



OraSure Technologies Provides Update on OraQuick Ebola Rapid Antigen Test Business

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BARDA Exercises Contract Option for \$7.2 Million in Additional Funding

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Sept. 29, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- OraSure Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ:OSUR), a leader in point of care diagnostic tests and specimen collection devices, announced today that it has made significant progress regarding the commercialization of its OraQuick® Ebola Rapid Antigen Test.

The Company announced that the Biomedical Advanced Research Development Authority (BARDA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has exercised an option to provide \$7.2 million in additional funding for the Company's OraQuick® Ebola Rapid Antigen Test. This funding will be used primarily for clinical and regulatory activities required to request U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) 510(k) clearance for this product. This option is part of the \$10.4 million funding contract (base plus options) between OraSure and BARDA that was previously announced in June 2015.

The Company also announced today that HHS' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will purchase approximately \$1.5 million of the Company's OraQuick® Ebola Rapid Antigen Test. The CDC purchase is expected to be fulfilled by the end of 2015. CDC is purchasing the OraQuick® Ebola Rapid Antigen Tests for field testing in West Africa. This is the second such purchase of this product for field testing made by CDC.

"The populations affected by Ebola are large, and current testing methods severely limit testing capacity. As such, we believe that the OraQuick® Rapid Ebola Test will be an important tool in containing and controlling the Ebola outbreak," said Douglas A. Michels, President and Chief Executive Officer of OraSure Technologies. "We are grateful to both the CDC and BARDA for their continued support."

The OraQuick® Ebola Rapid Antigen Test utilizes the same proven technology platform used in the Company's rapid HIV and HCV test kits. The OraQuick® Ebola Test received Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the FDA in July 2015 and is designed to detect viral antigens in fingerstick and venous whole blood from patients presenting with signs and symptoms of Ebola infection in conjunction with epidemiological risk factors. Positive (reactive) results may be read as soon as they appear and have been observed as early as 4 minutes. Negative (non-reactive) results have to be read at 30 minutes. The test can be used at ambient temperatures (up to 40°C / 104°F), is easy to use with a simple visual read, and does not require instrumentation.

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Critical reagents in the OraQuick® Ebola Rapid Antigen Test are being supplied by the [Viral Hemorrhagic Fever Consortium](http://www.vhfc.org) (VHFC; www.vhfc.org) and the [Biological Defense Research Directorate](http://www.nmrc.mil) at the United States Navy Medical Research Center (NMRC). The VHFC reagents were developed with the support of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases of the National Institutes of Health ("NIH/NIAID"). VHFC members, Autoimmune Technologies LLC, and Zalgen Labs LLC manufacture the critical reagents.

About OraSure Technologies

OraSure Technologies is a leader in the development, manufacture and distribution of point of care diagnostic and collection devices and other technologies designed to detect or diagnose critical medical conditions. Its first-to-market, innovative products include rapid tests for the detection of antibodies to HIV and HCV on the OraQuick® platform, oral fluid sample collection, stabilization and preparation products for molecular diagnostic applications, and oral fluid laboratory tests for detecting various drugs of abuse. OraSure's portfolio of products is sold globally to various clinical laboratories, hospitals, clinics, community-based organizations and other public health organizations, research and academic institutions, distributors, government agencies, physicians' offices, commercial and industrial entities and consumers. The Company's products enable healthcare providers to deliver critical information to patients, empowering them to make decisions to improve and protect their health.

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