



LGC acquires LINK and strengthens its oligo reagents offering

19 July 2017, London, UK - [LGC](#), a leading international tools and solutions provider for the life sciences industry, announced today that it has acquired LINK Technologies, a premier supplier of speciality reagents for oligonucleotide synthesis. LINK's products are used by oligonucleotide synthesis companies, university and commercial research departments as well as contract manufacturing organisations in the biotech sector.

Following the acquisition, LGC will combine its Biosearch oligonucleotide reagent group, its Prime Synthesis CPG business and LINK into a newly-formed Nucleic Acid Chemistry business unit that will sit within its Genomics division and trade as LGC LINK.

Brian Kim, President and Managing Director, Genomics division, LGC, said, "We are delighted to be adding LINK to our portfolio of oligonucleotide reagents. LINK's products are a great complement to LGC's, providing our customers with an expanded product range, increased supply chain security, improved global logistics and industry-leading customer support."

Marc Lemaitre, Chairman of LINK said, "Over three decades, LINK has developed excellence in manufacturing a large portfolio of reagents for oligonucleotide synthesis, which are sold across the world. As a result, our products are found in many research, diagnostic and increasingly therapeutic oligonucleotides. Further to the acquisition, LINK will become an integral part of the LGC family and better placed to meet the challenges presented by the rapid development of the international markets for oligonucleotides. The new Nucleic Acid Chemistry business unit, incorporating the LINK, Biosearch and Prime-Synthesis portfolios, will be a tremendous one-stop-shop for a large array of customers. LGC's offering and international reach fit perfectly with LINK's manufacturing and customer support capabilities. We expect rapid growth of the combined group."

LINK is certified to ISO9001:2015 and has 21 employees based at Bellshill, near Glasgow. LGC will continue to operate from LINK's Bellshill facility and will continue to supply its products.

The company was founded in 1989, and first operated from laboratories within Glasgow University.

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About LINK Technologies

LINK, an ISO9001:2015 certified manufacturer, is a leading supplier of speciality reagents for oligonucleotide synthesis. The company's main markets are oligonucleotide synthesis companies, university and commercial

research departments plus, increasingly, larger Contract Manufacturing Organisations (CMOs) in the biotech sector.

LINK has also forged successful links to academia working closely with many UK universities. In tandem with internal research and development, the Company has an excellent record in bringing in-licence products to market with various worldwide commercial partners. LINK is a trading name of Link Technologies Ltd, Scotland.

About LGC

LGC is an international life sciences measurement and testing company with leading positions in growing markets. LGC provides a range of measurement products and services which underpin the safety, health and security of the public, including reference materials and proficiency testing, genomics reagents and instrumentation, and expert sample analysis and interpretation. LGC serves customers across a number of end markets including Pharmaceuticals, Agricultural Biotechnology, Diagnostics, Food, Environment, Government and Academia.

LGC's headquarters are in London and the company employs over 2,600 people, operating out of 22 countries worldwide. Its operations are extensively accredited to international quality standards such as ISO/IEC 17025, ISO 13485, ISO 9001, GMP, GLP and ISO Guide 34.

With a history dating back to 1842, LGC has been home to the UK Government Chemist for more than 100 years and is the UK National Measurement Laboratory and Designated Institute for chemical and bio measurement. LGC was privatised in 1996 and is now owned by funds affiliated with KKR.

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