

Press release

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Eiken Chemical Co., Ltd. and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (VLA, United Kingdom) signed License Agreement on the licensing of LAMP technology

Tokyo, Japan – Eiken Chemical Co., Ltd. (Head office in Taito-ku, Tokyo) and the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs acting through the Veterinary Laboratories Agency (Head office in Weybridge, Woodham Lane, New Haw, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 3NB, United Kingdom) have signed a License Agreement to enter into the licensing of Eiken's own innovative gene amplification technology (LAMP method) on March 29.

VLA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and is well recognised as a centre of scientific excellence. For over 100 years, VLA has been delivering research, surveillance and laboratory services for animal and public health.

Conclusion of this License Agreement enables VLA to develop, manufacture and provide testing for nucleic acid diagnostics for veterinary purposes and environmental monitoring.

To popularize the LAMP method in Japan and the world, Eiken is promoting its licensing business to companies and research institutes both at home and abroad. With the growth of the nucleic acid testing market as a potentiating factor, the increased recognition of the LAMP method can be expected, and with this in mind, the licensing agreement with VLA has been reached.

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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