies believe that a closer relationship between the two companies will be mutually beneficial. The combined scientific, technical and logistics expertise will allow Berthold and IOM to enhance their capabilities in all areas. It was agreed that IOM will become a fully owned subsidiary of Berthold effective March 1, 2009.

As a result of changes in the organizational structure, Berthold will provide administrative resources to IOM from its headquarters in Pforzheim, Germany. The sales management will be handled by Berthold office as well. The IOM office in Berlin will continue with all other functions. Dr. Lutz Pfeifer will remain the main technical contact for all questions regarding IOM products and applications. Mr. Karsten Stein will continue as the president of IOM.

With best regards,

IOM GmbH

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Karsten Stein
President

Berthold Detection Systems GmbH

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Dr. Anselm Berthold
President