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Laboratory Data Systems Announces Agreement to Integrate Abbott POC Testing Devices with AegisPOC™.

Tampa, FL – August 1, 2005 – Laboratory Data Systems, Inc. (LDS; Tampa, FL) today announced that it has entered into an agreement with Abbott Diagnostics (ABBOTT) for the integration of Abbott's Precision PCx™ and Freestyle Connect™ glucose meters, and the iStat™ and iStat One™ instruments, with the AegisPOC™ Point-of-care and Critical Care Connectivity & Information Management System from LDS.

AegisPOC™ is a truly vendor-neutral connectivity and information management system that manages the data from POC and critical care testing devices throughout the hospital facility or the entire health enterprise. AegisPOC™ offers a consistent workflow and user interface for POCC's, RT's, Nurses and other users regardless of the instrument type(s) connected. The system is web-based and allows users to access the system from anywhere. It can also be fully integrated with any LIS, HIS, EMR or other host systems for the management patient ADT, orders and patient test results. This provides users with a true and simple single point of control for all devices, users and test information.

"LDS is committed to providing truly vendor-neutral connectivity and information management to the POC and critical care testing communities. The integration of the instruments from ABBOTT to our AegisPOC system is a major accomplishment and will be of great benefit to the industry", says Sean Field, president and CEO of Laboratory Data Systems. "ABBOTT is clearly a leader in point-of-care instrumentation and they have continued to bring innovative solutions to glucose, blood gas and coagulation testing. It is a very important milestone for us to have ABBOTT instruments integrated with our AegisPOC™ product as the demand for POC testing continues to grow. We are looking forward to an excellent relationship with ABBOTT for the mutual benefit of our respective companies and our mutual customers." Field continued.

About Laboratory Data Systems

LDS is a Florida corporation with headquarters in Tampa. The company develops, manufactures and markets connectivity and information management solutions for the hospital arena with a strong focus in critical care and point-of-care instrument connectivity, lab based POC management, respiratory care / critical care management, and LIS and HIS interfacing. The AegisPOC™ system is an innovative product that supports the functional requirements of both respiratory care departments and the point-of-care manager in the lab. LDS offers expertise in instrument connectivity and supports connectivity of various types of point-of-care and critical care instruments for other vendor's information management products. Additional information regarding LDS and their products and services can be found at www.labdatasys.com

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