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Vimta Labs & Shimadzu to jointly explore new avenues in food & environment safety using Mass Spectrometry applications

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Shimadzu (Asia Pacific) Pte Ltd, Singapore, and Vimta Labs, India, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate and develop new analytical methods and also improve the existing protocols or methods that are used for ingredient quality control and adulterant testing, among others. Vimta's laboratories will operate as the partner-laboratory of Shimadzu in India for food and environment safety.

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Shimadzu (Asia Pacific) Pte Ltd, Singapore, a global leader in analytical instruments, and Vimta Labs, Hyderabad, India, who are India's leading Contract Research and Testing Organization, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate in the areas of food, water and environment testing involving mass spectrometers. This world class collaboration will see the development of new analytical methods and also improve the existing protocols or methods that are used for ingredient quality control and adulterant testing, among others. Vimta's laboratories will operate under a strict regulatory-compliant environment, functioning as the Partner-Laboratory of Shimadzu in India for the domains of food and environment safety.

The agreement was signed on August 22, 2016, at Chennai, on the occasion of the inauguration of Spinco Towers in Chennai. The joining hands of the two leading organizations for the purpose of exploring mass spectrometers in food, water and environment testing, is a huge step towards protecting public health at large.

The regulatory landscape is evolving rapidly, with diversification of foods that is being consumed by the population, with increase in complexity of sample matrices and with the rise in concomitant risks coming in through adulterants. The need of the hour is "high sensitivity test methods" in order to certify safety of foods for consumption. Similarly, environmental monitoring as well as water testing are also being increasingly seen as the most important areas to protect public health, more than ever before.

Mr. V. Harriman, Executive Director - Operations, Vimta Labs, said that the development of "the world's highest sensitivity Liquid Chromatography- Mass Spectrometry" marks the beginning of a new chapter in food and environment testing. With sensitivity levels previously not heard of, the LCMS-8060 offers a unique capability to measure pesticide residues, industrial contaminants, trace concentrations of toxic substances at ultra-low level

concentrations, thereby strengthening the certification and product release processes for total compliance to regulations.

Dr. Teruhisa Ueda, President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Shimadzu Corporation, Kyoto, Japan, who was present during the occasion, appreciated Vimta Labs for having developed world-class capabilities at their laboratories, to meet the emerging challenges that are faced by the food and environmental managers. Dr. Ueda highlighted that through this agreement, Shimadzu would be able to contribute substantially to the food, water and environment testing programs, using mass spectrometry.

Mr. Kiminobu Mura, Managing Director, Shimadzu (Asia Pacific) Pte Ltd, Singapore, who signed the agreement on behalf of all members of the Shimadzu Family reiterated that his team will extend the maximum support to this initiative both directly and also through their Indian distributor Spinco Biotech with whom they enjoy a successful partnership of over 33 years.



About Shimadzu (Asia Pacific) Pte Ltd

Shimadzu (Asia Pacific) is the Asian subsidiary of Shimadzu Corporation, Japan which is a leading technology provider in analytical & life science instrumentation, testing & measurement instruments, medical systems etc. Shimadzu has continued to provide state-of-the-art technology solutions for the past 141 years. The analytical & measuring instruments division has successfully developed new series of highly sensitive mass spectrometers and a host of instruments in chromatography, spectroscopy, life science

research that serve in diverse areas of applications such as pharmaceuticals, clinical research, diagnostics, foodandbeverage, environment,petrochemical, chemical, forensics, energy etc. Through adoption of scientific inventions and cutting-edge technologies, Shimadzu (Asia Pacific) provides its corporate clients with the highest quality in product standards and the delivery of excellent customer support services.

About Vimta Labs Limited

Vimta Labs is India's leading Contract Research and Testing Organization with an established track record of serving market leaders across the globe. Vimta's team of professionals drawn from Chemistry, Pharma, Medicine, Microbiology, Molecular Biology And Informatics, operate from multi-site locations providing services in analytical, environmental, clinical research, biopharma, BA/BE studies, food safety with large focus on Gas Chromatograph & Liquid Chromatograph- Mass Spectrometers as an essential instrument in all these areas. Vimta Labs has won a number of accreditations from many certifying bodies for chemical, biological, medical testing etc. and has successfully completed regulatory audits from many countries such as US FDA, WHO, UK and Germany etc. A strong quality assurance team drives implementation of the Quality Management System across the company in accordance with cGMP, GLP & GCP, ISO/IEC-17025, ISO 15189:2007 etc.

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