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Tristel to acquire Vernagene
Combining chlorine dioxide expertise

Tristel plc, the healthcare business which uses its proprietary chlorine dioxide chemistry to create instrument and surface sterilants for use in hospitals, dental and veterinary practices, is set to acquire Vernagene Limited, another chlorine dioxide specialist focusing on the water treatment and food processing industries. A price of £1million has been agreed and contracts exchanged. Completion is expected shortly.

With both companies utilising chlorine dioxide chemistry for disinfection, their operations are highly synergistic. Tristel's product range concentrates on the provision of sterilising solutions for endoscope decontamination, and sporicidal wipes for the cleaning of hard surfaces and non-invasive medical devices. The company has an established sales force in the UK and a rapidly growing list of overseas distributors. Vernagene is known for the provision of large scale chlorine dioxide generating devices, and stabilised products such as those used to decrease microbial load during food processing.

With the acquisition of Vernagene, Tristel has a ready-made opportunity to expand its operations into new markets. Vernagene already has customers in the government, municipal, industrial, food and healthcare sectors - including the provision of water treatment solutions for Legionella control to a significant number of UK hospitals. Tristel currently supplies around 400 hospitals with its instrument and surface sterilants.

The acquisition also presents significant opportunities for cross selling - Tristel hopes to combine its patented technology and unique delivery systems with Vernagene's chlorine dioxide chemistry. Vernagene's customer base will benefit from the added experience and support of Tristel's sales and support teams.

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About Tristel

The cornerstone of the Tristel product range is a patented chlorine dioxide chemistry used to sterilise medical, dental and veterinary instruments. In 1998, the business that became Tristel acquired all worldwide rights to this chemistry. The principal operating subsidiary of the group was established at this time to exploit the UK market and Tristel has become the leading supplier of liquid chemical sterilising solutions to UK hospitals.

The recently introduced Tristel Wipe is the world's first rapid action sporicidal wipe. It incorporates Tristel's patented chlorine dioxide chemistry and can kill all organisms on a pre-cleaned surface, from which soil and organic matter have been removed, with a contact time of only 30 seconds. The Tristel Generator and Tristel Duo are the latest addition to the company's range of products and services.

Tristel Solutions Limited was admitted to trading on AIM on 1 June 2005. Its stock exchange symbol is TSTL.

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