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ALPINE BIOMED CORPORATION ANNOUNCES MERGER WITH SIERRA SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, INC.

Combination Creates World's Leading Provider of Specialty Diagnostic Devices for the Gastroenterology Market

Fountain Valley, CA – September 4, 2009 – Alpine Biomed Corporation, a global leader in specialty diagnostic devices, announced today that it has merged its gastrodiagnostic division with Sierra Scientific Instruments, Inc. The company will move all of its gastrodiagnostic products under Sierra Scientific to create the world's leading provider of specialty diagnostic devices for the clinical gastroenterology market.

Sierra Scientific, which will operate as an affiliate of Alpine Biomed, will offer the most complete suite of products available to support clinicians with diagnosing a range of GI-tract disorders. These include gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), one of the most common digestive disorders that afflicts as many as one-third of Americans. Sierra Scientific will also provide the market's leading research and development platform for developing new gastrodiagnostic technologies.

“Sierra Scientific is highly regarded for its innovative technology and strong brand. By integrating our GI products and capabilities under Sierra Scientific, we

will provide customers with the most comprehensive set of state-of-the-art gastrodiagnostic devices,” said Alpine Biomed President and CEO John Arnott.

Headquartered in Los Angeles, Sierra Scientific pioneered the technology that produced the first high-resolution pressure images of the entire esophagus. As an Alpine Biomed affiliate, it will produce and distribute all gastrodiagnostic devices for both companies under its brand. The Sierra Scientific management team, headed by Tom Parks, Ph.D., who co-founded the company, will provide leadership for the combined businesses. Dr. Parks will continue to serve as President and CEO, and will report to the Board of Directors chaired by John Arnott.

“Our leading technology combined with Alpine Biomed’s manufacturing capabilities and strong customer base is an excellent strategic fit,” said Dr. Parks. “Our goal is to leverage our collective strengths to develop and bring to market new products that will further innovate the diagnosis of a spectrum of digestive diseases.”

Alpine Biomed’s merger with Sierra Scientific marks the company’s third transaction to expand its business since 2007 when it partnered with Water Street Healthcare Partners. Water Street is a leading private equity firm focused exclusively on health care. In 2007, Alpine Biomed acquired both the gastrodiagnostic and neurodiagnostic product lines from Medtronic, Inc.

Ned Villers, a partner with Water Street and a member of Alpine Biomed’s board of directors, added: “Sierra Scientific is another strategic expansion for Alpine Biomed and creates the clear leader in the gastroenterology clinical market.”

Financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

About Alpine Biomed

Alpine Biomed is a global leader in specialty diagnostic devices for the gastroenterology and neurology clinical markets. The company produces diagnostic tools used for gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), commonly referred to as acid reflux disease, as well as for neurological conditions such as sleep disorders. Founded in 1994, Alpine Biomed is headquartered in Fountain Valley, California with manufacturing facilities in Canada, Denmark, the United States and Vietnam. For more information about Alpine Biomed, visit www.alpinebiomed.com.

About Sierra Scientific Instruments

Sierra Scientific Instruments produces a complete line of high-resolution solid-state manometry, ambulatory pH & Impedance monitoring systems, and disposable accessories. These products are designed to maximize the simplicity and accuracy of gastrointestinal motility procedures and ambulatory reflux monitoring. For further information about Sierra Scientific, visit www.sierrainst.com.

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