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Nathaniel Graessle Awarded Certified Merger & Acquisition Advisor (CM&AA) Designation

***Hardy Diagnostics' Chief Financial Officer joins elite
group of professionals***



Santa Maria, California — The Alliance of Merger & Acquisition Advisors (AM&AA) has conferred “Certified Merger & Acquisition Advisor” (CM&AA) certification upon Nathaniel Graessle, Chief Financial Officer of Hardy Diagnostics in Santa Maria, CA. He is one of an elite group of over 300 experienced corporate financial advisors and corporate development executives

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nationwide to earn the CM&AA certification. The CM&AA designation serves to distinguish those individuals who have mastered a comprehensive body of essential knowledge and also have committed to staying abreast of continuing new developments in the profession.

“Achieving CM&AA certification has been enormously rewarding” commented Nathaniel Graessle. “As our company continues to grow through organic growth, mergers and acquisitions, and other areas of corporate development, the connections and skills that I’ve gained as a CM&AA and my association with the AM&AA have been invaluable.”

The Alliance of Merger & Acquisition Advisors initiated the CM&AA program to develop an essential standard of excellence for middle market corporate financial advisors and corporate development executives. “To achieve our goals,” noted Michael Nall, Executive Director of AM&AA, “we’ve created a practical, relevant, and comprehensive professional development program that builds on previously existing skills. This advanced credential provides an important ‘gold standard’ to assist the client in selecting the best advisor. Moreover, we’ve established extremely high professional and ethical requirements to insure the integrity of the CM&AA designation. For the first time ever, owners of privately held companies now have a key benchmark of competency for help with critical ‘once in a lifetime’ kinds of decisions.”

ABOUT HARDY DIAGNOSTICS

Hardy Diagnostics is an FDA licensed and ISO 13485 certified manufacturer of medical devices for microbiological procedures in both clinical and industrial laboratories. The company manufactures about 3,000 products for the culture and identification of bacteria and fungi from its Santa Maria, California headquarters. Currently over 6,000 laboratories are serviced by Hardy Diagnostics throughout the nation.

The company was founded in 1980 by Jay Hardy, a Clinical Laboratory Scientist from Santa Barbara, CA. Today, Hardy Diagnostics maintains six distribution centers throughout the U.S. and exports products to over 30 foreign distributors.

The company’s mission is to partner with its laboratory customers to prevent and diagnose disease. For more information, visit www.HardyDiagnostics.com.

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