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### **CANCER RESEARCH COMPANY KALGENE DIAGNOSTICS CHOOSES INNOVATION PARK IN KINGSTON FOR EXPANSION**

Kingston, ON – The Kingston Economic Development Corporation and Innovation Park welcome pharmaceutical research and development company Kalgene Diagnostics to Kingston. Kalgene Diagnostics will become the newest tenant of the city's research and development hub, Innovation Park at Queen's University, opening its laboratory in January, 2010.

Kalgene Diagnostics, a division of Vancouver-based Kalgene Pharma, is focused exclusively on the development and commercialization of novel, rapid cancer diagnostics based on well-characterized genes and proteins. The company is experienced in commercializing oncology molecular diagnostics and has been working in close collaboration with Toronto academic hospitals, cancer research institutes, key opinion leaders and early adopters to bring novel diagnostics to market. Kalgene Diagnostics is currently working on two cancer programs to develop assays which address the highly sensitive protein markers of breast and thyroid cancer.

"We are very pleased and enthusiastic about expanding our R&D activities to Kingston and to be collaborating with Queen's University, one of the world's most prestigious academic institutions," says Dr. T. Nathan Yoganathan, Chief Executive Officer of Kalgene.

"We are very excited to have Kalgene Diagnostics join the Innovation Park community. The successful attraction of businesses like Kalgene to Kingston speaks to the collaborative working relationship between KEDCO and Innovation Park," says Janice Mady, Director of Innovation Park at Queen's University. "Innovation Park provides unique research and development infrastructure, access to Queen's University researchers and relationships with PARTEQ, the university's commercialization experts."

John Paul Shearer, Director of Business Development for KEDCO adds "We are delighted that Kalgene Diagnostics has invested in Kingston. This commitment fully complements the strong research and development that exists in our city and is a result of the collaborative partnerships. Kalgene Diagnostics will greatly benefit from being established in a creative city and being connected to a highly educated population."

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Kalgene Diagnostics expansion to Kingston could bring 15 full time positions and over \$1.5 million initial investment.

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