



## **Quidel Corporation Completes Acquisition of Urine Test Strip Business; Acquisition Expands Point-of-Care Diagnostic Products**

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SAN DIEGO, Dec. 8 /PRNewswire/ -- Quidel Corporation (Nasdaq: QDEL) announced today that it has completed its acquisition of the assets of the Rapignost(R) Urine Test Strip business from Dade Behring Corporation.

"Urinalysis tests are important tools for the physician's overall assessment of patient health and will complement Quidel's existing point-of-care business," said Andre de Bruin, vice chairman, president and chief executive officer of Quidel Corporation. "The addition of this product line is expected to contribute to our near-term revenue and profit growth because it can be included within our existing sales and distribution structure."

Quidel Corporation discovers, develops, manufactures and markets point-of-care, rapid diagnostic tests for detection of medical conditions and illnesses. These products provide accurate, rapid and cost-effective diagnostic information for acute and chronic conditions that affect women's health throughout the phases of their lives including reproductive status, pregnancy management and osteoporosis. Quidel also provides point-of-care diagnostics for infectious diseases, including influenza A and B, strep throat, H. pylori infection, chlamydia and infectious mononucleosis. Quidel's products are sold to healthcare professionals for use in physician's offices, clinical laboratories and pharmacies, and to consumers through organizations that provide private label, store brand products. These tests provide diagnostic information to enable rapid treatment and improve health outcomes, lower costs, and increase patient satisfaction.

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