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Santa Maria, CA; February 23, 2009 – Hardy Diagnostics has purchased the ParaCon parasitology product line from Para Scientific, an Oregon based biomedical firm specializing in Parasitology products.

Para Scientific's product line consists of fecal concentration devices, which strain fecal material allowing for the easy detection of the eggs left behind by parasitic organisms. The ParaCon plastic filter/funnels are available in a kit format that includes a 15 ml centrifuge tube and a liquid surfactant. Also available is the ParaCon II filter/cap unit that is designed to fit tightly over the stool specimen collection vial in order to produce a closed filter system with a 50ml centrifuge tube.

Microbiologists in the laboratory are trained to detect these eggs (ova) during a microscope examination. Ova are observed for shape, size, and color. Each ova morphology is distinctive of a specific parasitic organism. Identification of the parasitic ova is essential for accurate diagnosis the selection of appropriate therapeutic agents.

Jay Hardy, President of the Company states, "We are thrilled to add this fine line of diagnostic medical products to our existing product offering. We intend to service Para Scientific's existing customers and expand the distribution of these products worldwide."

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