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Cognis Introduces a Basic Package for the QTA® System for Process Monitoring

CINCINNATI, Ohio, 2/22/2005: TODAY Cognis Corporation is introducing the QTA® system for process monitoring. The QTA® system will improve operations by monitoring key data points along the production line. The basic QTA® package will monitor processes, improving yields and eliminating costly mistakes. The QTA® system replaces time-consuming analytical methods such as wet-chemistry or complicated instrumentation. The QTA® system brings more efficiency into the process through quicker testing, resulting in faster process decisions. The basic package is a complete customizable turn-key solution that includes everything needed to begin harnessing the power of the QTA® system.

“We have a solution that monitors your key variables to increase your productivity and profitability!” Said Barbara Stefl, Cognis’ QTA® Business Director

The QTA® System Basic Package is a complete “plug & play” system that includes:

- Analytical Equipment
- Rugged Laptop
- 24/7 Service
- Up to Four (4) calibrations
- Unlimited Database Storage and Access
- Unlimited Reports of Historical Data
- Customized Input Screens for better reporting
- Real-time Monitoring
- Outlier Detection
- Calibration Maintenance
- Automated Calibration Updating

Other benefits include:

- No sample preparation
- No chemicals needed for testing
- No chemical cleanup
- No expensive chemical disposal costs
- Nondestructive testing
- Replaces time-consuming methods
- Accurate, reliable results within minutes
- No capital investment

QTA® provides on-site, ready-to-use analytical capabilities without additional investment in equipment or personnel. Centralized calibration technology, supported by Cognis Corporation, enhances consistency over time and across multiple instruments. For more information on the QTA® system please contact Eddie Hall at (513) 482-3882 or email help@qta.com.

About Cognis

Cognis is a worldwide supplier of innovative specialty chemicals and nutritional ingredients with almost 9,000 employees in close to 50 countries. The company has dedicated itself to conduct all its activities to a high level of sustainability, delivering natural source raw materials and ingredients for food, nutrition and healthcare markets, and the cosmetics, detergents and cleaners industries. Additionally, Cognis provides solutions for a number of other industries, such as coatings and inks, lubricants, textiles and plastics, as well as agrosolutions and mining chemicals.

Cognis is owned by private equity funds advised by Permira, GS Capital Partners, and Schroder Ventures Life Sciences. In 2003, Cognis recorded sales of approximately 3.1 billion euros.