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SGE Granted Funding for Integrated nano LC/LC-MS Systems Development.

SGE Analytical Science (formerly SGE International) announced today that it had been granted up to 50% funding support for its future nano LC/LC-MS development program. The funding grant is part of the Australian Government's "Commercial Ready Program" which is a merit-based competitive program targeted at innovative approaches to research and development.

The \$A5M project plan focuses on parallel development and commercialization of enabling technologies for the further miniaturization of LC and LC-MS systems.

"Through our OEM partners, SGE and its subsidiary ETP supply a number of core technologies in many of the world's nano LC and MS instruments," said Peter Dawes, President of SGE. "This significant multi-year development program will target technology-based platforms that will enable those partners to accelerate the miniaturization and productivity of their future LC and LC-MS systems."

"We can see some real opportunities and lateral ways to approach the miniaturization of chromatography-MS systems via some discontinuous technologies, from integration of the sample flow at the front end, based on sub-micro fluidic logic channel systems, through to a new generation of ETP micro detectors at the back end."

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