

GeneScan USA Receives Fourth Consecutive Pinnacle Award Adding to the List of Other Achievements in Quality in 2004.

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Procter and Gamble (P&G) has awarded GeneScan USA with the prestigious Pinnacle Award for Excellence in Good Laboratory Practices and Quality Systems. As part of its quality assurance program, P&G conducts vendor audits to provide independent assessments of the current conditions in facilities that manufacture, handle, or store its products. To obtain a satisfactory assessment, a laboratory must demonstrate its commitment to achieving high technical standards, maintaining operational efficiency, and improving its processes to ensure customer satisfaction. This year marks the fourth consecutive year that GeneScan has achieved this distinction after scoring a 100% QA rating during this year's audit, which comes a month after the bioanalytical company successfully renewed its ISO / IEC - 17025 accreditation by the American Association of Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) for the detection and quantification of genetically modified food and agricultural products.

One of the goals of GeneScan is to provide its clients with scientific expertise and unparalleled customer service. In accordance with this goal, the GMO testing leader's commitment to quality is further demonstrated through its successful completion of proficiency testing with the USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA), which includes a history of ten consecutive 100% ratings since 2002. In addition, GeneScan became the only US laboratory accredited for GMO testing by New Zealand's Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in April 2004 and also received the 2004 Lantern Award for Biotechnology from the State of Louisiana. These achievements are further evidence of GeneScan's overall excellence and recognized level of quality and performance.

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With over 2,000 staff members in more than 40 laboratories across 12 countries and a portfolio of around 5,000 reliable analytical methods for proving the authenticity, origin, safety, identity, and purity of biological substances, Eurofins Scientific is already a leading global provider of bioanalytical services. The Group is committed to supporting its clients' objectives of

ensuring that their products maintain the best possible quality and safety levels in all markets in which they operate. Eurofins Scientific intends to continue to develop, acquire or license the most comprehensive range of state-of-the-art analytical technologies in order to support its clients' increasingly stringent quality and safety standards and the demands of regulatory authorities around the world.

As a company of the Eurofins Group, GeneScan Europe AG operates in the area of quality and identity control of food and animal feed. The focus of activities is on the detection of genetically modified organisms (GMO) in seeds, agricultural commodities, semi-finished and finished products. The company meets its customers' global requirements by operating its own analytical laboratories in Europe, North and South America and by establishing a network of strategic partners and licensees. In addition to offering analytical services, it also offers the corresponding diagnostics kits to third party laboratories. The group's portfolio also includes design, implementation and certification of customized control programs and identity preservation systems along the entire production chain.

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