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BD Completes Acquisition of TriPath Imaging
Expands Presence in Cancer Diagnostics Market

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ (DECEMBER 20, 2006) -- BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company) (NYSE:BDX) today announced the completion of its acquisition of TriPath Imaging (Nasdaq: TPTH), a maker of innovative solutions to improve the clinical management of cancer. The acquisition was finalized in accordance with terms originally disclosed in an announcement issued by BD on September 8, 2006.

This strategic acquisition aligns innovative new technologies with BD's existing business strategies and is a natural complement to ongoing internal research programs in its BD Diagnostics and BD Biosciences segments. These oncology management tools are intended to span cancer screening, diagnosis, prognosis and therapy monitoring, especially for cancers affecting women's health, including breast, cervical and ovarian.

This transaction also further demonstrates BD's commitment to bringing new technologies and innovation to difficult problems in healthcare, which is in line with the Company's purpose of "Helping all people live healthy lives."

ABOUT BD

BD, a leading global medical technology company that manufactures and sells medical devices, instrument systems and reagents, is dedicated to improving people's health throughout the world. BD is focused on improving drug therapy, enhancing the quality and speed of diagnosing infectious diseases, and advancing research and discovery of new drugs and vaccines. The Company's capabilities are instrumental in combating many of the world's most pressing diseases. Founded in 1897 and headquartered in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey, BD employs more than 25,000 people in approximately 50 countries throughout the world. The Company serves healthcare institutions, life science researchers, clinical laboratories, industry and the general public. For more information, please visit www.bd.com.

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