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Bio-Techne Files Patent Infringement Lawsuit Against Molecular Instruments

Bio-Techne enforces intellectual property for gold standard RNAscope® ISH technologyin spatial biology and clinical applications.

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 26, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- Bio-Techne Corporation (NASDAQ: TECH), a global life sciences company providing innovative tools and bioactive reagents for the research and clinical diagnostic communities, today announced that it has taken legal action in the United Kingdom to halt the infringement of its patented RNAscope® ISH technology by Molecular Instruments, Inc.

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Advanced Cell Diagnostics, a Bio-Techne brand, owns patents covering various features of its RNAscope® technology. RNAscope® is the gold standard for *in situ* hybridization (ISH), trusted by researchers around the globe, with a rapidly growing list of over 6,000 peer reviewed publications. With over 40,000 unique RNAscope® ISH catalog probes available in over 400 species and fast, expert custom probe design, researchers have the flexibility to spatially interrogate any gene across a wide array of diseases and tissues with unparalleled sensitivity and specificity.

In its lawsuit filed in the UK Patents Court, Bio-Techne alleges that Molecular Instruments' HCR 3.0 technology infringes Bio-Techne's European Patents (UK) 2,500,439 and 1,910,572. The lawsuit seeks damages and injunctive relief requiring Molecular Instruments to stop infringing Bio-Techne's patents in the United Kingdom.

"Bio-Techne has made substantial investments in the development and application of its RNAscope® technology to advance research discovery and accelerate diagnostic and therapeutic product development," said Chuck Kummeth, President and Chief Executive Officer of Bio-Techne. "Our intellectual property portfolio is foundational to our innovation in the spatial biology detection space, and we are committed to protecting these investments and defending our intellectual property rights."

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