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QUANTUM ANALYTICS AND DIABLO ANALYTICAL, INC. ANNOUNCE AN ALLIANCE TO PROVIDE U.S. CUSTOMERS WITH NEW PRODUCTS AND APPLICATION EXPERTISE.

Foster City, California - July 25, 2002 - QA Group LLC, an employee-owned company, doing business as Quantum Analytics, announced today that they have signed an alliance agreement with Diablo Analytical, Inc., Concord, California. The alliance will result in a wide range of products and application expertise for U.S. customers.

"We are very excited by this agreement because Diablo's analytical technology, application expertise and products complement our existing analytical instrumentation portfolio", commented Dr. Gerry Farren, President and CEO of Quantum Analytics. "We are confident that our excellent financial packages of rental, lease or buy options, coupled with our responsive pre- and post-sales support will provide our customers with access to the best analytical instrument solutions." Diablo will support the Frontier Labs Pyrolyzer and the Markes International Thermal Desorption Systems based on the Agilent GC/MS platform, in addition to SimDis, valve and software products. Quantum Analytics also has access to Diablo's array of custom products and solutions.

"We are very happy to be associated with a company like Quantum Analytics," added Dr. Scott Hein, President of Diablo Analytical, Inc., "and look forward to a long and successful relationship with them." Dr. Hein added, "our experience in the analytical market shows that many customers need specific applications support that is not available from the manufacturer, particularly on multi-vendor systems."

Quantum Analytics, the largest analytical rental company in North America, specializes in the rental, lease and sale of new and refurbished analytical instrumentation and offers an array of customized financial and technical services including cross-platform system integration, installation, training and support. Quantum Analytics maintains close working relationships with leading manufacturers in analytical instrumentation like Frontier Labs, LEAP Technologies, Matheson Tri-Gas, Markes International, Metalox, Mulan Laboratory, Tekmar-Dohrmann, and is the largest Premier Solution Partner for the Life sciences and Chemical Analysis Group of Agilent Technologies. The company is headquartered in Foster City, California, and has offices in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands in association with AnaLease (Brielle, the Netherlands). Additional information is available at www.Lqa.com.

Diablo Analytical, Inc. is a technology and development company for analytical instrumentation. Diablo combines years of experience with analytical technology providing real solutions for customers. Application know-how, software automation, and hardware customization expertise result in instruments that work for customers. The North American client base includes major industries, key regulatory agencies and the service laboratory sector with applications ranging from petrochemical, electronics manufacturing, health and safety, environmental to materials testing and on-line product quality control. Additional information is available at www.diabloanalytical.com.

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