

## Press Release

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### **BIT Analytical Instruments celebrates its 30th Anniversary**

**Boston, June 12, 2006. Over the next few days, the Boston company BIT Analytical Instruments will be celebrating its 30th anniversary. BIT is a former subsidiary of Hoechst AG, later Messer Griesheim, and manufactures medical diagnostic instrumentation. Its origins go back to four employees at the works in Krifteler Straße (Frankfurt) and now, with over 100 people, it has well established itself at the location of Schwalbach/ Taunus. This is not only reflected by its expansion into the USA (opening of an office in Boston in September 2004) and its presence at international exhibitions (winner of the Medical Design Excellence Award at the MD&M 2005 in New York), but also the sales figures (30 million €) tell a tale of their own.**

The company BIT mirrors the generation of a new trend-setting growth branch that above all is intent on the sectors of research and technology. This year as well, BIT will be present at the world's largest medical exhibition "Medica" in Düsseldorf.

Not only this, BIT is part of the Messer and MEC Group, international players wielding considerable financial strength.

#### **Time Track**

1976

The beginnings of medical technology: four employees at Messer Griesheim start on the production of a pistol-grip vaccination gun for Behringwerke AG in Frankfurt. Improvisation skills and the personal commitment of all those involved spell out the first ring of success; business grows.

1980-1990

Specialization in In-Vitro-Diagnostics. In adjusting all in-house processes to technical requirements and the international directives of the branch, the company succeeds in establishing itself as leading European manufacturer of IVD instrumentation.

1995-2000

Stepping out towards independence: the move to Schwalbach (1995), foundation of Messer Biomedical Instruments GmbH (2000), as from 2002 BIT Analytical Instruments GmbH. Concentration on the contract manufacturing of medical and diagnostic high-end instrumentation with explicit claims to manufacturing quality and dependability.

2001

Kaizen philosophy in production: augmenting flexibility and at the same time slimming down all processes. The move into continuous flow production, slashing throughput times, optimizing material management and making for workstations that are aligned to sequences.

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#### 2003-2004

The One Stop Solution is established worldwide with strong partners: one source - BIT - for all services, from development through manufacturing to aftersales services. A step over the Atlantic (2004): foundation of BIT Analytical Instruments Inc. with registered seat in Boston.

#### 2006

Anniversary: the division that is today's BIT has been extraordinarily successful for more than 30 years. Among other targets, the company aims to lead the market worldwide in its segment. In other words, development of the One Stop solution and the networks.

#### **Caption:**

Vaccination gun, first medical instrument of Messer Griesheim GmbH