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AtheNA Multi-Lyte[®] *Treponema pallidum* IgG Plus Test System

Branchburg, NJ– October 26, 2010 – ZEUS Scientific announced it has received clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to market the AtheNA Multi-Lyte[®] *Treponema pallidum* IgG Plus Test System. This new Test System is intended for the qualitative detection of specific human IgG class antibodies to *Treponema pallidum* in human sera. The presence of antibodies to *Treponema pallidum* specific antigen, in conjunction with non-treponemal laboratory tests and clinical findings, may aid in the diagnosis of syphilis infection. Both treponemal and non-treponemal tests are generally necessary to presumptively diagnose primary syphilis.

Syphilis is a bacterial infection that is usually sexually transmitted, but may also be passed from an infected mother to her unborn child. Syphilis is a curable sexually transmitted disease (STD) which, if left untreated, can eventually lead to irreversible damage to the heart and nervous system. Syphilis remains a global problem with an estimated 12 million people infected each year, despite the existence of effective prevention measures.

This is the industry leading 15th AtheNA Multi-Lyte[®] Test System cleared by the FDA, for *in vitro* diagnostic use. The AtheNA Multi-Lyte[®] System is a multiplexed bead-based system built on Luminex[®] xMAP[®] Technology. ZEUS Scientific Intra-Well Calibration Technology[®] provides a multi-point, patient-specific calibration curve for each sample in the same well, eliminating plate drift and ensuring result accuracy.

The AtheNA Multi-Lyte[®] *Treponema pallidum* IgG Plus Test System is available for sale through the ZEUS Scientific distribution network. Please visit www.zeusscientific.com to locate your local distributor.