

## Important Announcement from Fermentas

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To Valued Customers of Fermentas:

We are pleased to inform you that Thermo Fisher Scientific has signed an agreement to acquire Fermentas. With headquarters in Burlington, Ontario, and principal operations in Vilnius, Lithuania and St. Leon-Rot, Germany, Fermentas is a leader in the development of advanced enzymes, reagents and kits to support molecular biology, protein analysis and cell biology research. Our aim is to develop products that make the difference, products that deliver results not achievable otherwise. Fermentas' core strength is its long experience and extensive know-how in enzymology, PCR, sample preparation and analysis. This acquisition will enable us to better support you and our other customers by offering leading technologies and a more complete portfolio of products and strengthening our support and distribution channels around the world.

Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. (NYSE: TMO) is the world leader in serving science, enabling its customers to make the world healthier, cleaner and safer. With 2009 revenues of \$10.1 billion, the company has approximately 35,000 employees and serves over 350,000 customers within pharmaceutical and biotech companies, hospitals and clinical diagnostic labs, universities, research institutions and government agencies, as well as environmental and industrial process control settings. Thermo Fisher Scientific is headquartered in Waltham, MA, USA.

Both companies share a strong commitment to innovation and advancing molecular biology, protein analysis and cellular biology. Fermentas' leading enzyme portfolio, innovative PCR products, electrophoresis products and many others will strengthen Thermo Fisher's broad range of life science reagents and consumables. The combination of the two portfolios brings together leading technologies and strong global commercial teams.

Our company will be integrated into Thermo Fisher Scientific's Analytical Technologies Segment. The transaction is expected to close during the third quarter of 2010. Until then, Fermentas will continue to operate as a standalone company. There will be no immediate change in day-to-day operations as a result of today's announcement.

Earning the trust of our customers has been – and will continue to be – a top priority for Fermentas. Rest assured that your needs will be paramount as we move forward to the next stage of the company's development. Customers can expect the same commitment to innovation and exceptional support they have come to rely on from Fermentas and our global channel partners. As always, we are ready to assist in the ongoing success of your research.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Müller".

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