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For the month of July 2010

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QIAGEN N.V.

(Translation of registrant s name into English)

Spoorstraat 50

5911 KJ Venlo

The Netherlands

(Address of principal executive office)

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (the Annual General Meeting) of QIAGEN N.V. (the Company), a public limited liability company organized under the laws of The Netherlands, with corporate seat in Venlo, The Netherlands will be held at Maaspoort, Oude Markt 30, 5911 HH Venlo, The Netherlands on Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at 10:30 a.m., local time.

Agenda

1. Opening

2. Managing Board Report for the year ended December 31, 2009 (Fiscal Year 2009)

3. Supervisory Board Report on the Company s Annual Accounts (the Annual Accounts) for Fiscal Year 2009

4. Corporate Governance

5. Adoption of the Annual Accounts for Fiscal Year 2009 (voting item)

6. Reservation and dividend policy

7. Discharge from liability of the Managing Directors for the performance of their duties during Fiscal Year 2009 (voting item)

8. Discharge from liability of the Supervisory Directors for the performance of their duties during Fiscal Year 2009 (voting item)

9. Reappointment of the following six Supervisory Directors of the Company for a term ending on the date of the Annual General Meeting in 2011 (voting items)

    a. Prof. Dr. Detlev Riesner

    b. Dr. Werner Brandt

    c. Dr. Metin Colpan

d. Mr. Erik Hornnaess

e. Prof. Dr. Manfred Karobath

f. Mr. Heino von Prondzynski

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10. Reappointment of the following four Managing Directors of the Company for a term ending on the date of the Annual General Meeting in 2011 (voting items)

    a. Mr. Peer Schatz

    b. Mr. Roland Sackers

    c. Dr. Joachim Schorr

    d. Mr. Bernd Uder

11. Reappointment of Ernst & Young Accountants as auditors of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010 (voting item)

12. Authorization of the Managing Board, until December 30, 2011, to acquire shares in the Company s own share capital (voting item)

13. Questions

14. Closing

Copies of the Annual Accounts for Fiscal Year 2009, the reports of the Supervisory Board and the Managing Board, the list of binding nominees for reappointment to the Supervisory Board and the Managing Board and the information referred to under Section 2:142 subsection 3 Dutch Civil Code can be obtained free of charge by shareholders and other persons entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting at the offices of the Company at Spoorstraat 50, 5911 KJ Venlo, The Netherlands, and at the offices of American Stock Transfer and Trust Company at 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11219, United States of America, until the close of the Annual General Meeting and through the Company s website (www.qiagen.com).

A proxy statement, together with an attendance form and form of proxy, has been mailed to registered shareholders on or about May 28, 2010. Registered shareholders wishing to exercise their shareholder rights in person are obliged to complete, sign and send the attendance form, such that the attendance form will be received by no later than 5 p.m. New York time on June 23, 2010 at the offices of American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11219, United States of America.

Registered shareholders wishing to exercise their shareholder rights by proxy, are obliged to complete, sign and send the proxy card, such that the proxy card will be received by no later than 5 p.m. New York time on June 25, 2010 at the offices of American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11219, United States of America. Registered shareholders may only exercise their shareholders rights for the shares registered in their name on the day of the meeting.

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Registered holders of type II shares, as referred to in article 8.3 (ii) of the Company s Articles of Association, are requested to state the serial number of the share certificates on the attendance form or proxy card.

The Company will send a card of admission to registered shareholders that have properly notified the Company of their intention to attend the Annual General Meeting.

As in prior years the official language of the Annual General Meeting shall be the English language.

The Managing Board

Venlo, The Netherlands

May 28, 2010

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DEAR SHAREHOLDER:

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of QIAGEN N.V. (the Company) to be held on Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at 10:30 a.m., local time, at Maaspoort, Oude Markt 30, 5911 HH Venlo, The Netherlands.

We have attached a Notice of Annual General Meeting, including the agenda and Explanatory Notes thereto, and enclosed an attendance form and proxy card for use in connection with the meeting.

We hope that you will be able to attend the Annual General Meeting. If you plan to do so, please complete and sign the enclosed attendance form and return it to American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, as specified thereon. We will then add your name to the admission list for the meeting and forward to you an entrance-ticket for the meeting. *The signed attendance form must be returned no later than 5 p.m. (New York time) on June 23, 2010 in order for you to attend the meeting.*

Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual General Meeting, it is important that your shares are represented. Therefore, please complete, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card promptly in the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage if mailed in the United States. *The proxy card must be received no later than 5 p.m. (New York time) on June 25, 2010 for your vote to count.* This will ensure your proper representation at the Annual General Meeting. If you attend the Annual General Meeting, you may vote in person if you wish, even if you have previously returned your proxy.

Sincerely,

/s/ Peer M. Schatz

PEER M. SCHATZ

Managing Director

Venlo, The Netherlands

May 28, 2010

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR ATTENDANCE FORM OR PROXY CARD PROMPTLY.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD JUNE 30, 2010

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (the Annual General Meeting) of QIAGEN N.V. (the Company), a public limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of The Netherlands, will be held on Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at 10:30 a.m., local time, at Maaspoort, Oude Markt 30, 5911 HH Venlo, The Netherlands.

The agenda of the Annual General Meeting of the Company, containing proposals of the Managing Board and the Supervisory Board of the Company, reads as follows:

1. Opening;

2. Managing Board Report for the year ended December 31, 2009 (Fiscal Year 2009);

3. Supervisory Board Report on the Company s Annual Accounts (the Annual Accounts) for Fiscal Year 2009;

4. Corporate governance;

5. Adoption of the Annual Accounts for Fiscal Year 2009 (voting item);

6. Reservation and dividend policy;

7. Discharge from liability of the Managing Directors for the performance of their duties during Fiscal Year 2009 (voting item);

8. Discharge from liability of the Supervisory Directors for the performance of their duties during Fiscal Year 2009 (voting item);

9. Reappointment of the following six Supervisory Directors of the Company for a term ending on the date of the Annual General Meeting in 2011 (voting items):

a. Prof. Dr. Detlev Riesner;

b. Dr. Werner Brandt;

c. Dr. Metin Colpan;

d. Mr. Erik Hornnaess;

e. Prof. Dr. Manfred Karobath;

f. Mr. Heino von Prondzynski;

10. Reappointment of the following four Managing Directors of the Company for a term ending on the date of the Annual General Meeting in 2011 (voting items):

a. Mr. Peer Schatz;

b. Mr. Roland Sackers;

c. Dr. Joachim Schorr;

d. Mr. Bernd Uder;

11. Reappointment of Ernst & Young Accountants as auditors of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010 (voting item);

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12. Authorization of the Managing Board, until December 30, 2011, to acquire shares in the Company s own share capital (voting item);

13. Questions;

14. Closing.

Under the Articles of Association of the Company and Dutch law, copies of the Annual Accounts for Fiscal Year 2009, the reports of the Supervisory Board and the Managing Board, the list and biographies of binding nominees for election to the Supervisory Board and the Managing Board and the information sent to the holders of registered shares can be obtained free of charge by shareholders and other persons entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting at the offices of the Company at Spoorstraat 50, 5911 KJ Venlo, The Netherlands, and at the offices of American Stock Transfer and Trust Company at 6201 15 th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11219, United States of America, until the close of the Annual General Meeting.

In an effort to reduce our cost of printing and mailing documents for the Annual General Meeting and to exhibit environmentally responsible conduct, we are not mailing paper copies of our 2009 Annual Report to our shareholders. **The 2009 Annual Report, which provides additional information regarding our 2009 financial results, and copies of the Notice of Annual General Meeting, including the agenda and Explanatory Notes thereto, and Annual Accounts for Fiscal Year 2009 can be accessed over the Internet at the Investor Relations section of our website, *www.qiagen.com*. Printed copies of the 2009 Annual Report can also be obtained free of charge by shareholders and other persons entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting by contacting PrecisionIR Group, 601 Moorefield Park Drive, Richmond, VA 23236, United States of America, Phone number: +1-888-400-7789, Internet link: http://hqus.ar.wilink.com/?link=EU007919, until the close of the Annual General Meeting.**

The Supervisory Board has fixed the close of business on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 as the notional record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of the Annual General Meeting. *However, in accordance with Dutch law, only holders of record of the Common Shares on the date of the Annual General Meeting are entitled to vote at the meeting or by proxy*.

All shareholders are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting. If you plan to do so, please complete and sign the enclosed attendance form and return it as specified thereon. We will then add your name to the admission list for the meeting and forward to you an entrance-ticket for the Annual General Meeting.

Whether you plan to attend the Annual General Meeting or not, you are requested to complete, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card as soon as possible in accordance with the instructions on the card. A pre-addressed, postage prepaid return envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

By Order of the Managing Board

/s/ Peer M. Schatz

PEER M. SCHATZ

Managing Director

Venlo, The Netherlands

May 28, 2010

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

EXPLANATORY NOTES TO AGENDA

I. ***General***

The enclosed proxy card and the accompanying Notice of Annual General Meeting of Shareholders and agenda are being mailed to shareholders of QIAGEN N.V. (the Company) in connection with the solicitation by the Company of proxies for use at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company to be held on Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at 10:30 a.m., local time, at Maaspoort, Oude Markt 30, 5911 HH Venlo, The Netherlands. These proxy solicitation materials were mailed on or about May 28, 2010 to all holders of record of registered shares as of Wednesday, May 12, 2010.

Under the Articles of Association of the Company and Dutch law, copies of the Annual Accounts for the year ended December 31, 2009 (Fiscal Year 2009), the reports of the Supervisory Board and the Managing Board and the list and biographies of binding nominees for election to the Supervisory Board and the Managing Board can be obtained free of charge by shareholders and other persons entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting at the offices of the Company at Spoorstraat 50, 5911 KJ Venlo, The Netherlands, and at the offices of American Stock Transfer and Trust Company at 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11219, United States of America, until the close of the Annual General Meeting.

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The reasonable cost of soliciting proxies, including expenses in connection with preparing and mailing the proxy solicitation materials, will be borne by the Company. In addition, the Company will reimburse brokerage firms and other persons representing beneficial owners of Common Shares for their expenses in forwarding proxy materials to such beneficial owners. Solicitation of proxies by mail may be supplemented by telephone, telegram, telex and personal solicitation by directors, officers or employees of the Company. No additional compensation will be paid for such solicitation.

The Company is not subject to the proxy solicitation rules contained in Regulation 14A promulgated under the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

II. ***Voting and Solicitation***

In order to attend, address and vote at the Annual General Meeting, or vote by proxy, holders of record of registered shares are requested to advise the Company in writing in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Notice of Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. *In accordance with Dutch law, only holders of record of the Common Shares on the date of the Annual General Meeting are entitled to vote at the meeting or by proxy*.

As of May 12, 2010, there were 232,467,683 Common Shares outstanding. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each Common Share held. Proposals presented to the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting shall be validly adopted if adopted by a simple majority of the votes cast at the Annual General Meeting.

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Any proxy given pursuant to this solicitation may be revoked by the person giving it at any time before its use by delivery to the Company of a written notice of revocation or a duly executed proxy bearing a later date. Any shareholder who has executed a proxy but is present at the Annual General Meeting, and who wishes to vote in person, may do so by revoking his or her proxy as described in the preceding sentence. Mere attendance at the Annual General Meeting will not serve to revoke a proxy. Shares represented by valid proxies received in time for use at the Annual General Meeting and not revoked at or prior to the Annual General Meeting, will be voted at the Annual General Meeting.

III. ***Explanatory Notes to Agenda Items***

Explanatory Note to Items 2, 3, 4 and 5 Adoption of the Annual Accounts

The shareholders of the Company are being asked to adopt the Annual Accounts for Fiscal Year 2009. The Annual Report and the Annual Accounts have been prepared by the Managing Board and approved by the Supervisory Board of the Company.

As described at the Annual General Meeting held in 2004, on December 9, 2003, the Dutch Corporate Governance Committee published the Dutch Corporate Governance Code containing the principles of good corporate governance and best practice provisions. In December 2009, the Dutch legislature adopted a revised Dutch Corporate Governance Code (the Code). The Code includes general principles and specific best practice provisions to be observed by Dutch listed companies, including their managing board members and supervisory board members, and their shareholders in relation to one another. In accordance with the Code, Item 4 of the agenda provides for consideration by the shareholders of the Company s overall corporate governance structure and compliance with the Code, as described in the Corporate Governance Report included in the 2009 Annual Report. Please review the Company s Corporate Governance Report included in the 2009 Annual Report for further information.

Under the Articles of Association of the Company and Dutch law, copies of the Annual Accounts for Fiscal Year 2009 and the reports of the Supervisory Board and the Managing Board can be obtained free of charge by shareholders and other persons entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting at the offices of the Company at Spoorstraat 50, 5911 KJ Venlo, The Netherlands, and at the offices of American Stock Transfer and Trust Company at 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11219, United States of America, until the close of the Annual General Meeting.

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Explanatory Note to Item 6 Reservation and Dividend Policy

The Company s reservation and dividend policy is to retain the profits by way of reserve, as is common among fast growing companies with significant future expansion potential in rapidly developing fields. Consequently, the Company will not pay a dividend to the shareholders out of the Fiscal Year 2009 profits. This policy benefits our shareholders by increasing share value, and the Company believes that this policy is aligned with shareholders taxation preferences.

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Explanatory Note to Items 7 and 8 Discharge from Liability of the Managing Directors and the Supervisory Directors

Under Dutch law, the adoption of the Annual Accounts does not automatically discharge the members of the Managing Board and the Supervisory Board from liability for the performance of their duties during Fiscal Year 2009. The grant of such discharge from liability is typical for Dutch companies, and its approval is commonly included on the agenda for annual general meetings. The shareholders of the Company are being asked to approve a discharge from liability of the members of the Managing Board and the Supervisory Board for the performance of their duties during Fiscal Year 2009. The performance of the members of the Managing Board and the Supervisory Board is evidenced by the performance of the Company during Fiscal Year 2009, as described in the 2009 Annual Report and the 2009 Annual Accounts or as otherwise disclosed to the General Meeting of Shareholders.

THE SUPERVISORY BOARD AND THE MANAGING BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMEND A VOTE FOR THESE ITEMS. THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOR THEREOF UNLESS INSTRUCTIONS ARE OTHERWISE PROVIDED.

Explanatory Note to Items 9 and 10 Reappointment of the Supervisory Directors and the Managing Directors

The Supervisory Board and the Managing Board acting together at a joint meeting (the Joint Meeting) resolved to make a binding nomination for the re-election of all current members of the Supervisory Board and all current members of the Managing Board.

The Supervisory Board consists of such number of members, with a minimum of three members, as the Joint Meeting thereof may determine. The Supervisory Board presently consists of six members. The Supervisory Directors are elected by a vote of the shareholders of the Company at the Annual General Meeting, subject to the authority of the Supervisory Board to appoint up to one-third of its members if vacancies occur during a fiscal year. The Managing Board has one or more members as determined by the Supervisory Board. The Managing Board presently consists of four members. Managing Directors are appointed by a vote of the shareholders of the Company at the Annual General Meeting. The Supervisory Board and the Managing Board at the Joint Meeting may make a binding nomination to fill each vacancy on the Supervisory Board and Managing Board. At the Annual General Meeting, the shareholders may overrule the binding nature of a nomination by resolution adopted with a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes cast, if such majority represents more than half the issued share capital. Our shareholders vote for each nominee for appointment to our Supervisory Board and Managing Board individually.

Supervisory Directors and Managing Directors are appointed annually for a period beginning on the date following the Annual General Meeting up to and including the date of the Annual General Meeting held in the following fiscal year.

By unanimous written consent dated May 3, 2010, the Joint Meeting resolved to make a binding nomination for six members of the Supervisory Board and four members of the Managing Board. The six binding nominees for election to the Supervisory Board positions are as follows, each nominee listed under a below has been proposed for re-election:

Nominations for position no. 1: a. Prof. Dr. Detlev H. Riesner and b. Dr. Werner Brandt;

Nominations for position no. 2: a. Dr. Werner Brandt and b. Dr. Metin Colpan;

Nominations for position no. 3: a. Dr. Metin Colpan and b. Mr. Erik Hornnaess;

Nominations for position no. 4: a. Mr. Erik Hornnaess and b. Prof. Dr. Manfred Karobath;

Nominations for position no. 5: a. Prof. Dr. Manfred Karobath and b. Mr. Heino von Prondzynski; and

Nominations for position no. 6: a. Mr. Heino von Prondzynski and b. Prof. Dr. Carsten P. Claussen.

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The Supervisory Board believes that these nominees meet the criteria for Supervisory Board positions, as approved by the Supervisory Board and set forth on the Company s website, and that they will continue to make significant contributions to the Supervisory Board.

The binding nominations for each of the four Managing Board positions are as follows, each nominee listed under a below has been proposed for re-election:

Nominations for position no. 1: a. Mr. Peer M. Schatz and b. Mr. Roland Sackers;

Nominations for position no. 2: a. Mr. Roland Sackers and b. Dr. Joachim Schorr;

Nominations for position no. 3: a. Dr. Joachim Schorr and b. Mr. Bernd Uder; and

Nominations for position no. 4: a. Mr. Bernd Uder and b. Ms. Birgit Bergfried.

The following is a brief summary of the background of each of the Supervisory Director and Managing Director nominees. References to QIAGEN and the Company in relation to periods prior to April 29, 1996 mean QIAGEN GmbH and its consolidated subsidiaries:

Peer M. Schatz, 44, joined the Company in 1993 and has been Chief Executive Officer since January 1, 2004. Between 1993 and 2003, he was Chief Financial Officer and became a member of the Managing Board in 1998. Mr. Schatz was previously a partner in a private management buyout group in Switzerland and worked in finance and systems positions in Sandoz, Ltd. and Computerland AG, as well as in finance, operations, management and sales positions in various start-up companies in the computer and software trading industry in Europe and the United States. Mr. Schatz graduated from the University of St. Gall, Switzerland, with a Master s degree in Finance in 1989 and obtained an M.B.A. in Finance from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business in 1991. Until 2008, Mr. Schatz was a member of the Supervisory Board of Evotec AG. He serves as a member of the Managing Board of PMS Asset Management GmbH. Mr. Schatz also serves as a member of the German Corporate Governance Commission.

Roland Sackers, 41, joined the Company in 1999 as Vice President Finance and has been Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Managing Director since 2004. In 2006, Mr. Sackers became a member of the Managing Board. Between 1995 and 1999, he served as an auditor with Arthur Andersen Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft Steuerberatungsgesellschaft. Mr. Sackers graduated from the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, Germany with an M.B.A. Until 2006, he was a member of the Supervisory Board and Audit Committee of IBS AG. Until December 2007, Mr. Sackers was also a member of the Board of Directors of Operon Biotechnologies, Inc. Mr. Sackers is QIAGEN s representative observer on the Board of Eurofins Genomics BV and is a Board member of the industry association BIO Deutschland.

Dr. Joachim Schorr, 49, joined the Company in 1992 and has been Senior Vice President Research & Development since January 1, 2004. He became a member of the Managing Board in 2004. Initially, Dr. Schorr served the Company as Project Manager and later had responsibilities as Business Unit Manager. In 1999, Dr. Schorr became Vice President Research & Development with the responsibility for the world-wide QIAGEN R&D activities. Before joining QIAGEN, Dr. Schorr worked for the pharmaceutical company Hoechst AG on the development of oral malaria vaccines and was awarded with the IHK research award in 1991. Dr. Schorr holds a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology and Virology from the University of Cologne. Dr. Schorr is a co-founder of Coley Pharmaceuticals, EnPharma Pharmaceuticals and QBM Cell Sciences and is currently a member of the Supervisory Board of QBM Cell Sciences.

Bernd Uder, 52, joined the Company in 2001 as Vice President Sales & Marketing and became a member of the Managing Board and Senior Vice President Sales & Marketing in 2004. In 2005, Mr. Uder became Senior Vice President Global Sales and Service Solutions. Before joining the Company, Mr. Uder gained wide experience in building up and coordinating world-wide distribution networks as Vice President European Biolab Sales & Marketing with Pharmacia and Vice President global e-business with Amersham Pharmacia Biotech.

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Professor Dr. Detlev H. Riesner, 68, is a co-founder of the Company. He has been a member of the Supervisory Board since 1996 and was appointed Chairman of the Supervisory Board in 1999, and in 2005, he was also appointed Chairman of the Selection and Appointment Committee. Professor Riesner has held the Chair of Biophysics at the Heinrich-Heine-University in Düsseldorf since 1980 and retired in 2006. He has held the position of Dean of the Science Faculty (1991-92), Vice President of the University (Research) (1996-99) and Director of Technology (1999-2006). In 2007, he became a member of the University s board of trustees. Prior to that, he was Professor of Biophysical Chemistry at the Darmstadt Institute of Technology and, from 1975 to 1977, Lecturer of Biophysical Chemistry at Hannover Medical School. He has held guest professorships at the Institute of Microbiology, Academia Sinica, Beijing, and the Department of Neurology at the University of California, San Francisco. He received his M.S. in Physics from Hannover Institute of Technology and his Ph.D. from the University of Braunschweig, with post-graduate work at Princeton University. Professor Riesner is either a member of the Supervisory Board or a director of AC Immune S.A., Lausanne, Spinal Cord Therapeutics (former Neuraxo) GmbH, Erkrath, Evocatal GmbH, Düsseldorf and DRK Blutspendedienst West gGmbH, Hagen. His memberships in the advisory boards of NewLab Bioquality AG and Direvo AG ended when the companies were sold in 2006. Professor Riesner is also a member of the scientific advisory boards of the Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut, Isle of Riems, PrioNet, Canada, and Alberta Prion Research Institute, Canada.

Dr. Werner Brandt, 56, joined the Company s Supervisory Board in 2007. In the same year, he was appointed Chairman of the Audit Committee. Dr. Brandt has been a member of the Executive Board and the Chief Financial Officer of SAP AG since 2001. From 1999 to 2001, he was a member of the Executive Board and Chief Financial Officer of the German-American healthcare company, Fresenius Medical Care AG, where he also served as Labor Relations Director. From 1992 to 1999, Dr. Brandt was a member of the Managing Board of Baxter Deutschland GmbH and Vice President for European Operations. In this capacity, he was responsible for Baxter s financial operations in Europe. Dr. Brandt began his career in 1981 at the former Price Waterhouse GmbH (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) in Frankfurt. Dr. Brandt completed his Doctorate in business administration from the Technical University of Darmstadt, Germany in 1991, after studying business administration at the University of Nuremberg-Erlangen, Germany from 1976 to 1981. Dr. Brandt is currently a member of the Supervisory Boards of Deutsche Lufthansa AG and Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG.

Dr. Metin Colpan, 55, is a co-founder of the Company and was Chief Executive Officer and a Managing Director from 1985 through 2003. Dr. Colpan has been a member of the Supervisory Board since 2004. Dr. Colpan obtained his Ph.D. and M.S. in Organic Chemistry and Chemical Engineering from the Darmstadt Institute of Technology in 1983. Prior to founding QIAGEN, Dr. Colpan was an Assistant Investigator at the Institute for Biophysics at the University of Düsseldorf. Dr. Colpan has had wide experience in separation techniques, and in the separation and purification of nucleic acids in particular, and has filed many patents in the field. Dr. Colpan currently serves as a Supervisory Board member of Morphosys AG, Munich, Germany and Qalovis Farmer Automatic Energy GmbH, Laer, Germany. Dr. Colpan previously served as a Supervisory Board member of Ingenium Pharmaceuticals AG, GenPat77 Pharmacogenetics AG and GPC Biotech AG, each in Munich, Germany.

Erik Hornnaess, 72, has been a member of the Supervisory Board since 1998. He joined the Audit Committee in 2002, the Compensation Committee in 2005 and the Selection and Appointment Committee in 2007. He was appointed Deputy Chairman of the Supervisory Board in 2007. Mr. Hornnaess worked for Astra Pharmaceuticals, Sweden from 1965 until 1979 in various management positions in Sweden, Australia, and Canada and, for the last three years of this period, as the General Manager for the Benelux region (Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg). In 1979, he joined Abbott Laboratories European Headquarters in Paris, France, and from 1982, he was the Area Vice-President of Abbott Diagnostic Division in Europe, Middle-East and Africa, with headquarters in Wiesbaden, Germany. Mr. Hornnaess retired from Abbott Laboratories on March 1, 1997 and currently serves as non-executive director of AXIS-SHIELDS Group, Scotland. Additionally, Mr. Hornnaess served as the Vice-President of European Diagnostic Manufacturers Association (EDMA), Brussels in the period 1995 through 1997. Mr. Hornnaess graduated from Aarhus Handelshojskole, Denmark with an M.B.A. and obtained a P.M.D. from the Harvard Business School.

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Professor Dr. Manfred Karobath, 69, has been a member of the Supervisory Board since 2000 and joined the Compensation Committee in 2005. Prof. Dr. Karobath studied medicine, and from 1967 to 1980, he worked first in the Dept. of Biochemistry of the University of Vienna and, after a stage as postdoctoral fellow, he joined the Dept. of Psychiatry where he became Professor of Biological Psychiatry. In 1980, he joined Sandoz Pharma in Basel, first, in drug discovery, and later, he became Senior Vice President and head of R&D. In 1992, Prof. Dr. Karobath joined Rhone Poulenc Rorer (RPR) as President of R&D and Executive Vice President, and later, he became a member of the boards of directors of RPR, Pasteur Mérieux Connought, Centeon and Rhone Poulenc Pharma. He has received several scientific awards and has published 92 scientific papers.

Heino von Prondzynski, 60, joined the Company s Supervisory Board as well as the Audit Committee in 2007. Mr. von Prondzynski retired in 2005 from Roche where he served as Chief Executive Officer of Roche Diagnostics and a member of the Executive Committee of the Roche Group. Prior to joining Roche in 2000, Mr. von Prondzynski worked at Chiron, first as General Manager and Chief Executive Officer in Germany and Italy, later as President of the Vaccines Division in Emeryville, USA. Mr. von Prondzynski started his career with Bayer in Germany as a sales representative and later worked in Austria and Brazil as General Manager. He studied mathematics, geography and history at Westfälische Wilhelms University of Münster in Germany. Mr. von Prondzynski is a director of Koninklijke Philips Electronics NV, CARIDIAN BCT and Hospira, Inc., and Chairman of Nobel Biocare Holding AG and HTL Strefa. Mr. von Prondzynski was previously a director of Epigenomics AG.

Professor Dr. jur. Carsten P. Claussen, 82, was Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Company from 1988 to June 1999 and was appointed as a Special Advisor and Honorary Chairman in 1999. This position is not required by Dutch law and Professor Claussen is no longer a voting member of the Supervisory Board. For many years he has pursued a career in private banking. Between 1976 and 1987, Professor Claussen was a member of the executive board of Norddeutsche Landesbank, Hannover, and Chairman of the Hannover Stock Exchange. Since 1987, he has been a lawyer in Düsseldorf and senior advisor to IKB Deutsche Industriekreditbank, Düsseldorf. At present he is a partner in the law firm of Hoffman Liebs Fritsch and Partner and specializes in corporate law and capital market transactions. He is Chairman of the Board of Flossbach & v. Storch Vermögensmanagement AG, Cologne and WAS Worldwide Analytical Systems AG, Kleve and is a member of other boards. Professor Claussen received his Ph.D. in law from the University of Cologne.

Birgit Bergfried, 44, joined the Company in 1997 as Managing Administrator. Ms. Bergfried holds a degree in Economics from the University of Applied Sciences in Aachen.

Information concerning the ownership of Common Shares of each nominee to the Supervisory Board can be obtained free of charge by shareholders and other persons entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting at the offices of the Company at Spoorstraat 50, 5911 KJ Venlo, The Netherlands, and at the offices of American Stock Transfer and Trust Company at 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11219, United States of America, until the close of the Annual General Meeting.

THE SUPERVISORY BOARD AND THE MANAGING BOARD ACTING TOGETHER AT THE JOINT MEETING UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMEND THE REAPPOINTMENT OF EACH PROPOSED NOMINEE TO THE SUPERVISORY BOARD AND THE MANAGING BOARD. EACH NOMINEE LISTED UNDER A IN THE NOMINATIONS ABOVE HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR REAPPOINTMENT. THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOR THEREOF UNLESS INSTRUCTIONS ARE OTHERWISE PROVIDED.

Explanatory Note to Item 11 Reappointment of Auditors

On May 3, 2010, the Supervisory Board approved a resolution to propose to the shareholders of the Company at the Annual General Meeting, and hereby does so propose, the reappointment of Ernst & Young Accountants to audit the financial statements of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010. Ernst & Young Accountants audited the Company s financial statements for Fiscal Year 2009.

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THE SUPERVISORY BOARD AND THE MANAGING BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMEND A VOTE FOR THIS ITEM. THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOR THEREOF UNLESS INSTRUCTIONS ARE OTHERWISE PROVIDED.

Explanatory Note to Item 12 Extension of Certain Powers of the Managing Board

Pursuant to Article 6 of the Company s Articles of Association, the Managing Board shall have the power to acquire shares in the Company s own share capital, if and in so far as the Managing Board has been designated by the General Meeting of Shareholders for this purpose. The grant of such power to the Managing Board is typical for Dutch companies, and its approval is commonly included by such companies on the agenda for annual general meetings.

On June 24, 2009, the Managing Board was authorized at the Annual General Meeting to exercise the powers set forth in the above paragraph, without limitation against a price between one Euro cent (Euro 0.01) and one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the average closing price of the Common Shares on the NASDAQ Global Select Market for the five trading days prior to the day of purchase or, with respect to preference and finance preference shares, against a price between one Euro cent (Euro 0.01) and three times the issuance price. This authorization is valid up to and including December 24, 2010. At the 2010 Annual General Meeting, the shareholders are being asked to extend this authorization up to and including December 30, 2011.

The purpose of this proposal is to give the Managing Board, subject to approval of the Supervisory Board, the flexibility, for a period of 18 months from the date of the 2010 Annual General Meeting, or until December 30, 2011, to acquire shares in the Company s own share capital for general corporate purposes. The shares may be acquired through the stock markets or otherwise, against a price between one Euro cent (Euro 0.01) and one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the average closing price of the Common Shares on the NASDAQ Global Select Market for the five trading days prior to the day of purchase or, with respect to preference and finance preference shares, against a price between one Euro cent (Euro 0.01) and three times the issuance price. The power to repurchase shares provides the Managing Board with flexibility and allows the Managing Board to return capital to the Company s shareholders by repurchasing shares. In addition to being a means to return value to shareholders, repurchases of shares in a company s own share capital could be used to streamline its investor base, demonstrate a commitment to the business and confidence in the long-term growth of a company, provide increased liquidity for investors and cover obligations under the Company s share-based compensation plans.

This proposal is made in accordance with the Company s Articles of Association and the provisions of Section 2:98 of the Dutch Civil Code. The Company s Articles of Association and the Dutch Civil Code allow for the authorization of the Managing Board to purchase a number of shares equal to up to 50% of the Company s issued share capital on the date of acquisition. However, we are asking our shareholders to authorize the Managing Board to acquire the number of shares up to a maximum of 10% of the Company s issued share capital on the date of acquisition, and provided that the Company or any subsidiary of the Company shall not hold more than 10% of the Company s issued share capital at any time.

THE SUPERVISORY BOARD AND THE MANAGING BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMEND A VOTE FOR THIS ITEM. THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOR THEREOF UNLESS INSTRUCTIONS ARE OTHERWISE PROVIDED.

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COMMITTEES OF THE SUPERVISORY BOARD, MEETINGS AND

SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Meeting Attendance. During Fiscal Year 2009, there were eight (8) meetings of the Supervisory Board, and the various committees of the Supervisory Board met a total of seventeen (17) times. No supervisory director attended fewer than 75% of the total number of meetings of the Supervisory Board and of committees of the Supervisory Board on which he served during Fiscal Year 2009. The Board has adopted a policy under which the Chairman of the Supervisory Board and all members of the Managing Board attend each Annual General Meeting of shareholders, and all other members of the Supervisory Board attend each Annual General Meeting if possible.

Committees of the Supervisory Board. The Supervisory Board has established an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Selection and Appointment Committee, which are comprised of the following members:

Name of Supervisory Director	Independent	Member of Audit Committee	Member of Compensation Committee	Member of Selection and Appointment Committee
Prof. Dr. Detlev Riesner	ü			ü (Chairman)
Dr. Werner Brandt	ü	ü (Chairman)		
Erik Hornnaess	ü	ü	ü (Chairman)	ü
Prof. Dr. Manfred Karobath	ü		ü	
Heino von Prondzynski	ü	ü		

We believe that all of our Supervisory Directors, except for Dr. Metin Colpan, meet the independence requirements set forth in the Marketplace Rules of the NASDAQ Stock Market. Pursuant to the NASDAQ Rules, a majority of the Supervisory Directors must qualify as independent, as defined in the Rules. In addition, pursuant to the Code, no more than one Supervisory Director could fail to qualify as independent, as defined in the Code. Presently, Dr. Colpan is not considered to be independent due to his former position as our Chief Executive Officer and member of our Managing Board. In addition, Dr. Colpan continues to provide scientific advisory services to the Company. Dr. Colpan does not serve on any committees of the Supervisory Board.

Audit Committee. The Audit Committee, which met seven (7) times in Fiscal Year 2009, operates pursuant to a charter approved by the Supervisory Board and available online at *www.qiagen.com*. The Audit Committee consists of three members, Dr. Brandt (Chairman), Mr. Hornnaess and Mr. von Prondzynski, and meets at least quarterly. The Audit Committee members are appointed by the Supervisory Board and serve for a term of one year. We believe that all members of our Audit Committee meet the independence requirements as set forth in Rule 10A-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the Marketplace Rules of the NASDAQ. The Audit Committee reviews major financial risk exposures, pre-approves related-party transactions, and reviews any legal matter that could have a significant impact on the Company s financial statements. Further, the Audit Committee is responsible for establishing complaint procedures, including those for confidential, anonymous submission by employees of concerns regarding the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters. The Audit Committee is also responsible together with the Managing Board for the proposal of the independent registered public accounting firm to the Supervisory Board, which proposes the appointment of the independent registered public accounting firm to the General Meeting of Shareholders. The independent registered public accounting firm audits the consolidated financial statements and certain local books and records of QIAGEN and its subsidiaries, and the Audit Committee is further responsible for pre-approving the fees for such services. Additionally, the Audit Committee reviews the performance of the independent registered public accounting firm with management,

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discussing on a quarterly basis the scope and results of the reviews and audits with the independent registered public accounting firm; discusses our financial accounting and reporting principles and policies and the adequacy of our internal accounting, financial and operating controls and procedures with the independent registered public accounting firm and management; considers and approves any recommendations regarding changes to our accounting policies and processes; reviews with management and the independent registered public accounting firm our quarterly earnings reports prior to their release to the press; and reviews the quarterly and annual reports (reported on Forms 6-K and 20-F) to be furnished to or filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Deutsche Boerse. The Board has designated Dr. Brandt as an audit committee financial expert as that term is defined in the United States Securities and Exchange Commission rules adopted pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee, which met ten (10) times in Fiscal Year 2009, operates pursuant to a charter approved by the Supervisory Board and available online at *www.qiagen.com*. The Compensation Committee consists of two members, Mr. Erik Hornnaess (Chairman) and Prof. Dr. Manfred Karobath. Members are appointed by the Supervisory Board and serve for a term of one year. We believe that all of the members of the Compensation Committee meet the independence requirements set forth in the Marketplace Rules of the NASDAQ. The Compensation Committee reviews and approves all equity-based compensation, reviews and approves the annual salaries, bonuses and other benefits of executive officers, and reviews general policies relating to employee compensation and benefits.

Selection and Appointment Committee. The Selection and Appointment Committee, which did not meet in Fiscal Year 2009, operates pursuant to a charter approved by the Supervisory Board and available online at *www.qiagen.com*. The current members of the Selection and Appointment Committee are Prof. Dr. Detlev H. Riesner (Chairman) and Mr. Erik Hornnaess. Members are appointed by the Supervisory Board and serve for a term of one year. The Selection and Appointment Committee prepares the selection criteria and appointment procedures for members of our Supervisory Board and Managing Board, periodically evaluates the scope and composition of the Managing Board and Supervisory Board and proposes the profile of the Supervisory Board in relation thereto. Additionally, the Committee periodically evaluates the functioning of individual members of the Managing Board and Supervisory Board and reports the results thereof to the Supervisory Board and proposes the (re-)appointments of members of our Managing Board and Supervisory Board. The Committee prepares and submits to the Supervisory Board on an annual basis a report of its deliberations and findings.

Shareholder Communications to the Board. Generally, shareholders who have questions or concerns should contact our Investor Relations department at +49-2103-29-11709. However, any shareholders who wish to address questions regarding our business directly with the Supervisory Board, or any individual Supervisory Director, should direct questions in writing to the Chairman of the Board, Prof. Dr. Detlev Riesner, at QIAGEN N.V., Spoorstraat 50, 5911 KJ Venlo, The Netherlands.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING COMPENSATION OF

MANAGING DIRECTORS

The objective of QIAGEN s remuneration policy is to achieve a total remuneration level, both short-term and long-term, that is comparable with levels provided by other European and United States companies of similar size and complexity in a similar industry. The level and structure of remuneration was determined in light of, among other things, the business and financial results, strategic position, share price performance and other developments relevant to QIAGEN. Independent external compensation surveys have been taken into account in determining the appropriate remuneration levels for the members of the Managing Board. Further, the Supervisory Board analyzed potential outcomes of the variable components of remuneration of the members of the Managing Board and considered the effect of these components on the total remuneration of the members of the Managing Board.

Compensation of the members of the Managing Board was within the compensation ranges set forth in the remuneration policy adopted by the General Meeting of Shareholders in 2005 and consisted of a fixed salary and other variable components. Variable compensation included one-time and annual payments linked to business performance (bonuses), as well as long-term incentives containing risk elements, such as stock options or other equity-based compensation, as well as pension plans. The variable part of the compensation was designed to strengthen the Managing Board members commitment to QIAGEN s objectives.

To ensure overall competitiveness of the remuneration provided to the Managing Board, the Compensation Committee assessed the remuneration levels of the Managing Board members against those at other companies of similar size and complexity in similar industries (biotechnology, life sciences supplies, diagnostics and pharmaceuticals) in Europe and the United States, and German companies listed on the MDAX and TecDAX.

Each annual bonus was determined in accordance with QIAGEN s global bonus scheme, which is applicable to management and certain employees of QIAGEN and its affiliates. Each bonus award was based on overall financial goals of QIAGEN, the individual performance of each Managing Board member and the performance of the department the respective Managing Board member is responsible for. Financial targets were based on net sales and operating income, adjusted for the impact of transactions, such as acquisitions. These targets were agreed upon by the Supervisory Board. Due to commercial and competitive considerations, QIAGEN does not publish the agreed upon targets. Bonus payments made to the members of the Managing Board are set forth in the first table below.

Members of the Managing Board are eligible to participate in a defined contribution benefit plan. They may also benefit from other non-cash compensation or benefit in kind. A typical example of such non-cash compensation is the use of a Company-owned car.

All members of the Managing Board participated in the defined contribution benefit plan, which is financed by conversion of the Managing Directors salaries and the employer s contribution. Generally, each plan participant is entitled to a one-time pension payment upon retirement after his 65th birthday. In the event of death prior to the age of 65, the invested funds are disbursed to the Managing Director s heirs. In the event that the Managing Director s service is terminated prior to his 65th birthday, the employee-financed part of the pension expectancy is paid out to the employee, and the employer-financed part is due to the employee only if the termination occurs after the fifth anniversary of the Managing Director s participation in the defined contribution benefit plan. The amount of the 2009 contribution to the defined contribution benefit plan for each Managing Director is set forth in the second table below.

Equity-based compensation for each Managing Director is detailed in the second and third tables below. In addition to non-qualified stock options, our Amended and Restated 2005 Stock Plan provides for grants of other equity-based awards, including incentive stock options, stock grants and restricted stock units. In 2009, members of the Managing Board were granted stock options to purchase 199,892 Common Shares and 642,559 restricted stock units, in the aggregate. Awards to each Managing Director are set forth in the second table below.

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The employment agreements between the Company and the Managing Board members have an indefinite term, but can be terminated by the Company with six months notice and by the Managing Directors with three months notice. All members of the Managing Board have additional employment agreements with QIAGEN affiliates with terms of employment ranging from 24 to 36 months. There are no arrangements for early retirement of the Managing Board members. In the event of a sale of the Company or a transfer of all or substantially all of the Company s assets or business to an acquirer in one or several transactions, including a merger, consolidation or a transfer of shares to a third party, each member of the Managing Board shall be entitled to receive a change of control bonus payment commensurate to a multiple of his then-current annual salary, including annual bonus, paid by the Company and QIAGEN affiliates in accordance with applicable employment agreements.

Year ended December 31, 2009	Annual Compensation			
Name	Fixed Salary	Variable Cash Bonus	Other (1)	Total
Peer M. Schatz	$ 1,220,000	$ 673,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,894,000
Roland Sackers	$ 520,000	$ 315,000	$ 41,000	$ 876,000
Dr. Joachim Schorr	$ 348,000	$ 184,000	$ 23,000	$ 555,000
Bernd Uder	$ 348,000	$ 183,000	$ 14,000	$ 545,000

(1) Amounts include, among others, inventor bonus and relocation costs. We also occasionally reimburse our Managing Directors personal expenses related to attending out-of-town meetings but not directly related to their attendance. The value of such reimbursed personal expenses is reported above as other . Amounts do not include the reimbursement of certain expenses relating to travel incurred at the request of QIAGEN, other reimbursements or payments that in total did not exceed $10,000 or tax amounts paid by the Company to tax authorities in order to avoid double-taxation under multi-tax jurisdiction employment agreements.

Managing Board members also receive a variable compensation component, in the form of equity-based awards. Stock options granted to the Managing Board members must have an exercise price that is higher than the market price of the Company s Common Shares at the time of grant. During 2009, members of the Managing Board were granted stock options to purchase 199,892 Common Shares and 642,559 restricted stock units, in the aggregate.

Year ended December 31, 2009	Long-Term Compensation		
Name	Defined Contribution Benefit Plan	Stock Options	Restricted Stock Units
Peer M. Schatz	$ 81,000	122,521	393,847
Roland Sackers	$ 73,000	40,115	128,949
Dr. Joachim Schorr	$ 26,000	19,088	61,360
Bernd Uder	$ 48,000	18,168	58,403

The following table sets forth the vested and unvested stock options and stock awards of our Managing Directors as of January 25, 2010:

Name	Total Vested Options	Total Unvested Options	Expiration Dates	Exercise Prices	Total Unvested Stock Awards
Peer M. Schatz	2,310,614	229,447	3/2011 to 2/2019	$ 4.590 to $22.430	843,430
Roland Sackers	86,231	62,541	3/2011 to 2/2019	$ 16.340 to $22.430	271,706
Dr. Joachim Schorr	111,706	35,451	10/2011 to 2/2019	$ 11.985 to $22.430	129,963
Bernd Uder	36,588	34,070	3/2011 to 2/2019	$ 16.340 to $22.430	125,362

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ATTENDANCE FORM TO: QIAGEN N.V.
c/o American Stock Transfer and Trust Company

6201 15th Avenue

Brooklyn, New York 11219

QIAGEN N.V.

Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

June 30, 2010

The undersigned, holder of _____ registered shares (with share certificate number _____ through _____) of QIAGEN N.V. (the Company), hereby notifies the Company that he/she/it wishes to attend and to exercise his/her/its shareholder rights at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company to be held on Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at 10:30 a.m., local time, at Maaspoort, Oude Markt 30, 5911 HH Venlo, The Netherlands, and requests that the Company add his/her/its name to the admission list for the Annual General Meeting.

The undersigned registered shareholder realizes that he/she/it can only exercise his/her/its shareholder rights for the shares registered in his/her/its name on the day of the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

In witness whereof the undersigned has duly executed this form/caused this form to be duly executed by its authorized officers at _____ this _____ day of _____, 2010.

(Signature of registered shareholder)

(Signature of registered shareholder)

(Print full name of registered shareholder(s))

If the shares are held jointly, each registered holder must sign. *Notification should be received no later than 5 p.m. (New York time) on June 23, 2010 at the offices of American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11219, United States of America .*

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF

QIAGEN N.V.

June 30, 2010

NOTICE OF INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIAL:

The Notice of Meeting, Proxy Statement, 2009 Annual Report

are available at www.qiagen.com/agm2010

Please mark, sign, date and

mail your proxy card in the

envelope provided as soon

as possible.

êPlease detach along perforated line and mail in the envelope provided.ê

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PLEASE MARK, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.

PLEASE MARK YOUR VOTE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS SHOWN HERE x

		FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
1.	Proposal to adopt the Annual Accounts for the year ended December 31, 2009 (Fiscal Year 2009).	··	··	··
2.	Proposal to discharge from liability the members of the Managing Board for the performance of their duties during Fiscal Year 2009.	··	··	··
3.	Proposal to discharge from liability the members of the Supervisory Board for the performance of their duties during Fiscal Year 2009.	··	··	··
4.	Election of Supervisory Directors			
	a. Prof. Dr. Detlev Riesner	··	··	··
	b. Dr. Werner Brandt	··	··	··
	c. Dr. Metin Colpan	··	··	··
	d. Mr. Erik Hornnaess	··	··	··

	e. Prof. Dr. Manfred Karobath	..	..	..

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		FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
	f. Mr. Heino von Prondzynski	..	..	..
5.	Election of Managing Directors			
	a. Mr. Peer Schatz	..	..	..
	b. Mr. Roland Sackers	..	..	..
	c. Dr. Joachim Schorr	..	..	..
	d. Mr. Bernd Uder	..	..	..
6.	Proposal to reappoint Ernst & Young Accountants as auditors of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010.	..	..	..
7.	Proposal to authorize the Managing Board, until December 30, 2011, to acquire shares in the Company s own share capital.	..	..	..

THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR AND IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSALS SET FORTH HEREIN UNLESS A CONTRARY SPECIFICATION IS MADE.

Signature of Shareholder Date: Signature of Shareholder Date:

Note: Please sign exactly as your name or names appear on this Proxy. When shares are held jointly, each holder should sign. When signing as executor, administrator, attorney, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If the person named on the stock certificate has died, please submit evidence of your authority. If the signer is a corporation, please sign full corporate name by a duly authorized officer, giving full title as such. If the ¢ signer is a partnership, please sign in partnership name by an authorized person. ¢

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QIAGEN N.V.

Proxy for Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

to be held June 30, 2010

THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF

THE MANAGING BOARD AND SUPERVISORY BOARD

THE UNDERSIGNED hereby appoints an independent attorney, Mr. Norbert Bröcker of Hoffmann Liebs Fritsch and Partner, and each attorney employed by Hoffmann Liebs Fritsch and Partner, or either of them individually and each of them with full power of substitution, as proxies to vote for and on behalf of the undersigned at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of QIAGEN N.V. (the Company) to be held on Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at 10:30 a.m., local time, at Maaspoort, Oude Markt 30, 5911 HH Venlo, The Netherlands, upon and with respect to all of the Common Shares of the Company to which the undersigned would be entitled to vote and act if personally present. The undersigned hereby directs the proxies to vote in accordance with their judgment on any matters which may properly come before the meeting, all as indicated in the Notice of the meeting, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and to act on the following voting matters set forth in such Notice as specified by the undersigned.

If no direction is given, this proxy will be voted FOR election of the Managing Directors and Supervisory Directors and FOR Proposals 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7.

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Voting Results of the 2010 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

QIAGEN s 2010 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (the Annual Meeting) was held on June 30, 2010. The following actions were taken at the Annual Meeting:

1. Proposal to adopt the Annual Accounts of QIAGEN N.V. (the Company) for the year ended December 31, 2009 (Fiscal Year 2009) was approved by a vote of 92,219,002 for versus 5,468 against. There were 44,986 abstentions.

2. Proposal to discharge from liability the Managing Directors for the performance of their duties during Fiscal Year 2009 was approved by a vote of 91,235,178 for versus 1,006,286 against. There were 27,992 abstentions.

3. Proposal to discharge from liability the Supervisory Directors for the performance of their duties during Fiscal Year 2009 was approved by a vote of 91,236,384 for versus 1,004,030 against. There were 29,042 abstentions.

4. a. Proposal to reappoint Prof. Dr. Detlev Riesner as a Supervisory Director of the Company for a term ending on the date of the Annual General Meeting in 2011 was approved by a vote of 90,541,802 for versus 1,714,949 against. There were 12,705 abstentions.

b. Proposal to reappoint Dr. Werner Brandt as a Supervisory Director of the Company for a term ending on the date of the Annual General Meeting in 2011 was approved by a vote of 86,788,551 for versus 5,470,240 against. There were 10,665 abstentions.

c. Proposal to reappoint Dr. Metin Colpan as a Supervisory Director of the Company for a term ending on the date of the Annual General Meeting in 2011 was approved by a vote of 84,878,020 for versus 7,382,081 against. There were 9,355 abstentions.

d. Proposal to reappoint Mr. Erik Hornnaess as a Supervisory Director of the Company for a term ending on the date of the Annual General Meeting in 2011 was approved by a vote of 89,444,854 for versus 2,629,232 against. There were 195,370 abstentions.

e. Proposal to reappoint Prof. Dr. Manfred Karobath as a Supervisory Director of the Company for a term ending on the date of the Annual General Meeting in 2011 was approved by a vote of 92,054,594 for versus 204,360 against. There were 10,502 abstentions.

f. Proposal to reappoint Mr. Heino von Prondzynski as a Supervisory Director of the Company for a term ending on the date of the Annual General Meeting in 2011 was approved by a vote of 91,967,115 for versus 291,499 against. There were 10,842 abstentions.

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5. a. Proposal to reappoint Mr. Peer Schatz as a Managing Director of the Company for a term ending on the date of the Annual General Meeting in 2011 was approved by a vote of 91,825,315 for versus 165,886 against. There were 278,255 abstentions.

b. Proposal to reappoint Mr. Roland Sackers as a Managing Director of the Company for a term ending on the date of the Annual General Meeting in 2011 was approved by a vote of 91,815,587 for versus 174,954 against. There were 278,915 abstentions.

c. Proposal to reappoint Dr. Joachim Schorr as a Managing Director of the Company for a term ending on the date of the Annual General Meeting in 2011 was approved by a vote of 91,829,583 for versus 161,908 against. There were 277,965 abstentions.

d. Proposal to reappoint Mr. Bernd Uder as a Managing Director of the Company for a term ending on the date of the Annual General Meeting in 2011 was approved by a vote of 91,823,144 for versus 168,347 against. There were 277,965 abstentions.

6. Proposal to reappoint Ernst & Young Accountants as auditors of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010 was approved by a vote of 92,047,177 for versus 216,294 against. There were 5,985 abstentions.

7. Proposal to authorize the Managing Board to acquire shares in the Company s own share capital until December 30, 2011 was approved by a vote of 91,605,996 for versus 389,500 against. There were 273,960 abstentions.

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Consolidated Statements of Income Data

Years ended December 31

$1,000 except per share data	**2009**	**2008**	**2007**	**2006**	**2005**
Net sales	1,009,825	892,975	649,774	465,778	398,395
Cost of sales	342,752	293,285	216,227	147,303	126,513
Gross profit	**667,073**	**599,690**	**433,547**	**318,475**	**271,882**
Operating expenses					
Research and development	107,900	97,331	64,935	41,560	35,780
Sales and marketing	244,814	227,408	164,690	115,942	94,312
General and administrative, integration and other costs	115,933	113,936	87,178	56,087	43,336
Acquisition related intangible amortization	18,221	14,368	7,711	2,085	378
Purchased in-process research and development		985	25,900	2,200	3,239
Total operating expenses	**486,868**	**454,028**	**350,414**	**217,874**	**177,045**
Income from operations	**180,205**	**145,662**	**83,133**	**100,601**	**94,837**
Other income (expense), net	**(7,875)**	**(26,376)**	**(7,407)**	**5,467**	**2,427**
Income before provision for income taxes and noncontrolling interest	172,330	119,286	75,726	106,068	97,264
Provision for income taxes	34,563	29,762	25,555	35,529	35,039
Net income	**137,767**	**89,524**	**50,171**	**70,539**	**62,225**
Less: Noncontrolling interest		491	49		
Net income attributable to QIAGEN N .V.	**137,767**	**89,033**	**50,122**	**70,539**	**62,225**
Basic net income attributable to QIAGEN N .V. Common Share[1]	**0.67**	**0.45**	**0.30**	**0.47**	**0.42**
Diluted net income attributable to QIAGEN N .V. per Common Share[1]	**0.64**	**0.44**	**0.28**	**0.46**	**0.41**
Number of shares					
Weighted average number of Common Shares used to compute basic net income per Common Share	206,928	196,804	168,457	149,504	147,837
Weighted average number of Common Shares used to compute diluted net income per Common Share	213,612	204,259	175,959	153,517	150,172

[1] See Note 3 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Form 20-F enclosed with this Annual Report for the computation of the weighted average number of Common Shares.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Data

Years ended December 31

$1,000	**2009**	**2008**	**2007**	**2006**	**2005**
Cash and cash equivalents	825,557	333,313	347,320	430,357	191,700

Working capital	957,940	441,180	482,215	566,660	278,586
Total assets	3,796,464	2,885,323	2,775,174	1,212,012	765,298
Total long-term liabilities, including current portion	1,183,182	1,197,088	1,220,084	536,738	230,086
Total shareholders equity	2,291,169	1,453,844	1,391,575	566,165	450,457

Number of shares

Shares outstanding	232,074	197,839	195,335	150,168	148,456

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Net sales

Net income, adjusted

Excluding acquisition, business integration and related charges as well as amortization of acquired IP and equity-based compensation (SFAS 123R) of US$7.0 million in 2005, US$14.8 million in 2006, US$61.4 million in 2007, US$74.3 million in 2008 and US$61.8 million in 2009.

Diluted earnings per share, adjusted

Excluding acquisition, business integration and related charges as well as amortization of acquired IP and equity-based compensation (SFAS 123R) of US$0.05 in 2005, US$0.10 in 2006, US$0.35 in 2007, US$0.36 per share in 2008 and US$0.29 per share in 2009.

$1,000 **$1,000** **$ per share**

CAGR = compound annual growth rate

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows Data

Years ended December 31

$1,000	**2009**	**2008**	**2007**	**2006**	**2005**
Net income	137,767	89,033	50,122	70,539	62,225
Net Cash provided by operations	216,995	172,998	84,811	101,479	91,237
Net Cash used in investing activities	(341,744)	(210,518)	(659,671)	(165,472)	(98,501)
Net Cash provided by financing activities	629,198	12,769	494,054	303,160	2,955
Cash and Cash equivalents beginning of the year	333,313	347,320	430,357	191,700	196,375
Cash and Cash equivalents end of year	825,557	333,313	347,320	430,357	191,700
Depreciation and amortization	120,394	105,704	62,583	30,038	24,955
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	52,179	39,448	34,492	28,995	13,728
$ per share					
Cash EPS (operating CF/diluted shares)	1.02	0.85	0.48	0.66	0.61
$1,000					
Free Cash flow (Net Cash provided by operations less capital expenditures)	164,816	133,550	50,319	72,484	77,509

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Accelerating into a new dimension

QIAGEN is the world s leading provider of Sample & Assay Technologies tools that enable handling, processing and preparation as well as the molecular analysis of any molecule in a biological sample.

QIAGEN s products allow its customers to build on reliable and optimized platform technologies for use in routine applications in molecular diagnostics and applied testing markets, to develop innovative therapies and enhance success in the pharmaceutical industry and to create breakthroughs in life science research. We strive to contribute to making improvements in life possible.

QIAGEN s commitment to its markets, customers and patients drives its leadership in all areas where Sample & Assay Technologies are required. By extending its market and technology leadership and its expertise in providing technologies that can be leveraged across and adopted in all markets it serves, QIAGEN paves the way for accelerating into a new dimension .

Form 20-F

The Form 20-F is an integral part of this Annual Report. It contains detailed financial information about QIAGEN as well as other information, including information about QIAGEN s markets and risks associated with QIAGEN s business and about QIAGEN s Directors, Management and Advisors. It also contains a summary of the Company s Code of Ethics as well as descriptions of securities, and information about QIAGEN s controls and procedures.

If the Form 20-F insert is missing from this Annual Report, it can be requested from QIAGEN or can be downloaded from the investor relations section of QIAGEN s homepage under www.qiagen.com.

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Interview with Mr. Peer Schatz, Chief Executive Officer

2009 was another exciting year for QIAGEN. In the year of the Company s 25th anniversary, QIAGEN crossed the one billion dollar revenue hurdle and achieved several strategic milestones that have further expanded its market and technology leadership positions. In the following interview, CEO Peer M. Schatz explains how QIAGEN again has created significant shareholder value and paved the way for dynamic and sustainable growth in the years ahead.

I think it is fair to say that we are now in a better position than ever.

Peer M. Schatz, Chief Executive Officer

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Mr. Schatz, with over one billion dollars in sales, 13% organic growth and adjusted net earnings growth of 22%, 2009 should go down as one of the most successful years in QIAGEN s history. What part of the success is most significant in your opinion?

2009 definitely stands out as a year in which we achieved several very important milestones. Of course, reaching the billion dollar mark in revenues is a very visible indication of our success that all employees can justifiably be proud of. We grew our sales seven fold over the last decade with strong organic growth as a key contributor. More importantly, however, in 2009 we managed to prepare the company, through our strategic initiatives, for a strong future while also delivering strong financial results in a difficult economic environment. I think it is fair to say that we are now in a stronger position than ever. I would like to take the opportunity to thank each of our employees for their contributions which have put us in a position for strong growth in the future.

By strategic initiatives, do you mean the acquisition of DxS, SABiosciences and ESE?

These were key milestones, but the underlying initiatives were much broader and primarily driven through organic growth. For example, the acquisitions we made in 2009 and early 2010 (DxS, SABiosciences and ESE) supported organic initiatives such as to attain a leadership position in companion diagnostics, strengthen our content engine and to add a point of need platform, respectively. Through these acquisition and our organic initiatives we have reinforced our position in these segments which was already strong contributing to our current leading role in all four areas of molecular diagnostics. We were already leading in prevention, the early detection of diseases, and profiling, the diagnosis of symptomatic patients. In personalized healthcare, we are now involved in an impressive number of partnerships with pharmaceutical companies to develop molecular companion diagnostics to guide therapies for cancer and other diseases. In point of need testing, we set standards for tests that cannot be conducted in laboratories due to constraints such as the need for fast results, which is important in such fields as intensive care. We have developed, or have in our pipeline, platforms for all segments in diagnostics (prevention, profiling, personalized healthcare and point of care) and can thus offer instruments tailored to specific customer needs. This is a truly unique position.

Why do you place such a high value on the potential for growth in molecular diagnostics? And why should this potential become reality?

We are still at the very beginning in terms of the development of this market. The market penetration of molecular testing is still very low. Laboratories that provide molecular diagnostic testing services are still relatively few in number, and only certain tests are available today as regulated products. This, however, will change as we see more and more biological content emerge that can be translated into tests for prevention, profiling, personalized healthcare and point of need testing. In the end, molecular diagnostics enable higher quality and more cost-efficient healthcare, which will continue to become more prevalent given the lean economic times and aging population.

How does the acquisition of SABiosciences fit into the concept?

SABiosciences manufactures PCR-based test panels, which researchers use to efficiently analyze biological pathways and specific diseases. We can use these biomarker panels

+1 billion

in sales in 2009

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to further strengthen our partnerships with the pharmaceutical industry and support early and mid-stage research on specific diseases such as cancer, cardiovascular, central nervous system, autoimmune and metabolic diseases. In this research and validation process, potential biomarker candidates can be selected from these biomarker test panels to be further developed into companion diagnostic candidates and then, potentially, into a companion diagnostic test for routine use with a drug. SABiosciences can be seen as the front end of our molecular diagnostic content pipeline. The company s location in the immediate vicinity of our US headquarters, its similar culture and the fact that its products run on our instruments further supported our decision to add this offering to our portfolio.

What does the pipeline look like and what products will be launched in 2010?

We believe we are well positioned and are eagerly anticipating the introduction of our high-throughput platform QIAensemble, which will be available in Europe this year and then, subject to FDA approval, in the United States in 2012. We believe that QIAensemble has the ability to revolutionize the way in which large laboratories perform prevention tests, which typically run in higher throughput quantities. In addition, we are planning the introduction of the QIAsymphony RGQ, which will follow similar timelines. QIAsymphony RGQ will fully automate the process from sample to result and is the platform of choice for our profiling and personalized healthcare assays. We also expect to see the introduction of and regulatory submissions for new tests used in conjunction with therapies such as the biomarker EGFR, new tests for infectious diseases and the European launch of our test panel for 12 cancer biomarkers. Our pipeline, the driving force behind our growth, is once again impressive evidence of the power of our innovation engine. We expect to invest between 11% and 12% of net sales back into research and development, which is well above the industry average. This investment allows us to generate 5 percentage points of our organic growth with products launched within the trailing 12 months. This is a very strong figure, and bench mark for our innovation power.

You have described your strategic approach. What role does last year s recapitalization play in this context?

The equity financing raised $623.5 million, allowing us to have an extremely strong balance sheet one which is almost net debt free. With the uncertainty in the financial markets, the significant growth we anticipate and the upcoming value creation milestones stemming from new product launches and our planned expansions, we believe it was a prudent step. I want to thank our new and existing shareholders for their continued support and trust in the value creation opportunities we believe we can capture.

Can your shareholders count on continued strong growth rates in 2010 and beyond?

Our long-term growth outlook is positive. Our customer base is very stable and growing. We are well positioned, have an excellent pipeline and a well running innovation engine. In 2010, we are targeting to grow our net sales between 11% and 16%.

Why should investors hold on to or buy QIAGEN shares?

QIAGEN is a proven innovation leader, and we have shown that we can translate opportunities into significant shareholder value.

+13%

organic revenue

growth

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Today, we hold a strategic position that allows us to take advantage of many significant opportunities in the future. In addition, our pipeline includes many very exciting and novel solutions. From cutting-edge science to its application in areas such as early detection of diseases (prevention), and from ultra-sensitive and -specific testing (profiling) to personalized healthcare and point of need testing QIAGEN is active in some of the most exciting areas of the Life Sciences.

The revolution that molecular biology sparked has only just begun and QIAGEN is and will remain a significant driver. Our stock has shown strong annual performance and has an excellent profile as a long-term investment. The share price in U.S. dollar rose by over 34% last year and it has more than quadrupled since 2003.

What do you want to accomplish in 2010?

I wish that we execute well on our existing initiatives and that we continue to be able to react quickly, flexibly and resolutely to the rapidly changing requirements of our industry. I also want to build upon our ability to creatively find new solutions and technological breakthroughs and transfer these innovations to our customer markets. Furthermore, I hope that we continue to relentlessly challenge ourselves to exceed the expectations of our customers, all while keeping sight of the importance of our mission to Make Improvements in Life Possible the driving force behind our day-to-day work. Given the talent and dedication of our 3,500 employees, I am confident that we will be able to deliver on these goals and achieve our targets.

+3,500

employees

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The Executive Committee

QIAGEN s Executive Committee forms the Company s most senior global management team and combines unique expert knowledge from the diagnostic, the life science, and the pharmaceutical industries. The Executive Committee is responsible for decisions that have a material or global impact on QIAGEN s business, future, and employees and is led by Peer M. Schatz as Chief Executive Officer.

Peer M. Schatz

Peer M. Schatz

Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer, joined QIAGEN in 1993 and has been Chief Executive Officer since January 1, 2004. Between 1993 and 2003 he was Chief Financial Officer and became a Managing Director in 1998. Mr. Schatz was previously a partner in a private management buyout group in Switzerland and worked in finance and systems positions at Sandoz, Ltd. and Computerland AG, as well as in finance, operations, management and sales positions in various start-up companies in the computer and software trading industry in Europe and the United States. Mr. Schatz graduated from the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, with a Master s degree in Finance in 1989 and obtained an M.B.A. in Finance from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business in 1991. Mr. Schatz serves as a member of the German Corporate Governance Commission.

Dr. Michael Collasius

Dr. Michael Collasius

Vice President Automated Systems, joined QIAGEN in 1992 and was responsible for the integration and the development of QIAGEN s instrumentation business as General Manager of QIAGEN Instruments since its acquisition in 1998. Dr. Collasius became Vice President Automated Systems in 2001. During his time with QIAGEN, Dr. Collasius has developed a series of automated systems for nucleic acid purification and handling. Dr. Collasius graduated from the Institut für Genetik in Cologne with a Diploma (M.Sc.) and obtained his Ph.D. in Chemistry from the Max-Planck-Institute of Biochemistry in Martinsried, Germany.

Douglas Liu

Douglas Liu

Vice President Global Operations, joined QIAGEN in 2005 as Vice President Global Operations. Before joining QIAGEN, Mr. Liu worked at Bayer Healthcare as Head of Operations for Nucleic Acid Diagnostics in the US, and in Strategic Planning and Consulting at Bayer AG, Leverkusen. Prior to these positions, Mr. Liu worked at Abbott Diagnostics and Chiron Diagnostics. Mr. Liu holds an M.B.A. from Boston University and a Science degree from the University of Illinois.

Gisela Orth

Gisela Orth

Vice President Global Human Resources, joined QIAGEN in February 2009 as Head of Global Human Resources Management. Before joining QIAGEN, Mrs. Orth worked at Continental as Human Resources Director on different assignments in Germany, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. In these positions she successfully created and upgraded HR structures and processes and also implemented programs in Human Resources and Organizational Development. Before joining Continental, Mrs. Orth spent six years in HR-related international management consulting for firms such as Kienbaum Development Services as well as others. Mrs. Orth holds an M.B.A. from Edinburgh Business School, Heriot-Watt University, UK.

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Roland Sackers

Roland Sackers

Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer, joined QIAGEN in 1999 as Vice President Finance and has been Chief Financial Officer since 2004. In 2006, Mr. Sackers became a Managing Director. Before joining QIAGEN, he served as an auditor with Arthur Andersen Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft Steuerberatungs- gesellschaft. Mr. Sackers graduated from the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, Germany with an M.B.A. Until 2006, he was a member of the Supervisory Board of IBS AG and a member of the Audit Committee of IBS AG. Until December 2007, Mr. Sackers was also a member of the board of directors of Operon Biotechnologies, Inc. Since January 2007, Mr. Sackers has served as QIAGEN s representative observer of the board of Eurofins Genomics BV and is a board member of the industry association BIO Deutschland.

Dr. Joachim Schorr

Dr. Joachim Schorr

Managing Director, Senior Vice President Global Research & Development, joined QIAGEN in 1992 and has been Senior Vice President Research & Development since January 1, 2004. He became a Managing Director in 2004. In 1999, Dr. Schorr became Vice President Research & Development with the responsibility for QIAGEN R & D activities worldwide. Before joining QIAGEN, Dr. Schorr worked for the pharmaceutical company Hoechst AG. Dr. Schorr holds a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology and Virology from the University of Cologne. Dr. Schorr is a co-founder of Coley Pharmaceuticals, EnPharma Pharmaceuticals and QBM Cell Sciences and is currently a member of the Supervisory Board of QBM Cell Sciences.

Dr. Ulrich Schriek

Dr. Ulrich Schriek

Vice President Corporate Business Development, joined QIAGEN in 1997 and has been Vice President of Corporate Business Development since 2000. Prior to joining QIAGEN, Dr. Schriek held several sales and marketing positions at Pharmacia Biotech. Dr. Schriek graduated with a Master s degree in science and obtained his Ph.D. in biochemistry from the Ruhr-University Bochum in Germany. Dr. Schriek is member of the World Economic Forum Technology Pioneers Selection Committee and the Nanobiotechnolgy Initiative initiated by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research.

Dr. Thomas Schweins

Dr. Thomas Schweins

Vice President Marketing & Strategy, joined the Company in 2004 as Vice President Corporate Strategy. With completion of the restructuring of QIAGEN s Sales & Marketing organization, Dr. Thomas Schweins became Vice President Marketing & Strategy in 2005. Dr. Schweins joined QIAGEN from The Boston Consulting Group, Düsseldorf, where he was a core team member of the Pharma/Health Care as well as the Corporate Development Practice Area. Before this, Dr. Schweins worked as Technology Manager and later as Assistant to the Board with Hoechst/Aventis. Dr. Schweins has a Biochemistry degree from the University of Hanover. He obtained his Ph.D. at the Max-Planck-Society and received a M.Sc. from the University of Southern California.

Bernd Uder

Bernd Uder

Managing Director, Senior Vice President Global Sales, joined QIAGEN in 2001 as Vice President Sales & Marketing and became a Managing Director and Senior Vice President Sales & Marketing in 2004. With completion of the restructuring of QIAGEN s Sales & Marketing organization, Bernd Uder became Senior Vice

President Global Sales in 2005. Before joining the Company, Mr. Uder gained wide experience in building up and coordinating worldwide distribution networks as Vice President European Biolab Sales & Marketing with Pharmacia and Vice President global e.business with Amersham Pharmacia Biotech.

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QIAGEN s Common Shares

QIAGEN s common shares, traded as global shares, are registered and traded in the United States on the NASDAQ Global Select Market (the NASDAQ National Market prior to July 2006) since June 1996 and on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange in Germany since 1997, where its shares are traded in the Prime Standard segment, a premium segment created by the Frankfurt Stock Exchange in January 2003.

NASDAQ	
Market	NASDAQ
Segment	NASDAQ Global Select Market
Ticker	QGEN
ISIN	NL0000240000
German Stock Exchange	
Market	Frankfurt Stock Exchange
Segment	Prime Standard
Ticker	QIA
WKN	901626
Capitalization Dec. 31, 2009	
Market capitalization	$5,182 billion
Shares outstanding	232,074,000
Free float	approx. 83.3%

Listing information

We believe that the dual listing on NASDAQ and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange provides significant advantages for QIAGEN, our shareholders and our employees.

Such advantages include increased visibility of QIAGEN in both Europe and the USA, which can positively impact sales and other aspects of our business. We also believe that our dual listing enlarges the trading market for our securities and thereby increases liquidity. This liquidity is also facilitated by the fact that the equity security traded on both exchanges is the QIAGEN common share (Global Share Program).

QIAGEN shares added to NASDAQ-100 Index

Effective as of the start of trading on December 21, 2009, QIAGEN s common shares were included in the NASDAQ-100 Index. The NASDAQ-100 Index was launched in January 1985 and today comprises the top 100 non-financial securities listed on the NASDAQ Stock Market based on market capitalization. The addition of QIAGEN s securities to the NASDAQ-100 Index reflects its strong growth, consistent performance and significant value creation.

Trading information

With a daily average trading volume of approximately 2.1 million shares during 2009 (more than 1 million shares being traded on the NASDAQ, more than 1 million shares in the Prime Standard segment of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and approximately 15,000 shares on other German markets) QIAGEN s common shares offered high liquidity.

As of December 31, 2009, the free float, affecting the weighting of QIAGEN s common shares in various indexes, was approximately 83.3%. Members of the Managing Board and the Supervisory Board hold approximately 3.4% of the outstanding shares in the aggregate. We believe that the majority of QIAGEN s common shares are held by institutional investors in Europe and in the United States.

Investor relations information

QIAGEN is committed to ensuring that individual and institutional shareholders, analysts and journalists are provided with a regular flow of transparent, comprehensive and readily accessible information on our strategy, business and results.

As 2009 was a difficult year for the financial markets, it was of tremendous importance to us to maintain close relationships with our investors and analysts. QIAGEN s management presented at 36 national and international institutional conferences. Additional meetings during these conferences and more than 40 road shows and in-house visits in Europe and the United

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Over a period of three years, QIAGEN shares outperformed the NASDAQ Biotechnology Index (NBI).

Over a period of three years, QIAGEN shares outperformed the German TecDAX Index (TecDAX in Euro).

States as well as numerous conference calls, provided the opportunity for more than 800 direct discussions with investors and analysts.

QIAGEN also held telephone conferences when publishing quarterly results and hosted an analyst day in New York with more than 80 professionals attending this event to discuss year end results and to provide an outlook on future developments. QIAGEN hosted in-house visits for analysts and investors in several subsidiaries around the world which are key elements of our communication with the financial markets.

In 2009, QIAGEN shares were followed by more than 32 analysts from most major institutions. At the end of 2009, approximately 60% of the QIAGEN analysts known by the Company recommended buying our shares while approximately 38% had a hold recommendation on our shares. On December 31, 2009, the average analyst target price for QIAGEN shares was approximately $24.00.

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QIAGEN S SOLUTIONS FOR

[PREVENTION]

QIAGEN s digene HPV test today is considered to be the gold standard in cervical cancer screening. Based on this, QIAGEN has developed its new QIAensemble platform addressing the highest demands of screening applications in terms of throughput, reliability and efficiency. This ultra-high throughput platform can process thousands of samples in an eight hours shift, it can run up to 12 different screening tests including HPV testing, HPV 16, 18, 45 genotyping, Chlamydia and Gonorrhea testing with additional opportunities in cancer screening and other applications still to come.

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Prevention

For almost 20 years, Jodie McKinney s (39) annual visit to her gynecologist was a simple routine. Over those many years, the results of her Pap test an examination of cervical cells under a microscope to look for abnormalities had always been normal. In 2007, however, her doctor decided to perform an additional test for Human Papillomavirus (HPV), the cause of cervical cancer. The molecular test returned a positive result for HPV infection, and in the follow-up exam Jodie was found to have pre-cancerous cells requiring immediate treatment. With the help of the HPV test, her gynecologist was able to fight the cervical disease before it advanced to cancer.

American Cancer Society: Cancer strikes more than 12.3 million people and accounts for more than 7.6 million deaths globally each year.

Hundreds of thousands of women worldwide share a similar story. Yet in contrast to Jodie, the majority of these stories do not have a happy ending. Of the 500,000 new cases of cervical cancer diagnosed every year, about 300,000 end in death. Statistics show that cervical cancer is the second most frequent malignancy found in women, accounting for a significant portion of the global burden of cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, cancer overall strikes more than 12.3 million people worldwide and accounts for more than 7.6 million deaths each year. Given the change in lifestyle in many developing countries and increased life expectancy, these figures are expected to dramatically rise in the future, up to an estimated 23 million new cancer cases and 17 million deaths by 2030 putting cancer prevention and treatment at the top of the list of both national and international healthcare organizations.[1]

However, due to ongoing progress in biomedical and pharmaceutical research, today a cancer diagnosis is not necessarily a death sentence. In fact, new treatment strategies are already helping healthcare professionals not only to improve the quality and length of patients lives, but also to fight back diseases.

However, when it comes to cancer, studies have shown that the most promising way of reducing the global burden is through prevention and early disease detection. It is estimated that up to 50 percent of all new cancer cases and deaths could be prevented if people led healthier lives and had access to vaccination and regular screening programs. Effective and broad screening programs are the key as early detection and diagnosis of the disease enables healthcare professionals to initiate therapy at an early stage. Screening has been proven[2] to be effective in reducing both the severity and mortality of diseases for many frequent malignancies such as cervical, breast, colorectal, skin and prostate cancer.

Here, in particular, new molecular technologies enabling the detection and analysis of hereditary material are opening up significant opportunities to improve and expand existing screening and prevention programs for cancer and a range of other diseases. Compared to traditional screening methods, molecular technologies are more sensitive and reliable, much faster and less invasive. They can provide healthcare professionals with more information, enabling the identification of patients who are at risk of developing a certain disease. Furthermore, dissemination of convenient,

[1] World Health Organization, http://www.who.int/media-centre/factsheets/fs297/en/index.html

[2] World Health Organization. National cancer control programmes. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2002.

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easy to use and robust molecular tests can help to bring screening to people living in low-resource countries, those who are often the most in need.

As a global leader in sample and assay technologies, QIAGEN is a major driver behind the development and dissemination of novel molecular screening solutions for prevention applications. Prevention represents one of four relevant segments QIAGEN has identified in the global market for in vitro diagnostics, in which the Company executes on a strategy to attain and expand a leadership position. For QIAGEN, prevention encompasses the screening of non-symptomatic patients for early detection or diagnosis of diseases or to identify people at risk of developing certain disorders. Typically, such tests are performed on a large scale and in regular intervals. Laboratory customers working in this segment and performing such assays therefore have a specific set of requirements distinctive from other assay types: they require highly reliable platforms which can address the highest throughput needs and require little hands-on time.

The most prominent example of a prevention assay is QIAGEN s digene HPV test. This test is widely considered as the gold standard in cervical cancer screening and addresses a dynamically growing market with a potential value of over one billion US dollars. Over the last few years, QIAGEN has expanded its

Contributing nearly 50% to the overall revenues, sample and assay technologies for molecular diagnostics represent the biggest part of QIAGEN s business today with prevention still representing the strongest franchise inside molecular diagnostics.

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HPV testing business into the leading franchise in the molecular diagnostics industry, significantly widening global access to this life-saving technology and steadily increasing market penetration in developed countries. In this process, 2009 was a milestone year for QIAGEN, which saw significant progress in the development of the Company s new QIAensemble screening platform, the introduction of new products enabling a more detailed risk assessment of HPV positive patients and the start of new major initiatives to fight cervical cancer in low-resource areas.

QIAensemble = 12 different screening tests and more than 2,000 samples a shift on a single platform.

QIAensemble is a novel ultra-high throughput platform for screening applications currently under development by QIAGEN. The automated, fully integrated system consisting of a specific instrument for sample processing and a dedicated detection platform has been designed to implement the latest molecular sample and assay technologies even under the highest demands on throughput, reliability and ease of use. The new platform will be able to automatically process thousands of samples during a single day shift, significantly more than any other instrument currently available on the market. It will be able to run up to 12 different screening tests on one single platform and in one test run, including a significantly enhanced version of QIAGEN s digene HPV test as well as assays for pathogens such as gonorrhea and chlamydia, allowing laboratories to maximize the efficiency of their existing infrastructure. In 2009, QIAGEN finished the development process and initiated preparations for clinical trials which will

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include more than 40,000 patients, setting new standards for clinical evidence in the molecular diagnostics industry. Following clinical trials, the QIAensemble system is expected to launch in Europe and the United States in late 2010 and 2012, respectively.

Other additions to QIAGEN s portfolio of prevention assays that were successfully launched in 2009 include, most notably, several new products for the genotyping of HPV infections. Designed for follow-up examination of HPV positive women, these tests allow healthcare professionals to further identify patients who carry specific subtypes of the virus that are associated with the highest mortality rate, namely types 16, 18 and 45. This information can help to determine which women are most at risk of developing the disease and which are in need of closer monitoring or immediate treatment.

In 2009, QIAGEN donated 1.5 million free HPV tests to developing countries.

Data from various international health organizations show that a vast majority of women threatened by cervical cancer live in developing countries, which account for about 80% of all deaths caused by this disease. This disproportionally high incidence rate results from a lack of adequate screening programs and qualified medical personnel. The World Health Organization estimates that only about 5% of women in the developing world have been screened for cervical diseases in the previous five years, compared to 40 to 50% in the developed world. In 2009, a landmark study published in the April issue of the renowned New England Journal of Medicine showed that QIAGEN s HPV testing technology represents the best available means to address this problem. The study demonstrated that in low-resource settings, only one round of screening with QIAGEN s HPV test significantly reduces the number of advanced cervical cancers and deaths, compared to the Pap smear and visual inspection with acetic acid (VIA). Moreover, it also stated that QIAGEN s HC2 HPV testing platform was the most objective and reproducible of all cervical cancer screening tests and was less demanding in terms of training and quality assurance.[3]

To improve access to this life-saving technology in low resource areas, following the publication of these study results, QIAGEN announced the donation of one million free HPV tests to developing countries. Later in 2009, QIAGEN donated an additional 500,000 tests as part of a joint initiative with the pharmaceutical company Merck & Co., Inc. to provide HPV testing and vaccination to women in developing countries. A further project geared to stimulate the dissemination of HPV testing in the developing world is a joint initiative with the Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute in Kolkata, India. Through this collaboration, QIAGEN has initiated the first large-scale cervical cancer screening program in Kolkata, which will benefit approximately 50,000 women over the next five years.

Enabling scientific breakthroughs for better prevention

Significant progress is also being achieved in the ongoing improvement of screening programs and the underlying diagnostic technologies for many other diseases. Since the decryption of the human genome a decade ago, progress in life sciences research has radically expanded the boundaries of our knowledge about the molecular fundamentals of life, specifically our understanding of the emergence and progress of diseases and the impact of inheritance and environmental

[3] New England Journal of Medicine, Volume 360:1385-1394, April 2, 2009, Number 14

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factors. As such, progress in life science research is opening up many new and exciting opportunities for the early detection and diagnosis of a growing number of diseases.

Areas of research holding particularly strong potential for the development of new diagnostics for applications in prevention include epigenetics, miRNA research and systems biology. While scientists working in these fields are occupied with many different specific phenomena associated with the human genome, the practical application of their findings in prevention relies on the discovery of specific molecular signatures signaling the emergence of specific diseases so called biomarkers.

With cutting-edge sample and assay technologies, QIAGEN enables scientists working in these fields to arrive at precise and reliable results in the shortest possible period of time. Working closely with many of the world s leading scientists and research institutions, QIAGEN is capable of anticipating emerging market trends and developing new, innovative technologies which also create significant value for customers in other markets. In 2009, this contributed to the launch of several new sample and assay technologies benefiting both scientific research and applications in prevention.

QIAamp Circulating Nucleic Acid Kit enables the development of new, non-invasive approaches for detecting malignancies.

In sample preparation, examples include a novel technology for the isolation of free circulating nucleic acids from blood or urine as well as methods for purification of RNA and miRNA from human blood samples. The QIAamp Circulating Nucleic Acid Kit enables the development of new, non-invasive approaches to detecting malignancies such as colon and lung cancer. The product provides researchers with an easy and reliable tool for the extraction of tumor derived DNA and RNA fragments circulating in human bodily fluids which have been found to correlate with the state of a disease and therefore might serve as potential biomarkers. By facilitating the handling of such DNA and RNA segments, the product is expected to help drive corresponding research. The PAXgene Blood miRNA Kit, in contrast, can be used to co-purify RNA and miRNA molecules from human blood. These molecules play a crucial part in the regulation of gene activity in human cells, yet degrade quickly and are difficult to preserve for further analysis. By stabilizing the molecules, the new kit removes this bottleneck and is expected to primarily benefit biomarker discovery in oncology.

In 2009, QIAGEN also launched a range of assay technologies for the analysis of processed biomolecules, offering researchers new methods to study the activity and function of genes. In epigenetics, which focuses on differences in the regulation and expression of genes resulting from a process called DNA methylation, QIAGEN has launched a new kit to screen large number of samples for changes in the methylation status of individual genes. Samples, deviating from the expected methylation pattern, which is highly specific for different tissue types in the human body, can then be investigated using QIAGEN s proprietary pyrosequencing technology, which provides information on the single base-pair level. With this technology, scientists can potentially discover novel biomarkers which could benefit the development of new diagnostics.

There are numerous other examples which demonstrate the role that QIAGEN s technologies play not only in the fundamental research

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QIAGEN s improved tHDA technology mimics nature s method of replicating DNA by using helicase (± ssBP) to denature the DNA at a constant temperature of 65°C. Like in PCR two sequence specific primers are flanking the DNA fragment enabling the amplification by using an enzymatic mixture. Its advantage: HDA can easily be combined with hybrid capture technology on the QIAensemble platform.

and discovery phase, but also, and even more importantly, in the application of new findings in clinical practice. In the mid- to long-term, progress in life science research will enable the development of new screening tests not only for cancer but also for a broad range of other conditions such as cardiovascular or neural diseases. Novel technologies promise not only to enable the identification of diseases in their early stage, but also the identification of patients who are at risk of developing certain disorders thereby allowing monitoring intervals and treatments to be adjusted early on an individual level.

Facing exploding healthcare costs, an ageing population and the growing incidence of chronic diseases, healthcare systems will soon be forced to readjust their focus from treating and managing diseases to sustaining health. New diagnostic technologies enabling the early detection of diseases before the manifestation of symptoms will inevitably be a main pillar of such a prevention strategy. QIAGEN is committed to remaining a driving force in this development. This way, one day Jodie s story can cease to be an exception and rather become the rule.

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QIAGEN S SOLUTIONS FOR

[PROFILING]

QIAGEN provides the world s widest range of molecular diagnostic assays targeting more than 120 different pathogens including widespread bacterial and viral infections such as Hepatitis, Tuberculosis, HIV or Borreliosis. To address the highest demands in profiling in terms of flexibility and speed, QIAGEN developed the QIAsymphony, a mid-throughput, extremely flexible platform featuring amongst others random access and continuous load which enable fully automated processing from sample to result, covering almost every source material and testing kits based on different assay technologies including PCR, real-time PCR, pyrosequencing and multiplexing.

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Profiling

When Maria Adela Gutierrez was rushed to the Dr. Aurelio Valdivieso Hospital in the southern Mexican city of Oaxaca on April 8, 2009, the treating physicians were puzzled. The 39-year-old patient was suffering severe shortness of breath and diarrhea, and her conditioned was worsened by diabetes. No antibiotics, oxygen or other treatment methods were able to help. Initial suspicion that the mysterious illness could be the respiratory disease SARS, was able to be ruled out a few days later. Unfortunately, this news came too late for Marie Adela Gutierrez she was already dead.

A few weeks, hundreds of fatalities and thousands of new cases of illness later, the cause of the epidemic was all anyone could talk about: Influenza A/H1N1. A new flu virus spread at breathtaking speeds from Mexico around the world; swine flu made international headlines. It was a novel pathogen that prompted the World Health Organization (WHO) to declare a worldwide flu pandemic for the first time in over forty years. All that was accompanied by growing public concern around the world and a race to develop better diagnostic procedures and more effective vaccines to contain the virus.

Swine flu was a warning shot that underscored the significance of pandemic preparedness.

Roughly a year later, it is some relief that the pandemic turned out to be not much more dangerous than the normal flu, despite over 16,000 deaths registered to date. It has nevertheless brought home to the world how susceptible the international community is to these types of dangers in these times of international flows of goods and people. Swine flu was a warning shot that underscored the significance of pandemic preparedness in light of existing and potential future infectious diseases.

Modern molecular diagnostic procedures take on a key role in the defense against infectious diseases. After all, the only way to isolate patients infected with new or dangerous pathogens and to prevent the spread of infection until appropriate vaccines or medicines can be developed is through accurate and fast diagnosis. Even when drugs and vaccines are available, molecular diagnostic tests play a key role in tracking the paths of infection and in monitoring the pathogens for potential mutations. But above all, they help doctors reliably diagnose and differentiate between different diseases, enabling fast and targeted treatment.

These advantages of molecular testing procedures are equally useful in fighting widespread known infectious diseases. Even though diseases like Tuberculosis and Hepatitis do not attract the same attention from the public as new, unknown pathogens, measured by the number of cases, they are an even greater burden on the global healthcare system. The immunodeficiency syndrome AIDS alone claims around 2.1 million victims a year. The respiratory disease tuberculosis takes another 1.7 million lives. What s more, communicable diseases affect young people at a disproportionately high rate. Using global fatality statistics, the WHO calculates that on a global scale, infectious diseases will account for one-third of all deaths but over half of the years of life lost.

Molecular assay methods based on the detection of nucleic acids have significant advantages

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in the fight against infections. One of their greatest advantages is their extremely high sensitivity and specificity, which enables even the smallest traces of viruses or bacteria to be detected in the human body. This prevents healthcare professionals from overlooking certain diseases or opting for unsuitable therapies due to false positive results. Another advantage of molecular assays is their speed, which ensures efficient patient management and enables treatment to be started immediately. Instead of waiting weeks for a certain result, time during which the patient who sometimes might present a danger to others cannot be treated, physicians can begin the right therapy in just a few hours. Thanks to these characteristics, molecular tests are far superior to diagnostic methods like immunological tests and bacterial cultures.

QIAGEN groups these types of molecular diagnostic technologies in its segment for profiling applications. Profiling refers to creating or confirming a diagnosis when the patient already exhibits the first symptoms of an underlying illness, such as a cough or fever, but it is not yet clear what is causing the condition. In the field of profiling, QIAGEN has the world s widest range of sample preparation and assay technologies, comprising over 120 assays for different molecular targets alone. The range of products includes methods for detecting widespread bacterial and viral infections such as Hepatitis, Tuberculosis, HIV or Borreliosis as well as rare but no less dangerous pathogens like Ebola, or the West Nile Virus. In many cases, QIAGEN is even the world s only commercial provider of certain tests and can offer the right assay systems quickly based on its extensive expertise when new, previously unknown pathogens emerge.

Complementary instruments like the QIAsymphony platform, which covers all steps from sample preparation to the final result, enables fully automated processing of the sample preparation and testing kits. Unlike in prevention applications, in profiling QIAGEN relies on mid-throughput solutions, which are extremely flexible and can process almost any source material and detect different targets. In 2009, QIAGEN was able not only to conclude strategically important initiatives in this area and to continue to expand its excellent position as the market and technology leader, but was also able to demonstrate its profiling expertise in the face of the swine flu pandemic.

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QIAGEN was one of the first companies worldwide to provide public health authorities, hospitals and clinics suitable products for monitoring infections with Influenza A/H1N1. Due to its wealth of experience in the area of testing systems for bird flu (H5N1) and SARS, as well as thanks to its close cooperation with reference labs and public health authorities, QIAGEN was able to provide clinically verified assay systems for detecting the novel flu virus in just under two weeks following the death of Maria Adela Gutierrez, therewith actively helping to fight the pandemic.

QIAGEN has quickly become one of the most important providers of needed monitoring technologies through its assays for detecting influenza A/H1N1, multiplex assays for detection of different seasonal subtypes of the flu virus, technologies for researching potential mutations of the virus and numerous assay components and reagents for sample preparation. Once again, QIAGEN s technologies found themselves to be integral components of numerous test protocols of public health

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authorities like the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in the United States and the WHO as well as national reference labs around the globe. The Company itself signed numerous supply agreements with public health authorities in Europe, Asia, Latin America and other regions. QIAGEN products were supplied to the United States Army and were used by Saudi Arabian government bodies to monitor possible swine flu infections along the annual pilgrimage route to Mecca.

QIAGEN s technologies are integral components of numerous test protocols of public health authorities like the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the WHO.

The major benefit of QIAGEN s sample preparation and assay technologies in the fight against diseases also became clear in other cases and applications in 2009. Over the past fiscal year, QIAGEN further expanded its geographical presence, reinforcing its activities especially in Latin America and Asia. The expansion was a huge success: With an increase in sales by approximately 90% in China alone, Asia contributed to around 12% of the Company s sales in 2009. Another major geographic area is Latin America were we finalized important strategic initiatives.

These initiatives included the signing of a five-year supply agreement covering assay technologies for Brazil s national blood screening program. In the future, QIAGEN s molecular assay procedures will help identify donors infected with HIV or Hepatitis faster and more reliably, increasing the safety of donated blood and curtailing the spread of these diseases. One key advantage of QIAGEN s technologies over the immunodiagnostic procedures previously used is that they shorten the diagnostic window between the time of infection and diagnosis in the lab. As a result, experts expect these technologies to improve the diagnosis of infected blood donors in the future, helping to identify patients in need of treatment and greatly reducing the number of new Hepatitis C and HIV infections in Latin America s most populous country.

One important driver behind the dissemination of molecular sample and assay technologies is progressive automation and thus standardization of workflows in the lab. Automated procedures minimize potential sources of error, improving results and accelerating workflows, which in turn improve efficiency. Most importantly, they enormously simplify application procedures of molecular sample and assay technologies, allowing the instruments to be operated not only by senior scientists and experts.

QIAGEN greatly expanded its automation portfolio in 2009 with the introduction of instruments like the EZ1 Advanced XL for sample processing, the Rotor-Gene Q real-time PCR thermocycler and the QIAgility for setting up PCR reactions. Customers in the area of profiling and other segments and markets can now choose from a wide range of automation platforms, which cover all steps from the sample to the final result and address different requirements in terms of sample throughput and detection technology.

The Rotor-Gene Q real-time detection platform introduced in 2009 is especially of note in the profiling segment. This thermocycler uses real-time PCR technology, which is considered the widely accepted standard in diagnostic and many research applications due to its extremely high sensitivity. The Rotor-Gene Q is considered one of the world s most powerful molecular detection platforms based on PCR because of its unique technical features, like its special rotary design. QIAGEN s customers also benefit from ideally aligned

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consumables that ensure the highest quality result, and from the Company s extensive intellectual property portfolio. QIAGEN is one of the few companies in the world that can offer real-time PCR instruments and reagents for all applications in research and diagnostics without restrictions. The over 200 assay procedures available to date developed by renowned laboratories specifically for the Rotor-Gene Q cycler in addition to the products developed by QIAGEN speak to the platform s widespread acceptance.

The trend toward progressive standardization of diagnostic procedures first manifests itself not at the analysis level, but as early as at the drawing, collection and transportation of sample material like blood and tissue. After all, comparability of results across different labs and countries can only be guaranteed if every patient sample is handled in exactly the same way along the path from the doctor s office to the lab. The development and implementation of these types of standards within the entire European Union is the objective of the SPIDIA (Standardisation and improvement of pre-analytical procedures for in vitro diagnostics) project, which began in 2009 under the leadership of QIAGEN on behalf of the European Commission and with the participation of 16 partners in eleven countries. The aim is to develop uniform standards for handling of patient samples to increase the capabilities and utility of molecular based in vitro diagnostics in Europe.

In the future, QIAGEN will stay in the front line when it comes to increasing the benefit of molecular sample and assay technologies in the diagnosis of diseases and encouraging the dissemination of these potentially life-saving procedures. QIAGEN s solutions will continue to give doctors and labs the right means to quickly and reliably solve even the most complicated puzzles they face as a result of new and widespread pathogens in their everyday clinical environment like those that led to the death of Marie Adela Gutierrez.

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QIAGEN S SOLUTIONS FOR

[PERSONALIZED HEALTHCARE]

With a portfolio of around 20 molecular assays targeting today s most prominent biomarkers and with more than 15 partnerships with pharmaceutical companies for companion diagnostics, QIAGEN is one of the world s leading providers in personalized healthcare. QIAGEN has developed and marketed tests for detecting K-RAS and EGFR gene mutations, two companion diagnostics used in colon and lung cancer therapies. Companion diagnostics also cover assays for mutations in other oncogenes including PI3K, B-RAF and BCL-ABL, which play key roles in the treatment of numerous types of cancer. All companion diagnostics can run on the QIAsymphony and thereby provide further testament to the flexibility and menu breadth of this platform.

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Personalized Healthcare

The annual symposium of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) is considered the world s largest and most important conference on cancer. Over 25,000 of the world s leading oncologists, cancer researchers and other experts come together each year to debate the latest discoveries in cancer research. Dr. Eric Van Cutsem, professor of internal medicine at the University of Leuven in Belgium, had something special in his luggage for his presentation before this distinct panel in the summer 2008: the results of a large-scale, prospective clinical study on treatment of colon cancer, which would provide fodder for debates among experts.

The study was able to show that only one specific group of patients with metastatic colon cancer can benefit at all from treatment with a new drug class, so called monoclonal antibodies. Mutations in the K-RAS oncogene, which plays an important role in cell growth and division in the human body, were responsible. If patients had a mutation in this important gene, treatment had no effect. Since this mutation occurs in up to 40% of all colon cancer patients, the ASCO soon declared these findings one of the year s most important scientific breakthroughs and added routine K-RAS testing to its guidelines for treating metastatic colon cancer in early 2009.

This is just one example of the radical about-face currently happening in the area of medicine under the label of personalized health-care and is expected to bring sweeping changes in the way diseases are treated over the long term. The basic idea is as simple as it is ingenious: the concept aims to adapt and optimize medical treatments based on the patient s individual genetic make-up. In simplified terms, it s about determining which patient receives which dosage of which drug at what time.

90% of all available drugs are effective in only 30% to 50% of all patients.

The fact that numerous drugs work for certain patients but do not work at all or can even have a negative impact in other patient groups has been known for several years. Statistics show that 90% of all available drugs are effective in only 30% to 50% of all patients. The rate is around 60% for asthma drugs, and only 30% and 25% for Alzheimer and cancer drugs respectively. These figures not only reveal enormous savings potential for national healthcare systems, which are estimated by some market observers to total up to $380 billion. Even more importantly, they also show that millions of patients did not receive the right treatment on time or even at all.

Despite this, doctors long had no alternative to the trial-and-error method. It wasn t until the advent of molecular diagnostic technologies, which give doctors a picture of an individual patient s genetic profile, that the promise of personalized healthcare could be adequately fulfilled, that doctors could choose the most effective and safest drugs before beginning treatment and prescribe the optimal dosage for each patient. In this context, the personalized healthcare segment comprises all assay procedures that are used to guide treatments for pre-diagnosed patients with an existing illness.

QIAGEN is the world s leading provider in this segment with almost 20 molecular assay solutions for personalized healthcare, a packed development pipeline and over 15

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research and marketing partnerships with pharmaceutical companies. Here, multiple strategic initiatives in 2009 have been an important contribution, thanks to which QIAGEN was able to rapidly expand its existing assay and technology portfolio and market position.

An important milestone in the expansion of QIAGEN s position in the personalized health-care segment was the acquisition of its British competitor DxS Ltd. in September 2009. The privately held company headquartered in Manchester was focused on developing molecular diagnostic products for applications in oncology and marketed tests for detecting K-RAS and EGFR gene mutations, two companion diagnostics used in colon and lung cancer therapies. The DxS range of products also included assays for mutations in other oncogenes like PI3K, B-RAF and BCL-ABL, which have been attributed a key role in the treatment of numerous types of cancer.

The acquisition of DxS created a highly synergistic combination, which optimally unifies the strengths of both companies, creating a leadership position in personalized healthcare. QIAGEN s independence, the breadth of its molecular sample and assay technology portfolio, international distribution channels and its regulatory expertise also make the expanded company a key partner for pharmaceutical companies in this field.

Pyrosequencing technology enables to read out the exact sequence of individual DNA building blocks and to detect even mutations that were previously unknown.

In 2009, QIAGEN was able to build on the strong foundation it had laid in previous years. Early that year, QIAGEN added a new detection platform based on pyrosequencing technology to its instrument portfolio for personalized healthcare, which also includes such products as the QIAsymphony SP and Rotor-Gene Q. One important advantage of pyrosequencing is that the equipment reads the exact sequence of individual DNA building blocks, detecting even those mutations that were previously unknown. Therewith, the technology provides added information that can be relevant in personalized healthcare applications to further specify findings. The portfolio also includes customized assay technologies that enable mutations in genes like K-RAS, B-RAF and APOE to be detected.

To continue to further expand its activities in personalized healthcare, QIAGEN transferred part of its previous assay business for transplant medicine to the affiliated Swedish company LinkMed in spring 2009. The agreement included a product line for detecting human leukocyte antigens (HLA), which determine the properties of the cell surface and thus a potential immune response in organ transplant recipients. The transaction allowed QIAGEN to focus on applying this technology in personalized healthcare. Relevant assays for personalized healthcare applications enable typing of the HLA-B*5701 allele, which e.g. in AIDS patients is associated with strong adverse reactions to the common drug Abacavir.

U.S. market volume of personalized healthcare diagnostics estimated to be at around $24 billion.

As the leading provider, QIAGEN is perfectly positioned to continue to promote the dissemination of personalized healthcare and sustainably participate in opportunities to grow in this segment. Multiple factors contribute to the expected growth in the market for personalized healthcare, whose U.S. volume in diagnostics alone was recently estimated at $24 billion. In addition to mounting cost pressure in healthcare, regulatory restrictions, scientific progress and not least patient requirements, the pharmaceutical industry is

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Statistics show that 90% of all drugs prescribed work only in 30% 50% of individuals. Novel innovative therapies might only be effective in a portion of the target population. The opportunity to Identify a sub-group of patients likely to respond can dramatically increase cost effectiveness of a drug.

also increasingly recognizing the benefits of this concept for developing and marketing countless new drugs.

Expanding the blockbuster model practiced until now developing one-size-fits-all drugs for the largest population groups possible through the development of novel personalized healthcare solutions (drugs that are administered in combination with so called companion diagnostic tests) can in fact have numerous advantages for companies in the pharmaceutical industry. Key driving forces are the extremely high costs and risks associated with the many-year process of developing new drugs. Expensive clinical trials in which new drugs must prove effective and safe before they can be approved are especially critical. Yet unanticipated side effects can result in lawsuits and product recalls even after a drug is approved.

Molecular sample and assay technologies can solve this problem by enabling clinical studies to be carried out more efficiently and safely. Using molecular assays, pharmaceutical companies can identify study participants in which drugs are now likely to have the desired effect and enrich the trials with the right patients to increase the significance of results. Subsequently, marketing the drugs in conjunction with a diagnostic assay would prevent undesirable side effects, and the increased effectiveness of the drug would become more valuable to certain patient groups.

As a partner for the pharmaceutical industry, QIAGEN follows the entire development process of new drugs, from researching the molecular basis of a disease, identifying potential targets, active ingredients and biomarkers to conducting clinical trials and marketing the drug. QIAGEN offers an extensive range of

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sample and assay technologies including the appropriate automation, which was once again significantly expanded in 2009.

PCR-based assay panels for entire biological pathways associated with certain diseases or cell processes which QIAGEN added to its portfolio in 2009 are an important boon to its customers in biomedical and pharmaceutical research. Unlike traditional tests, these types of detection procedures can simultaneously analyze up to several hundred DNA, RNA and miRNA molecules associated with certain diseases or with processes like programmed cell death, toxicology or signaling. The test panels enable a targeted analysis of the interaction between individual molecules in the human body, which significantly accelerates and facilitates the discovery and validation of potential biomarkers. This information collected around new biomarkers may also provide considerable benefits for the development of new diagnostics for applications in personalized healthcare and other molecular diagnostics segments. In addition, it may prompt collaborations for the direct transfer of identified and validated biomarkers and speed up the approval processes of diagnostic assays.

Currently nearly 3,000 drugs are in development of which 50 alone address the EGFR signaling pathway using the B-RAF, K-RAS, EGFR and PI3K biomarkers covered by QIAGEN.

Identifying and validating new biomarkers will continue to fuel the dissemination of personalized healthcare in the future and expedite the combined approval and introduction of new drugs and molecular tests. QIAGEN plays a pioneering role in this area as well and has taken additional preparatory steps to initiate cooperation with pharmaceutical companies and to submit its K-RAS assay to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for approval. The almost 3,000 drugs currently in development, of which 50 alone address the EGFR signaling pathway using the B-RAF, K-RAS, EGFR and PI3K biomarkers covered by QIAGEN, and of which others will likely only work in subpopulations only hint at the dynamics of development in the years to come.

The continuing advances in life science also bring an additional impetus to this trend. Thousands of scientists around the world use QIAGEN s technologies in areas such as epi-genetics, miRNA research and system biology to decode the molecular basis of many diseases and study new biomarkers that will allow doctors to develop brand new individualized strategies in the fight against many of today s most threatening diseases. QIAGEN will continue to be involved in this process into the future and provide researchers the advanced technologies needed to achieve these breakthroughs.

Today, however, it is already clear that the application of personalized healthcare is one of the most important emerging trends. In the years to come, it will shape our understanding of healthcare and change it over the long term, not only in areas like oncology. Personalized healthcare will make medical care more effective and safer, greatly unburden healthcare systems by improving efficiency and tap new growth markets for pharmaceutical companies. Molecular information is the key to this development, and QIAGEN better than any company covers the entire value chain from development and validation of new biomarkers and conducting clinical trials to marketing clinically validated assay systems. K-RAS is one example of where we are headed. Less than two years after Dr. Van Cutsems talk in Chicago, the corresponding test is already regarded as an internationally accepted standard in colon cancer treatment, and nearly all patients will soon be able to benefit from this breakthrough.

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QIAGEN S SOLUTIONS FOR

[POINT OF NEED]

As the market and technology leader in molecular sample and assay technologies, QIAGEN recognized early on the growing need for highly reliable and fast yet sturdy and easy-to-use products for point of need testing. The careHPV test is a special version of QIAGEN s digene HPV test, which is considered the gold standard for detecting human papillomavirus (HPV) infections in women in remote regions. In late 2009, QIAGEN added a unique optical fluorescence detection technology to its platform portfolio, which is considered an emerging standard in medical and industrial applications.

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Point of Need Testing

Bringing medical advances to people this simple formula expresses the vision that John Flynn pursued with drive and determination throughout his life. The Australian priest recognized as early as 1917 the enormous potential that new technologies like radio and the airplane had not only for improving general quality of life, but above all for healthcare in his native country. Flynn had the idea of using airplanes and radio equipment to tackle the lack of adequate health-care infrastructure in the outback and ensure that people in the most remote corners of Australia received medical care in emergencies. The idea of the Flying Doctors was born.

Today, the Flying Doctors care for over 270,000 patients each year with 53 airplanes. The approach of offering medical care to patients directly where it is needed set an international precedent and found many imitators. What s more, technological advances started a trend toward decentralizing healthcare, which continues today. Thanks to new technologies, tests and procedures that just a few years ago needed to be performed in a specialized facility can now increasingly be performed by doctors in their own offices. At the same time, the quality of emergency care has improved, enabling medical innovations to be transferred to sparsely populated regions without a suitable infrastructure. Likewise, new diagnostic technologies can help healthcare professionals to make the right treatment decisions in settings which admit no delay, such as critical care.

Point of need testing segment estimated to account for $13 billion in 2009 with huge growth potentials over the next five years.

In the global market for in vitro diagnostics, this trend is clearly reflected in the growth seen by the point of need testing segment, which accounted for $13 billion in 2009, the largest share of worldwide diagnostic product sales. According to market studies, these sales could grow to $18.4 billion in just five years. And this trend is in no way limited to medical diagnostics for humans. In other markets like food quality assurance, defense against biohazards and veterinary medicine, users are increasingly demanding procedures that enable the detection and identification of pathogens quickly and reliably at the point of need, and thus efficient management of commodity flows and the monitoring and containment of epidemics.

Molecular assay technologies that detect viruses and bacteria based on nucleic acids are suitable for these demands because of their high sensitivity and specificity. And yet the use of molecular assay systems has so far been reserved largely for specialized labs despite advances in standardization and automation of the necessary steps in the process. Only in these labs can specialists ensure controlled conditions and thus the basis for comparing results, which are achieved using highly precise and sensitive technologies like PCR. Moreover, the necessary equipment usually requires a minimum of infrastructure, like electricity, and generally is not intended for portable use, which means that it may need to be recalibrated after it is transported. In developing and newly industrialized countries, the lack of suitable personnel has also proven an additional stumbling block for wide-spread use of molecular assay technologies.

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The careHPV test is a special version of QIAGEN s digene HPV test, which is considered the gold standard for detecting Human Papillomaviruses (HPV) in the prevention of cervical cancer. QIAGEN developed the careHPV test together with the nonprofit health organization PATH and with funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for use in developing and newly industrialized countries, where 80% of the world s cases of illness and death from cervical cancer occur. The portable test requires only a short training time and no access to running water or electricity. It returns highly reliable results in less than two hours. Herewith, the method meets all the key requirements for efficient use in point of need testing, even in remote regions.

Several milestones were achieved along this path in 2009. One important step toward widespread marketing of the new test was the start of clinical trials in China, where QIAGEN expects its first official approval by the SFDA regulatory agency following conclusion of the trials in 2010. QIAGEN simultaneously initiated additional research projects in Rwanda and Nigeria to collect further empirical data in the practical use of this life-saving method, while QIAGEN s development partner PATH started a pilot project in Nicaragua. PATH s activities aim to evaluate potential strategies for implementing cervical cancer screening based on the careHPV test in national health programs in developing and newly industrialized countries. Additional projects in India and Uganda have also been in place since 2010.

Acquisition of ESE GmbH added unique fluorescence detection technology, considered the emerging standard in point of need testing.

Another priority for QIAGEN is broadening its technology and product range for point of need testing in markets for molecular diagnostics and applied assay procedures. In late 2009, QIAGEN initiated the acquisition of ESE GmbH, headquartered in Stockach on Lake Constance, adding to its platform portfolio a unique fluorescence detection technology, which is considered an emerging standard in point of need testing and forms the basis of QIAGEN s corresponding next-generation testing platform.

Unique battery-operated fluorescence detection technology produces results in just 5 to 15 minutes.

The detection platform is based on optical fluorescence measurement systems, which are integrated into compact modules and are also used in industrial applications in addition to the markets served by QIAGEN. These systems enable ultra-fast detection times, are highly portable and affordable. They produce results in just 5 to 15 minutes, can be battery-operated and are already available for less than $2,000. The optical fluorescence measurement system can process up to eight samples simultaneously and enable multiplexing, detecting multiple molecular targets in just a single test run.

To promote the use of this technology, QIAGEN is focusing on developing compatible detection methods for molecular diagnostics and applied assay procedures. Since the detection platform is compatible with QIAGEN s

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sample and assay technologies, there is huge potential for expanding a market-driven test portfolio in adapting selected assay procedures for detecting viral and bacterial pathogens like salmonella, E. coli and influenza. Significant synergies result from the ongoing development projects for the QIAensemble high-throughput screening platform, which also uses isothermal assay systems such as a modified HDA technology. This technology enables amplification and detection reactions to occur at a constant temperature. Heating and cooling processes like those required in PCR-based methods can be avoided, thereby making the development of compact instruments easier.

The system has the potential to be used especially in low-throughput settings, in which fast and reliable test results are needed but no laboratory infrastructure is available. These could be molecular diagnostic applications like the direct detection of pathogens in emergency and operating rooms or in ambulances to enable targeted therapy to be started immediately upon arrival at hospitals. In such applications, QIAGEN s fluorescence detection systems have the potential to tap new user groups for molecular sample and assay technologies and crowd out traditional methods like immunodiagnostics. QIAGEN expects its first submissions for regulatory approval of such assays to take place following the launch of clinical systems after 2011.

Point of need testing required in low-throughput settings where fast and reliable test results are needed but no laboratory infrastructure is available.

The detection platform also offers significant potential for applications in the market for applied testing procedures. In veterinary medicine, portable test systems could be used in the field, for example for detection and the immediate fight against widespread animal diseases without losing valuable time for transporting samples to a laboratory. In food quality testing, these procedures could be used to monitor samples seamlessly along the entire transportation chain from the processing facility to the consumer and without delays. The portability and universal applicability of the detection platform also make it the perfect choice for defending against biohazards where analyzing a large number of a variety of samples at different locations as quickly as possible is absolutely essential.

The development of suitable detection procedures can benefit from the numerous partnerships QIAGEN has entered in applied testing and was able to expand in 2009. In addition to cooperating with the Chinese Academy of Sciences in food quality control and with the Institutes of Animal Health in veterinary medicine, QIAGEN also cooperates with the renowned British Veterinary Laboratories Agency, a partnership that has already produced several assay procedures for detecting animal diseases. Based on these successes, QIAGEN was able to expand this partnership in 2009. In the future, both partners will work toward developing molecular assays for detecting infectious diseases in horses, including the dangerous equine respiratory disease strangles as well as certain infections of the reproductive system, for which thoroughbreds must be tested before breeding.

Leveraging point of need technologies in laboratory-based applications

Developments in point of need testing, however, are not only a helpful addition to stationary applications in the lab, but can also enhance them over the long term. Laboratory procedures are used whenever the procedure must be highly accurate and reliable down to the last drop and even minimal deviations

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can make a difference. Forensics is such a field, where laboratory procedures must meet the most stringent standards. Investigators often have only minute traces of genetic material to work with. Moreover, samples from crime scenes are often impure or have degenerated, which further complicates work. In these cases, scientists rely on advanced technologies that are at the cutting edge of what is possible.

Here, QIAGEN is setting standards with its sample and assay technologies. QIAGEN s consumables and instruments are part of the standard equipment of leading forensic labs throughout the world. In the United States alone, the largest market, over 600,000 crime scene samples are tested year after year using QIAGEN products. QIAGEN has a significant market leadership in commercial sample preparation. QIAGEN owes this success to the continuous improvement and development of products like the EZ1 Advanced for automated purification of nucleic acids, which completed its third development stage in 2009. The EZ1 Advanced XXL can process up to 14 samples in a single run from a broad spectrum of sample materials like blood and tissue. It ensures the highest quality results and features a variety of proven functions like UV decontamination, barcode scanning and ease of use.

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Although equipment like the EZ1 Advanced XXL is designed primarily for lab applications, its next development stages could benefit from point of need testing technologies. Specifically, development could benefit from the compact fluorescence detection modules at the core of QIAGEN s new platform for point of need testing, which could also be integrated into stationary equipment for process control for example for determining the DNA concentration in a purified sample and thus as an additional quality assurance mechanism.

Having portable, widely useable platform technologies and assay content can create numerous synergies between QIAGEN s solutions for stationary and mobile use, applications in prevention, profiling, personalized healthcare and point of need testing, which ultimately would help improve and thus continue to disseminate molecular assay systems in an increasing number of areas of everyday life. We are still in the very early stages of development. One day, compact detection modules could bring molecular technologies to almost every medical practice and other applications. It is hard for us today to imagine the variety of possibilities, but one thing seems certain: these types of assay systems will likely first find their way into the Flying Doctors luggage in keeping with the founder s original idea.

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Innovation @ QIAGEN

Innovation is the most central value at QIAGEN. From the Company s first days, we strived to improve and revolutionize the utility of applications for sample and assay technologies. And our vision for the future also builds on this power of our core innovation competency to shape the industries we serve.

At QIAGEN, we take great pride in our innovation culture that enables us to always exceed customer s expectations, to exceed the targets we set and to shape new markets.

In 2009, we launched 79 new products in the area of sample and assay technologies into our markets which contributed 5% to our 2009 organic revenue growth rate of 13%. These new product introductions are a testament to QIAGEN s focus on differentiating by innovation and building on a culture that is driven by individual talents, open working platforms, internationality and open and effective communication. Our full pipeline of new products, platforms and technologies builds a solid basis for our success in 2010 and beyond.

Innovation Culture

QIAGEN s 3 I s (Identity, Inspire and Impact) build the basis of our culture and give us the strength to make innovation a part of our daily work life.

In the way that DNA as genetic information is shaping the Identity of every human being, our employees shape the way we work together at QIAGEN. We believe that we have assembled a highly talented group of employees, working passionately, always striving for the best solution possible to create value for our stakeholders. We interact with each other in an honest and respectful way and are always open to actively search for new ideas.

By minimizing corporate hierarchy and living an open door culture we enable effective communication among employees of all levels, across departments and regions. Individual thinking and creativity is one of our key assets. We empower and encourage our employees to act entrepreneurial and to demonstrate leadership by exemplifying our vision and goals. Thereby, we Inspire and motivate QIAGEN s people to new levels of innovation. We take great pride in providing an environment where talented and engaged individuals can find fulfilment in their jobs.

This engagement and talent of our employees are our most important success factors. They have an extremely high Impact on our business results. The synchronized translation of our culture (Identity) through leadership (Inspire) to our daily management and actions (Impact) is a secret of our success. The contribution from each employee is appreciated in the innovation

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process, thus helping us to create amazing things that provide significant value to our customers. We reflect on personal actions and strive for continuous self improvement, continuous learning and self development. These, combined with a constant urge to challenge the status quo, are key elements of successful innovation cultures.

A key element of our 3 I system is that we foster excellent teams of exceptional individuals. As such, we are convinced that considering multiple, cross functional, cross-discipline views is critical to developing effective solutions. Hence, we foster teams who engage in open ways of thinking to draw the highest benefit from this diversity. Although, we invest more in research and development to drive innovation than almost any other company in our industry, we believe that innovation is far more than a goal only for research and development: It is a core mission for every employee, independent of position, department or region.

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Selected Product Introductions in 2009 and early 2010

Product	Application
SAMPLE TECHNOLOGIES	
BioSprint One-For-All Vet Kit	Purification of viral DNA and/or RNA and bacterial DNA from veterinary samples
EasyXpress NMR Uniform Labeling Kit	Expression of large amounts of proteins in cell-free E.coli lysates
EasyXtal 15-Well Tool	Screw-in crystallization supports hanging drop protein crystallization
Gluthatione Superflow Matrices and GST-tag Antibody	Affinity purification of recombinant GST-tagged proteins and for detection of GST-tagged proteins
NeXtal CubicPhase Kit	Pre-spotted 96 well plates for automated membrane protein crystallization
Nextal Evolution µplate	96 well plates for high throughput protein crystallization
Ni-NTA Membrane Protein Kit	Solubilization and purification of His-tagged membrane proteins
PAXgene Blood miRNA Kit	Extraction of RNA including miRNA from PAXgene Blood RNA Tubes
PAXgene Tissue System	Fixation of tissue with simultaneous stabilization of biomolecules
QIAamp Circulating Nucleic Acid Kit	Concentration and purification of free-circulating DNA, RNA and miRNA from human plasma and serum
QIAGEN Plasmid Plus Kit	Large scale plasmid preparation
QIAsafe DNA Blood Kit	Room temperature storage, archiving and transport of blood
QIAsymphony AXpH DNA Kit	Extraction kit purification of DNA from PreservCyt liquid cytology samples using AXpH technology on QIAsymphony SP
RNeasy Protect Animal Blood System	Stabilization and purification of total RNA and miRNA from blood from small animals
SeqTarget Product Line	Upstream sample enrichment for NextGen Sequencing
Strep-Tactin Superflow Plus	Affinity purification of recombinant Strep-tagged proteins
ASSAY TECHNOLOGI ES	
artus BK Virus RG PCR KI, CE marked	Detection of BK virus DNA from sample materials human plasma and urine by real-time PCR using Rotor-Gene Q instruments
artus Influenza/H1 LC/RG RT-PCR Kit	Detection of Influenza plus Influenza A (H1N1) by real-time PCR using the LightCycler or the Rotor-Gene Q
artus VZV Virus RG PCR KI, CE marked	Detection of varicella-zoster virus DNA from human cerebral spinal fluid (CSF) by real-time PCR using Rotor-Gene Q instruments
cador BTV RT-PCR Kits	Real-time PCR Kits for detection of Bluetongue Virus (BTV) in cattle and sheep
digene HPV Genotyping Test	PCR based assay for the in-vitro identification of 18 high-risk HPV genotypes
EpiTect HRM PCR Kit	High resolution melting (HRM) analysis of CpG methylation
miScript Precursor Assay	Detection of specific precursor miRNAs
PyroMark KRAS Kit, CE	Quantitative measurement of mutation levels of the human KRAS gene to select patients likely to benefit from anti-EGFR therapies
PyroMark PCR Kit	PCR master mix kit for optimized amplification of gDNA or bisulfite treated DNA for methylation sequencing analysis
QIAGEN HRM Genotyping PCR Kit	Genotyping of SNPs and mutations using high resultion melting (HRM) analysis on Rotor-Gene family
QuantiFast Multiplex RT-PCR Kits	Fast multiplex for one-step real-time PCR using TaqMan probes on any standard or fast cycler
Rotor-Gene Multiplex RT-PCR Kit	Ultrafast real-time multiplex one-step real-time PCR using TaqMan probes on the Rotor-Gene Q
Type-it HRM PCR Kit	Genotyping of SNPs and mutations on all rela-time PCR cyclers capable of high resolution melting (HRM) analyis
AUTOMATION	
EZ1 Advanced XL	Walk away workstation for magnetic bead based nucleic acid purification. Fourteen samples per run and barcode reader
Rotor-Gene Q	Real-time PCR cycler featuring a rotary design including the option for high resolution melting (HRM) analysis
QIAsymphony AS	The second module of the QIAsymphony Series for automated assay set up in combination with the QIAsymphony SP

QIAgility	Reaction setup device specifically developed for PCR and real-time PCR setup
QIAxtractor	High throughput 96 wells nucleic acid purification system
Pyromark Q24	Using pyrosequencing technology for the detection and quantification of base variants
Pyromark Q96 MD/ID	Using pyrosequencing technology for the detection and quantification of base variants or sequence-based mutations

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Application Field	Markets	Applied Testing	Biomedical research	Clinical laboratories	Life Science research	Molecular Diagnostics	Pharma
All in one detection		.					
Protein expression, Protein purification			.		.		.
Structural biology, Drug screening, Protein research			.		.		.
Protein purification, Protein expression, Protein detection			.		.		.
Protein research			.		.		.
Protein research			.		.		.
Protein expression, Protein purification, Protein detection			.		.		.
Biomarker discovery, Cancer research/oncology, Pharmacogenetics			.		.	.	.
Histology and molecular analysis on the same sample, e.g. in oncology or pathology		.	.		.	.	.
Biomarker discovery, Blood safety testing, Cancer research/Oncology, Genotyping			.		.	.	.
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Biobanking, Sample repository		.	.		.	.	.
Viral nucleic acid purification, HPV testing, Infectious disease, Virology			.			.	.
Gene expression analysis	[1]pre-clinical studies				.		.[1]
Cancer research/Oncology			.		.	.	.
Protein expression, Protein purification, Protein detection			.		.		.
Infectious disease testing			.			.	.
Infectious disease testing			.			.	.
Infectious disease testing			.			.	.
Infectious disease testing	[2] animal vaccine production	.					.[2]
Infectious disease testing						.	
Biomedical research, Cancer research, Pharmacogenomics		.	.			.	.
Biomarker discovery, Cancer research/Oncology, Genotyping			.		.		.
Companion diagnostics, Pharmacogenetics, Genotyping			.			.	.
Methylation mechanism studies, Gene regulation, Gene silencing		.	.		.		.
Cancer research, Biomarker discovery, Genotyping		.	.		.	.	.
Gene expression analysis, Gene function analysis		.	.			.	.
Content		.	.			.	.
Cancer research, Biomarker discovery, Gonotyping		.	.		.	.	.
Purification of DNA and RNA from various types of samples		.	.			.	
Gene expression, Pathogen detection, DNA methylation analysis, Genotyping, miRNA research		.	.		.	.	.
Liquid handling system supporting multiple cycler formats		.	.			.	.
Gene expression, Pathogen detection, DNA methylation analysis, Genotyping, miRNA research		.	.		.	.	.
	[3] veterinary	.[3]	.		.		
Methylation analysis, Genotyping			.		.	.	.
Methylation analysis, Genotyping, Microbiological identification, Resistance typing (e.g. antibiotics)		.	.		.	.	.

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Business Overview

Description of Our Business

We believe, based on the nature of our products and technologies and on our United States and European market shares as supported by independent market studies, that we are the world s leading provider of innovative sample and assay technologies and products. Our products are considered standards in areas such as pre-analytical sample preparation and assay solutions in research for life sciences, applied testing and molecular diagnostics.

Sample Technologies: Sample technologies are used to collect, stabilize, isolate and purify molecules such as deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), ribonucleic acid (RNA) and proteins from any biological sample. Our sample technologies provide access to the content of biological samples. These include solutions for the collection, stabilization, purification, handling and storage of any analyte (DNA, RNA, protein) from any sample (blood, bone, tissue, etc.). Our sample technologies ensure that a sample is processed in a reproducible, standardized method with the highest level of quality before entering the subsequent analysis phase, for which the Company provides a broad range of assay technologies, such as reagents and testing solutions.

Assay Technologies: Once the general group of biomolecules or a specific subgroup has been isolated with sample technologies, assay technologies are then used to make specific target biomolecules, such as the DNA of a specific virus, visible for subsequent detection and analysis. Our assay technologies include reagents which enable the detection of such target analytes, e.g. the DNA sequence from a specific virus, from a purified sample. We also provide closed assays, in which such assay technologies have been pre-configured to test for specific targets such as the influenza virus, hepatitis, HIV, HPV or herpes. We hold unique leadership positions in a wide range of tests including in HPV-testing, one of the largest and most rapidly expanding market segments for sample and assay technologies in molecular diagnostics, and specifically, in women s health testing.

Our Products

We offer more than 500 consumable products and automated solutions and we regularly introduce new products in order to extend the life of our existing product lines as well as to address new market opportunities. In 2009 we launched 79 new products in the area of sample & assay technologies. We sell these products to academic research markets, to leading pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, to molecular diagnostics laboratories as well as to customers in applied testing markets, such as forensics, animal or food testing, and pharmaceutical process control. These products enable our customers to efficiently pursue their research and commercial goals that require the use of nucleic acids.

The main categories of our products include:

Consumables: Our consumable products include our sample and assay technologies. Sample technologies are used to collect, stabilize, isolate and purify DNA, RNA and proteins from all biological samples such as blood or tissue. Assay technologies like our amplification consumables or molecular diagnostic assays are used to make such isolated biomolecules visible. We offer most of our sample and assay consumable products, which can account for as much as 90% of our business, in kit form to maximize customer convenience and reduce user error. These kits contain all necessary reagents and buffers, and a technical handbook that includes a detailed protocol and background information. Each kit is sufficient to support a number of applications varying from one to one thousand depending on the kit. Each kit is covered by our quality guarantee.

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Major applications for our consumable products are plasmid, DNA purification; RNA purification and stabilization; genomic and viral nucleic acid purification; nucleic acid transfection; polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplification; reverse transcription; DNA cleanup after PCR and sequencing; DNA cloning and protein purification. In 2005, we began offering validated PCR assays which allow PCR-based detection of viral, bacterial and parasite, human and animal pathogens as well as pharmacogenomic testing and genotyping.

In 2007, we acquired Digene Corporation and began offering the digene HC2 HPV Test, a signal amplified test for the Human Papillomavirus for use in cervical cancer screening programs. The majority of our assays are validated with either manual or automated sample preparation from QIAGEN and CE-labeled according to the IvD-Directive in the EU.

In 2009, we acquired DxS Ltd., a developer and manufacturer of companion diagnostic products (CDx) for personalized healthcare applications. With this acquisition, we added activities in companion diagnostics with a portfolio of molecular diagnostic assays and intellectual property, as well as a deep pipeline of active or planned companion diagnostic partnerships in oncology with many of the leading pharmaceutical companies, including Amgen, Boehringer Ingelheim, Bristol-Myers Squibb, AstraZeneca and others in the field of personalized healthcare.

Also in 2009, we acquired SABiosciences Corporation and added a leading portfolio of PCR-based, disease and pathway-based panels that play key roles in biomedical research and the development of future drugs and diagnostics for molecular analysis-based clinical development in pharmaceutical and biomedical research.

Instrumentation: Our instrumentation systems automate the above mentioned consumables in low, medium or high throughput scale as well as reaction set-up, allowing customers to perform reliable low- to high-throughput nucleic acid sample preparation, assay setup and other laboratory tasks.

Our automated systems offer walk-away automation of sample and assay technologies in low, medium or high throughput scale, as well as reaction set-up and other laboratory tasks. In early 2007, we launched the QIAcube, a novel sample processing platform incorporating novel and proprietary technologies which allow users in research in life sciences, applied testing and molecular diagnostics to fully automate the processing of almost all our consumable sample technology products. The QIAcube received the distinguished New Product Award, or NPA, Designation of the Association for Laboratory Automation, or ALA, in February, 2007 and the QIAsymphony, which was introduced in January 2008, received the ALA NPA in 2008.

Also in early 2008, we released our QIAxcel, an innovative automated system. This system can replace tedious and time-consuming methods of nucleic acid separation in low- to high-throughput laboratories and can be used for the detection of results following the use of assay technologies. QIAxcel, which is designed to take the place of traditional slab-gel analysis, is characterized by an unprecedented sensitivity and time to results.

In 2008, we acquired Corbett, who is best known for having developed the world s first rotary real-time PCR cycler system, the Roto-Gene Q, a system used to detect real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR) reactions. Real-time PCR reactions are assay technologies which make specific sequences of DNA and RNA, targets visible through amplification and quantifiable through real-time measurement of such amplification. The addition of this proprietary PCR detection technology extends QIAGEN s real-time PCR molecular testing solution portfolio and enhances QIAGEN s options to offer sample and assay technology solutions spanning from sample to result.

Also in 2008, we acquired the Biosystems Business of Biotage, best known for having pioneered Pyrosequencing®, which has become a fundamental assay technology in next-generation sequencing. Pyrosequencing is a patented assay technology that in special formats can achieve significantly longer runs and can be employed in a massively

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parallel design to address the needs for applications such as high volume data generation in whole genome sequencing applications. In its widely used standard format, this technology provides the opportunity to read DNA-sequences up to 100 base pairs in real-time and at a price per read in the single dollar range.

In January 2010, we acquired ESE GmbH, a privately held developer and manufacturer of portable, battery operated, ultra-fast time to result , multiplex UV and fluorescence optical measurement devices. These fluorescence detection systems are utilized for point of need testing in healthcare and applied testing markets enabling low-throughput molecular testing in practices, emergency rooms, remote field areas, and other settings where a laboratory infrastructure is not accessible and fast turnaround is required.

In addition, key programs currently underway include the further development of our modular, medium throughput QIAsymphony platform and the related sample and assay technologies. This system features specifications such as random access and continuous load capabilities and is designed to ultimately allow fully integrated processing of a wide range of molecular tests from sample to result. Also, further work is continuing on our next generation high throughput of molecular testing platform, the QIAensemble system. The QIAensemble system will automate most all steps in the workflow for high throughput testing and its menu will also include our new version of our HPV tests.

Other: A very small part of our business revenues comes from custom services, such as whole genome amplification services, DNA sequencing, and non-cGMP DNA production on a contract basis. We also sell and/or license technology.

Research and Development

By focusing our resources on our core expertise Sample & Assay Technologies and due to the size of the markets for products that utilize this core expertise, we can invest more in research and development on our core application area than we believe is typical in our industry. Approximately 700 employees in research and development, who work in six centers of excellence on three different continents, constantly develop new applications that push the frontiers of science further. Our investment in research and development accounts for more than 10% of our sales. Our total research and development expenses in 2009, 2008 and 2007 were approximately $107.9 million, $97.3 million, and $64.9 million, respectively. We have fast, proven innovation cycles, with approximately five percent of 2009 revenue growth stemming from new products launched in 2009. Our comprehensive intellectual property portfolio spans over 700 granted patents and more than 800 pending applications.

Our product development efforts are focused on expanding our existing products and developing innovative new products in selected areas where we have expertise and have identified substantial unmet market needs. We intend to maintain our technology leadership position through investments in product improvements, product extensions, and innovative new approaches. We believe that improvements in instrumentation will strengthen our leadership position in the automation of sample and assay technology applications and generate an increased demand for our consumable products.

Sales and Marketing

We market our products in more than 40 countries throughout the world. We have established subsidiaries in the markets that we believe have the greatest sales potential in the Americas, Europe, Australia, and throughout Asia. We have established a network of highly experienced marketing personnel and employ a dedicated field sales force of over 1,200 people, who sell our products and provide direct support to customers. A significant number of our marketing and sales staff is experienced scientists with academic degrees in molecular biology or related areas. We also have specialized independent distributors and importers.

Our marketing strategy is focused on providing high-quality products that offer customers unique advantages,

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coupled with a commitment to technical excellence and customer service. We have developed a range of marketing tools designed to provide customers with direct access to technical support and to inform them of new product offerings, as well as to enhance our reputation for technical excellence, high-quality products, and commitment to customer service. One such tool is our technical service hotline, which allows existing or potential customers to discuss, via phone and e-mail, a wide range of technical questions regarding our products and related molecular biology procedures with Ph.D. and M.Sc. scientists in our technical service group, who provide advice and training. Frequent communication with customers enables us to identify market needs, to gain early insight into new developments and business opportunities, and to respond with new products.

To enhance the knowledge base of clinicians and to provide for physician-directed marketing of our products, we have sales representatives dedicated to educating physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals about the benefits of HPV testing using our technologies. Additionally, we have implemented direct to consumer (DTC) advertising campaigns designed to educate women about the link between HPV and cervical cancer and the availability of our HPV Test.

We also distribute several publications, including our annual catalog, to existing and potential customers worldwide, providing new product information, product updates, and articles contributed by customers and by our scientists about existing and new applications for our products. In addition, we advertise in leading scientific and clinical journals such as Science, and hold numerous scientific seminars, in which our scientists present technical information at leading clinical, academic and industrial research institutes worldwide. We conduct direct mail campaigns to announce new products or offer special sales promotions, and also offer various personalized electronic newsletters for our worldwide customers that provide helpful hints and information for molecular biology applications. Our web site (www.qiagen.com) contains a full online product catalog and ordering system, as well as a host of support tools, scientific design tools and other resources. Some information is available on our website in French, German and Korean to support these local markets. In addition, we have full Japanese and Chinese language versions of our site. The information contained in, or that can be accessed through, our website is not part of this Annual Report.

In addition to keeping our customers informed of new product offerings, we also offer an inventory consignment program. The QIAcabinet is a storage cabinet owned by us and placed in customer laboratories at their request. The QIAcabinet is stocked with our products, offering customers the convenience of immediate access, thereby reducing product reorder procedures and shipping costs. We monitor cabinet inventory and bill the customers at regular intervals as the products are used. We believe that our QIAcabinet helps us maintain our competitive position while also reducing distrib