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Co-Diagnostics announces sales of new coronavirus test

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Co-Diagnostics Logix Smart™ 2019-nCoV polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests is available for purchase

US based Co-Diagnostics, a molecular diagnostics company with a unique, patented platform for the development of diagnostic tests, announced today sales of its screening test designed to identify the presence of the novel coronavirus that originated in China before spreading across the world over the past month. The order calls for delivery of tests to be distributed to various international markets and included payment for the initial shipment of assays.

Co-Diagnostics Logix Smart™ 2019-nCoV polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests use highly specific targeting and the Company's patented CoPrimer™ technology platform to detect the strain of coronavirus first discovered in the Chinese city of Wuhan on December 31, 2019. The test is compatible with various manufacturers' PCR devices that are commonly used, and is immediately available on a Research Use Only (RUO) basis to thousands of laboratories throughout the world.

Dwight Egan, Co-Diagnostics CEO, commented, "The rapid development and time to commercialization was possible thanks to the innovation of our proprietary and patented platform, our dedicated employees, and the support of our suppliers. We are pleased to be able to offer a product to this market that excels in being both sensitive and specific, the two benchmarks for accuracy in molecular diagnostics.

"We believe the way that Co-Diagnostics can be most helpful in this ongoing situation is by providing diagnostic solutions that are affordable and accessible in any market in the world. Our mandate includes supporting as many markets as possible in a public health crisis, and taking a test from design to commercialization in under three weeks underscores this commitment. Doing so also provides a compelling proof-of-concept that the Company's unique process and patented technology could quickly and efficiently be applied to address the diagnostic needs associated with other emergencies, including potential mutations of the coronavirus."