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# Universal Biosensors acquires the Hemostasis Reference Laboratory business of LifeLabs to meet increased production demands of Siemen's Xprecia Stride<sup>™</sup> test strips

Universal Biosensors, Inc (ASX: **UBI**) has today announced that a wholly-owned Canadian operating subsidiary has signed an agreement with LifeLabs LP (**LifeLabs**) to acquire the assets of LifeLabs' Hemostasis Reference Laboratory business (**HRL**) in preparation for future increased production requirements of Siemens' Xprecia Stride<sup>™</sup> test strips.

The HRL business has provided high-quality coagulation testing and calibration services to international customers for more than 20 years, including 5 years of services for UBI. HRL has one of the most diverse offerings of specialised coagulation services in the world. Its laboratory currently has 16 different coagulation analyzers available, representing every major manufacturer for a very diverse list of testing options. The HRL business is based out of leased offices in Canada and has approximately 14 employees who will transfer to Universal Biosensors' wholly-owned Canadian subsidiary.

Strips produced by UBI are required to be calibrated so that all PT/INR products agree with an international standard. The acquisition of HRL gives UBI more control, certainty and reduces risks in meeting expanded production demand.

The acquisition has been funded with existing cash reserves and is not expected to have a material impact on the consolidated results of Universal Biosensors. The terms of the acquisition are confidential.

Executive Chairman Andy Denver says: "The production demand for Siemen's Xprecia Stride<sup>TM</sup> test strips has increased significantly. The acquisition of HRL's assets is a strategic move to ensure that we have better control of our entire manufacturing process and to streamline UBI's production of test strips with more certainty to continue to meet stringent international standard."

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### **About Universal Biosensors**

For additional information regarding Universal Biosensors, refer to: http://www.universalbiosensors.com/.

Universal Biosensors is a specialist medical diagnostics company, founded in 2001, that is focused on the development, manufacture, and commercialisation of a range of in vitro diagnostic tests for point-of-care use. These tests capitalise on a technology platform which uses a novel electrochemical cell that can be adapted for multiple analytes and provide for enhanced measurements in whole blood.

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