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**Eiken Chemical Co., Ltd. and Mast Group Ltd. (United Kingdom) sign  
Patent License Agreement on the licensing of LAMP technology**

Tokyo, Japan – Eiken Chemical Co., Ltd. (Head office in Taito-ku, Tokyo), and Mast Group Ltd. (Head office in Bootle, United Kingdom), signed a Patent License Agreement to enter into the licensing of Eiken's own innovative gene amplification technology (LAMP method) on March 22, 2012.

Mast Group has been a manufacturer and supplier of microbiology and immunology products for infectious disease diagnosis for over 50years.

Operating from its UK Head Office Mast exports to 70 countries through subsidiary companies in Germany and France and a global network of Distributors.

Mast and Eiken have worked together for over 30 years with Mast distributing Eiken's product, and have concluded the distribution agreement for LAMP products in 2008, and Eiken is supplying them to Mast Group.

Conclusion of this Patent License Agreement enables Mast Group further to develop and sell test kits utilizing the LAMP method in infectious disease field.

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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