

## **Werfen Life Group solidifies leadership position in autoimmune disease diagnostics through the acquisition of key assets of The Binding Site Ltd.**

Werfen will combine The Binding Site product offerings with those of INOVA Diagnostics to nearly double its autoimmune disease testing portfolio.

Barcelona, Spain, July 9, 2008

Werfen Life Group, S.A., has successfully completed the acquisition of the autoimmune disease diagnostics business of The Binding Site Group Ltd., a privately held medical diagnostics firm headquartered in Birmingham, UK. The Binding Site is a recognized leader in the development and manufacturing of 'in vitro' diagnostic tests for autoimmune diseases.

Werfen plans to combine The Binding Site portfolio with that of INOVA Diagnostics, acquired in 2008 as its first foray into the autoimmune disease testing market.

The Binding Site autoimmune disease test portfolio complements the INOVA Diagnostics' family of products and nearly doubles the total portfolio to over 400 products and systems.

INOVA Diagnostics has a rich history of innovative and first FDA-cleared products focused on the diagnosis of autoimmune diseases such as celiac disease, rheumatoid arthritis, and systemic lupus erythematosus among others.

Brand names for the combined portfolio include QUANTA Lite™, QUANTA Lyser™, QUANTA Plex™, QUANTA Lab™, NOVA Lite™, NOVA Gel™, Bindazyme™, and Farrzyme™ assays and systems.

### **About Werfen Life Group**

Werfen Life Group, headquartered in Barcelona, Spain was founded in 1966. The company manufactures and distributes 'in vitro' medical diagnostic solutions, medical devices, and scientific instruments worldwide. Werfen employs more than 3500 people, with 2008 revenues exceeding US\$1 billion.

(Visit [www.werfengroup.com](http://www.werfengroup.com) for more information)

## **About INOVA Diagnostics, Inc.**

The Werfen Life Group acquired INOVA Diagnostics, headquartered in San Diego, California in 2008. The company develops and manufactures 'in vitro' medical diagnostic tests for autoimmune disease that are used in medical labs, hospitals and universities around the world. The company employs 200 people at its San Diego facility (Visit [www.inovadx.com](http://www.inovadx.com) for more information).

Werfen Life Group S.A.U.  
Viladomat, 162 08015 Barcelona,  
Spain  
Tel. +34 93 4010101  
Fax. +34 93 4513745