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Agilent Technologies to Integrate Its HPLC and ChemStation Solutions with Advanced Chemistry Development's AutoChrom and ChromGenius Software

PALO ALTO, CA and Toronto, August 20, 2003 - Agilent Technologies Inc. (NYSE: A) and Advanced Chemistry Development, Inc., (ACD/Labs) today announced an agreement to develop and market the integration of ACD/Labs' AutoChrom and ChromGenius software with the Agilent ChemStation software and 1100 Series HPLC systems. The agreement is expected to benefit analytical laboratories in a wide range of industries by providing a faster and more productive way to develop analysis methods for high-throughput applications.

ACD/Labs' forthcoming AutoChrom will be a fully automated version of ACD/Method Development Suite, a complete package of ACD/Labs tools for databasing, sharing, processing, and optimizing chromatographic applications, as well as for developing new separation methods based on chemical structures and retained chromatographic knowledge. The first release of ACD/AutoChrom will only be compatible with Agilent ChemStation.

This agreement also provides ChemStation users with the ability to push task lists from ACD/ChromGenius to ChemStation. ACD/ChromGenius is a generic method selection tool for high-throughput chromatography that determines appropriate separation methods based on analyte structure and pre-experimental calculations.

ACD/Labs software currently supports Agilent's electronic formats for liquid chromatography (LC) and mass spectrometry (MS) data, enabling scientists to import data seamlessly from Agilent ChemStation into ACD/ChromManager or ACD/Method Development Suite. Both ACD/Labs products come equipped with the ACD/Chromatography Applications Database, which comprises over 4,800 applications, including those developed on Agilent columns. Users can retrieve suitable separation methods for an analyte by conducting structure similarity and substructure searches on existing Agilent methods or methods imported from ChemStation.

Agilent ChemStation is a family of networked data systems that provides modular software components for instrument control, data acquisition and data management, with the flexibility to meet both a lab's present and future requirements. The ChemStation base software handles applications such as LC, LC/MS, gas chromatography, capillary electrophoresis, and capillary electrophoresis/mass spectrometry, and can be extended with add-on software modules for data organization and storage, remote control and monitoring, compliance with FDA 21 CFR Part 11, and validation of analytical methods.

The Agilent 1100 Series HPLC system is the top-selling instrument worldwide for LC and LC/MS analyses. Agilent 1100 Series modules and ChemStation software can be combined into well-integrated systems that meet a wide range of analytical problems ranging from disease and drug discovery to pharmaceutical QA/QC, and from environmental testing to forensics.

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