

Microbiologics acquires Phthisis Diagnostics, 12/13

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December 2013—Microbiologics, a St. Cloud, Minn.-based company, has acquired Phthisis Diagnostics. Phthisis' innovative, patented G-Sphere molecular standards product line will be the foundation for Microbiologics' move into molecular products and a new division it is forming. G-Sphere standards are synthetic genes that provide controls for virtually any organism or molecular assay.

Crystal Icenhour, PhD, president and chief science officer at Phthisis since 2006, created this new technology with her research team. "We introduced this product line about a year ago to provide much needed quality control standards to molecular laboratories. I am pleased that this longer established company will have the structure to take these products much further than our smaller company could have," she said in a statement. Dr. Icenhour is an adjunct assistant professor at Duke University Medical Center's Division of Infectious Diseases, Department of Medicine.

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