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50 Years and Still Innovating Analytical Science

SGE Analytical Science is proud to achieve the significant milestone of 50 years as a company. For five decades SGE Analytical Science has been addressing the ever changing needs of analytical science and today remains an innovation leader. The company's innovation credentials were reinforced when eVol[®] received an R&D100 award this year, making SGE the only Australian company to receive this highly regarded award in 2010.

Company founders Ernest and Nola Dawes first began producing 5µL syringes for the new field of Gas Chromatography fifty years ago. From humble beginnings, SGE now has two modern facilities engaged in developing and manufacturing Chromatography, Mass Spectrometry and Analytical Products, employs over 400 people, and has a global distribution and support network.

SGE Chairman Peter Dawes attributes the company's success to a philosophy of always striving to be the best. He sees a bright future ahead for SGE with exciting new pipeline technologies and products including 'Diamond-like Coating', a low friction, durable coating that prolongs product life and improves functionality; further developments to the award winning eVol[®]; and new product SilFlow[™], a microfluidic channel system that delivers flexible solutions for multidimensional gas and liquid chromatography.

This commitment to research and development will ensure SGE continues to bring innovative solutions to the scientific community for the next fifty years.

About eVol

eVol[®] is the world's first digitally controlled positive displacement dispensing system. eVol[®] eliminates user error and allows significantly improved levels of precision and accuracy in manual dispensing thereby improving laboratory workflows and the reliability of results. eVol is the world's first product to be enabled by SGE's patented XCHANGE[®] technology – an innovative magnetic coupling mechanism also available for integration onto robotic platforms.

About R&D100 Awards

Since 1963, the R&D100 Awards have identified revolutionary technologies newly introduced into the market. Many of these have become household names including the flashcube (1965), the automated teller machine (1973), the liquid crystal display (1980), Taxol[®] anticancer drug (1993) and HDTV (1998). The awards are selected by an independent judging panel and the editors of R&D Magazine.

About Diamond Like Coating Technology

Diamond-like coating technology, or 'plasma activated high frequency vacuum deposition' and was originally developed in the US. The coating is has low friction and is extremely durable. SGE will become the first Australian company to commercialize this enabling technology in conjunction with the CSIRO.

About SilFlow[™]

SilFlow[™] is an innovative and friendly approach for flow switching and splitting applications. SilFlow[™] expands the capabilities of capillary gas and liquid chromatography by minimizing dead volumes and using inert flow paths to ensure no decrease to analysis sensitivity. SilFlow[™] designs can incorporate restrictions (for fluidic logic) and intersections (tees) as well as more complex configurations.

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