

Rigaku Analytical Devices Chosen for Project Global Shield, a World Customs Organization Program

Progeny ResQ 1064nm handheld Raman analyzers selected to support global efforts to counter illicit diversion and trafficking of precursor chemicals used in explosive devices

Wilmington, Massachusetts, July 11, 2018 – [Rigaku Analytical Devices](#), a leader in advanced handheld and portable spectroscopic analyzers, has been chosen to provide its [Progeny ResQ](#) system to be used in Project Global Shield, a World Customs Organization (WCO) Program. A minimum of 38 Progeny ResQ analyzers will be used in global customs operations to identify and analyze chemical products, including explosives, toxic industrial substances, and precursor chemicals.

Lead by the WCO and in partnership with the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Project Global Shield initiated in 2010. The program commenced as a six-month joint operation to combat increasing illicit use of precursor chemicals used to manufacture improvised explosive devices (IEDs) by monitoring cross-border movements. Following initial success of the project, in March 2011 the WCO project transitioned to an expanded long-term program with customs administrations in 85 countries committed to participate in this global collaborative initiative.



**Rigaku Progeny ResQ
1064nm handheld
Raman analyzer**

“We are extremely proud to participate in this important global mission,” said Bree Allen, President of Rigaku Analytical Devices. *“We are committed to providing the highest performing handheld Raman for explosive and chemical detection and identification technology to support counter terror and border security operations around the world. Its rapid response time, easy operation, and ability to identify colored materials and through packaging demonstrate how the Progeny ResQ 1064nm Raman analyzer is the instrument of choice for the safety & security industry.”*

For more information on Progeny ResQ, please visit www.rigaku.com/ResQ

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About Rigaku Analytical Devices

Rigaku Analytical Devices is leading with innovation to pioneer a portfolio of handheld and portable spectroscopic analyzers for use in public health and safety, scientific and academic study, recycling and reuse of metal alloys, and to ensure the quality of key metal alloy components in critical industries. We strive to deliver quality, reliability and engaged expertise to our customers with our advanced product and capabilities and are dedicated to continual product development efforts to deliver mission critical enhancements to performance and functionality and reliable, cost-effective solutions for end users. Our rugged products operate on an open architecture platform and deliver unparalleled accuracy and support for rapid lab-quality results any time, any place.

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