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CombiSep Receives Two Patents on Multiplexed, Absorption Based Capillary Electrophoresis Technology

CombiSep, Inc. received two U.S. Patents, Nos. 6,833,062 B2 and 6,833,919 B2, on December 31, 2004. These patents cover enhancements on the company's core technology for multiplexed, absorbance-based, capillary electrophoresis. Features covered in these newly issued patents include signal enhancement for lower levels of detection and additional liquid handling capabilities for increased separation efficiencies.

The new signal enhancement feature has been incorporated into our core system for ease of optical alignment and capillary identification. The additional liquid handling capabilities allow the cePRO 9600™ to perform multiplexed CE separations faster and better for drug discovery applications such as pK_a measurements, log P determinations and macromolecules separations.

"We are very excited about the issuance of these patents", says Shelley Coldiron, CombiSep President and CEO. She adds, "These patents mark a major step forward in our strategy to apply our core assets to end-use products to further strengthen our position in large horizontal markets. These enhancements to our core technology allow us to penetrate additional markets, maintaining a competitive edge."

Based in Iowa, CombiSep, Inc. develops, manufactures and sells multiplexed absorbance-based capillary electrophoresis instruments. CombiSep's cePRO 9600™ allows researchers to analyze up to 96 samples in parallel. Applications for biomolecules include: protein analysis, peptide mapping, DNA sizing, amino acid analysis and oligonucleotide purity determination. Other applications include high-throughput screening for small molecules. Kits are available for compound purity, pK_a/log P determinations, chiral analysis, peptide/protein analysis and oligonucleotide purity.

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