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DECERNIS AWARDED PATENT FOR FOOD AND CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY INFORMATION SYSTEM

Decernis Receives Patent for System and Method to Validate the Global Compliance of Documents in the Supply Chain, to Provide a Data Processing System for Product Recalls, and to Establish a Validation Service for Product Safety News and Alerts

Washington, D.C., August 23, 2010 – Decernis LLC (<http://www.decernis.com>) announced today the award of a patent to the company for a document management system and method to validate the global compliance of product safety documents in the supply chain, to provide a data processing system for product recalls, and to establish a validation service for product safety news and alerts. The safety of products in the supply chain – whether foods and food ingredients, such as food additives, consumer products, such as toys, or raw materials, such as chemicals -- is a critical public concern in today's global economy. Suppliers and customers depend upon the accuracy and completeness of product information provided in certification documents that are used worldwide. When a product recall occurs or a change in applicable requirements is made, new information and alerts must be provided in the supply chain in order to quickly identify and trace affected products through the supply chain. The patent awarded to Decernis LLC is for an information system and method to provide and validate such information, US 7,769,712 B2, issued on August 3, 2010.

Two new services of Decernis that are embodiments of the patented invention are gComply Plus and Decernis News. gComply – which stands for global compliance – is now a suite of Decernis products and services for enterprise reporting, horizon scanning, and reference in the area of product safety that can be integrated with the client's own supply chain management systems for improved review and control of transactions.

gComply Plus is an enterprise system either hosted or deployed to the client's servers that uses expert rules to prepare a simple-to-use matrix evaluation of components and products within a catalogue of templates. gComply Plus document authoring then prepares certification documents based upon the evaluation made. The scope of gComply Plus includes both regulatory requirements as well as the validation of customer and

supplier standards, where the system has been deployed to automatically prepare answers to customer questionnaires.

Decernis News and Issue Management is a global horizon scanning, alerting and management system developed in conjunction with the company's clients in order to discover and manage dynamic news events and emerging risks. Two of the central problems that company managers face today are the need to be aware of rapidly developing events anywhere in the world and the need to manage the high volume of information being passed in today's Internet world. Decernis News is a central window and management system for such dynamic events. It is updated daily and covers food and consumer products, environmental, health and safety, as well as contaminant developments, but provides for personalized reporting and customization.

"We are delighted to have received the award of this patent as a contribution toward effective information systems to manage the challenge of product safety in the global supply chain; it recognizes and singles out Decernis' innovative role in the market. The patent has a broad scope where a "compliance document" includes not only food and consumer product statements and data but the validation of REACH and RoHS declarations. Our close relationship with clients and our innovation make it possible to develop better control systems that can be used worldwide. These solutions must fit within the business processes a client may already have in place," said Andrew (Pat) Waldo, CEO of Decernis.

Decernis LLC with its headquarters in Washington, D.C. provides information systems and content for global food, consumer, and industrial product safety with clients in forty-six countries. The company tracks developments in more than one hundred and thirty countries. Its clients include governmental agencies such as FDA, EFSA, and OECD; food and consumer product manufacturers; raw material manufacturers; law firms; and laboratories. The company's value-added systems integrate with leading supply chain management systems.

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