



Puteaux, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 – On May 31, 2007, ELITECH Group, largest independent distributor of in-vitro-diagnostic products in France that owns its own biochemistry and microbiology reagents manufacturing facilities and has subsidiaries in several European countries, announces the acquisition of the American corporation WESCOR Inc. whose expertise is in specialized clinical laboratory equipment such as automatic slide stainers, sweet testing systems or vapor pressure and membrane osmometers.

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WESCOR Inc, located in Logan, Utah, has established a very successful business in North America over the last decades and benefits from a high rating on its market segment for its high quality products. WESCOR Inc. is active outside North American through an extended worldwide distributor network.

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Pierre DEBIAIS, President of ELITECH Group, declares: "We are delighted with the acquisition of WESCOR Inc. that should enable us to expand our competencies to the field of engineering and manufacturing for specialized clinical lab equipment, complementary to our current clinical reagent manufacturing expertise, and provide us with a strong sales development platform for our own products in the US". Wayne BARLOW, CEO of WESCOR Inc. says that he is pleased with "both corporations getting together" and adds, "this will further enhance WESCOR Inc.'s position in the in-vitro diagnostic market, mainly in North America, through a boarder product offering".

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ELITECH Group funded WESCOR Inc.'s acquisition through equities and loans from its historic banking partners: Naxicap Partners and BNP Paribas Développement that have already financed in the past the development of ELITECH Group, and from two new investors IDIA Développement and SOFIPACA.

ELITECH Group manufactures and supplies a wide range of products to clinical labs in clinical chemistry, electrophoresis, microbiology and immunology. Its manufacturing facilities are ISO 9001 and ISO 13485 certified and its products are CE marked.

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