

## **Hamilton, MolGen, and EWC Diagnostics join forces to scale up SARS-CoV-2 testing capacity in the Netherlands**

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Today, Hamilton, MolGen, and EWC Diagnostics announce their strategic partnership to scale up SARS-CoV-2 testing capacity in the Netherlands.

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in Europe, demand for SARS-CoV-2 detection tests has significantly increased. In order to increase testing capacity, the Dutch government, through the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, invited commercial organizations to respond to a tender released this summer.

In response, Hamilton, MolGen, and EWC Diagnostics presented a total innovative solution from patient sample to result. This complete workflow can meet the demand for increased SARS-CoV-2 testing capacity and reduced turnaround time for testing in the Netherlands.

Within the partnership, Hamilton will deliver the automated RNA extraction and PCR set-up. MolGen will provide the RNA extraction chemistry and (plastic) consumables used in the laboratory process. EWC Diagnostics will deliver the CE-IVD marked SARS-CoV-2 PCR test kits (Pathofinder) and will also supply the real-time PCR equipment (Bio-Rad) used for the analysis of SARS-CoV-2. MolGen and EWC Diagnostics will jointly arrange the day-to-day logistics to several laboratories. These laboratories across the Netherlands have signed up to acquire 15 total test solutions offered by the consortium. By sourcing and producing almost exclusively in the Netherlands, the consortium can guarantee the continuous flow of materials.

"We have worked tirelessly since the beginning of the pandemic to help expand testing facilities in this global challenge," said Henning Menke, Country Manager at Hamilton. "We are proud to be able to provide the Dutch government with SARS-CoV-2 testing systems, which increases the number of possible tests in this fight."

Maarten de Groot, CEO of MolGen adds: "We are delighted to be part of this consortium alongside respectable companies in the world of automation and microbiology. This strategic partnership enables us to deliver a substantial contribution to public health in the Netherlands."

Wiljan Hoekstra, CEO of EWC Diagnostics continues: "We strongly believe in locally developed and manufactured products to enable the Dutch laboratories to carry out as many SARS-CoV-2 tests as necessary. We are convinced that our consortium in the Netherlands, together with the participating laboratories, will set a future standard for successful care with sufficient testing capacity."

#### About Hamilton

*Hamilton Bonaduz AG is a leading global manufacturer that provides automated workstations for liquid handling and laboratory automation technology to the scientific community. With a focus on innovative design, Hamilton products integrate patented liquid handling technologies into a portfolio that includes liquid handling platforms, standard application-based solutions, small appliances, consumables, and OEM liquid handling solutions. Hamilton products are known for their advances in life sciences, clinical diagnostics, forensics and biotechnology, offering reliability, performance and flexibility. Hamilton ensures an ongoing commitment to quality and uses state-of-the-art production facilities in Reno, Nevada and Bonaduz, Switzerland, and has achieved a worldwide ISO 9001 certification. Hamilton is privately owned and headquartered in Reno, Nevada; Franklin, Massachusetts; and Bonaduz, Switzerland, along with subsidiaries around the world.*

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#### About MolGen

*MolGen is a young, dynamic, and fast-growing company, active in the field of molecular biology and specialized in the technology to purify DNA/RNA from various materials. In addition, MolGen sells innovative and total solutions and MolGen continuously develops new products and services to meet the ever-changing demands of the market. Now, MolGen is highly active in the field of extraction chemistry and equipment to scale up the SARS-CoV-2 test capacity. MolGen is headquartered in the Netherlands.*

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#### About EWC Diagnostics

*EWC Diagnostics is a young and dynamic company that brings expertise, quality and flexibility to the market. Our mission is to satisfy the needs of our customers by providing excellent service through our wide production network. We maintain a continuous focus on increasing quality and efficiency in the laboratory. Service is our number one priority as we combine product quality with high delivery reliability, innovative packaging, intelligent logistics, and quality certificates in the cloud. Together with our production partners, we are your partner in microbiology!*

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