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## **GENETIC ID RECEIVES DACH ACCREDITATION**

*Flexible scope of accreditation allows Genetic ID to offer new GMO tests to customers faster*

(Fairfield, Iowa, May 18, 2009). Genetic ID was recently granted flexible scope of accreditation by the Deutsche Akkreditierungsstelle Chemie GmbH (DACH) in recognition of the company's high level of technical competence in developing and performing Real-Time PCR-based analysis of genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

### **Demonstrated high level of competence**

Genetic ID is already fully accredited to ISO/IEC 17025, the highest international standard for laboratory accreditation. The ISO 17025 standard requires a lab to have a Quality Management System and requires continuous demonstration of competence by an ongoing series of evaluations including proficiency tests, internal audits, and external third-party audits.

There are also different scopes of accreditation. Fixed scope means that a laboratory is accredited for specific tests but not accredited for tests that are not listed on their scope of accreditation. DACH granted Genetic ID flexible scope of accreditation for PCR testing and DNA extraction, which means that Genetic ID has demonstrated a high level of competence in these areas. As a

result, any Genetic ID test that uses the same equipment or basic test methods is accredited, even if the specific test is different than the ones listed on the fixed scope.

Commenting on the value of DACH accreditation, Dr. Heather Secrist, Executive Vice President of Global Technology of Genetic ID, said: “This is important because it means that Genetic ID can offer a test to customers immediately after development and validation in contrast to fixed scope of accreditation where each new assay developed had to be reviewed and approved by the accrediting body before it could be offered to customers.”

### **About Genetic ID**

Since 1996, Genetic ID has been recognized as a global leader in GMO detection. The company’s DNA-based technology detects all commercialized GMOs and precisely detects and quantifies genetically modified material in a wide range of raw crops and processed foods. Genetic ID’s method has been proven on tens of thousands of samples for major food and agricultural companies worldwide. Genetic ID offers its clients fast turnaround times, responsive customer service, and the highest standards of impartiality, confidentiality, and information security.

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