

AMS and Westco Scientific Instruments Announce
the Acquisition of Unity Scientific



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Instruments, global leaders in automated chemistry instrumentation serving the environmental and clinical marketplace, announce the acquisition of Unity Scientific, (Columbia, MD) specializing in near infrared analysis. Unity Scientific introduced the SpectraStar line of scanning monochromator NIR analyzers in 2001 providing unique QC solutions for products in the Food, Agriculture and Industrial markets. The company will offer immediate access to new markets and complement recent acquisitions made by AMS and Westco that include YDI Group Holdings, Alliance Instruments and Ysebeart. Doug Evans will continue as President of Unity Scientific and the entire staff will remain intact with a focus of growing and expanding the NIR business.

Joe Platano, President of Westco states, "The acquisition of Unity Scientific further expands our product portfolio in the analytical instrumentation market and strengthens our global distribution network with a vast array of experience in both NIR technology and industry knowledge. Our core markets have been primarily focused on environmental and clinical applications, the addition of Unity gives us a much stronger position in the food, agricultural and industrial markets. The combination of products and distribution will make AMS and Westco a significant force in the analytical instrument industry."

"AMS and Westco are committed to retaining the focus and structure within Unity and look forward to providing the strong financial and operational support required to develop new products and applications for our served markets", comments Doug Evans, President of Unity Scientific. "The strength of Unity has been in its products and the vast NIR experience of its employees that average 20 years each in this industry. The combination of products and distribution are complementary and we look forward to being part of a larger organization that shares the same vision as Unity to provide valued solutions to specific markets."

"This acquisition is extremely strategic for the company," adds Antonio Gagliarducci, Technical Director of AMS. "The addition of Unity Scientific into the AMS and Westco family enhances our analytical capabilities in the NIR market and also benefits our sample preparation product lines that are used to build NIR calibrations. The technical design expertise within AMS will be utilized to expand and support the NIR product offering. Our goal is to continue adding companies to the group that offer synergy to our existing products and markets that will help us to expand into new areas and build upon our technology base."

About Unity Scientific

Unity Scientific (www.unityscientific.com), founded in 2001 by Robert Wilt, George Toth, and Doug Evans is a multinational, privately held company committed to delivering NIR solutions and superior customer support. They are a global provider of near infrared bench-top analyzers, process analyzers and other spectroscopic solutions. By bringing together the most influential and experienced leaders in the NIR market, they quickly transformed from startup to a preferred provider of Near Infrared solutions for QC analysis to several Fortune 500 companies.

About AMS

AMS, srl., (www.ams-analyzers.com) was founded in 1992 by a group of businessmen who purchased the assets of Levtex Company (previously Polimak) to form an instrumentation business focused on both quality and delivery for the clinical markets. Located in Rome, Italy, AMS has developed a team of outstanding engineers, scientists, software designers and staff with a proven record of product development from concept through production.

About Westco Scientific Instruments

Westco Scientific Instruments (www.westcoscientific.com) was formed in 1986 as a manufacturer and supplier of Technicon after-market consumables for clinical laboratories. Westco has become a leader in design, development, and manufacturing of precision discrete analysis instrumentation and sample prep equipment for the environmental and industrial markets and is committed to creating value through the simplification and automation of chemical analysis.

In 1993, Westco expanded its product range to begin serving the industrial and environmental laboratory marketplace and subsequently developed that market as its main focus. In 1998, AMS began working with Westco Scientific Instruments, Inc., to develop a product that applies the elegance and technological advancement of its clinical analyzer to the environmental & industrial markets. Through the technical expertise of AMS and the application/market knowledge of Westco, the companies launched their first automated discrete chemistry analyzer, the SmartChem®, and set the standard for discrete analysis in the environmental market with their comprehensive hardware/ software systems that meet NELAC and GLP standards for analytical testing.

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