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Epigenomics AG: Partner Quest Diagnostics Septin9 Test ColoVantage Approved by New York State

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Epigenomics AG (Frankfurt Prime Standard: ECX), the cancer molecular diagnostics company, today informed that the colorectal cancer blood test ColoVantage™ developed and offered in the U.S. by its partner Quest Diagnostics Incorporated (NYSE:DGX) has been approved by the New York State's Department of Health.

ColoVantage™ is based on Epigenomics' proprietary DNA methylation technology and mSEPT9 biomarker licensed non-exclusively to Quest Diagnostics in 2008. New York State is the only State in the U.S. where laboratory-developed tests require explicit approval for patient testing. With this approval, ColoVantage™ is now available in the entire United States.

In a press release issued yesterday by Quest Diagnostics Jon R. Cohen, M.D., senior vice president and chief medical officer, Quest Diagnostics, commented:

"ColoVantage is a convenient, noninvasive option for the millions of patients 50 years of age and older who resist testing by recommended screening methods. As a technique that patients may actually use, ColoVantage is arguably the first practical testing option to promote meaningful cancer evaluation among this large underserved population. It is fitting that March, colorectal cancer awareness month, marks the date our test met New York's rigorous regulatory criteria."

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Notes to the Editor

Quest Diagnostics' Press Release

Please find yesterday's press release issued by Quest Diagnostics at
<http://questdiagnostics.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=43&item=445>

About Epigenomics

Epigenomics (www.epigenomics.com) is a cancer molecular diagnostics company developing and commercializing a pipeline of proprietary products. The Company's products enable doctors to diagnose cancer earlier and more accurately, leading to improved outcomes for patients. Epigenomics' lead product, Epi proColon, is a blood-based test for the early detection of colorectal cancer, which is currently marketed in Europe and is in development for the U.S.A. The Company's technology and products have been validated through multiple partnerships with leading global diagnostic companies including Abbott, QIAGEN, Sysmex, and Quest Diagnostics. Epigenomics is an international company with operations in Europe and the U.S.A.

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