

Press Release

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**Eiken Chemical Co., Ltd. and 3M sign  
Patent License Agreement on the licensing of LAMP technology**

Tokyo, Japan – Eiken Chemical Co., Ltd., headquartered in Taito-ku, Tokyo, and 3M, headquartered in Saint Paul, Minn., U.S.A, signed a Patent License Agreement to enter into the licensing of Eiken’s own innovative gene amplification technology (LAMP Method) on December 15, 2010.

A recognized leader in research and development, 3M produces thousands of innovative products for dozens of diverse markets across display & graphics, electronics & communications, manufacturing & industry, safety & security, office supplies, health care and home & leisure industries. Conclusion of this Patent License Agreement enables 3M to develop and sell nucleic acid test kits utilizing the LAMP method.

Eiken aims to continue to apply the LAMP method to such fields as medicine, agriculture, food, animal husbandry, environmental protection and also contribute to the expansion of the genetic testing market.

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