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Inverness Graham Enters Growing Food Safety and Authentication Market

Inverness Graham Acquires Global ID Group

Philadelphia, PA, December 19, 2013 – Inverness Graham Investments, a private investment firm based in suburban Philadelphia, is pleased to announce the acquisition of Global ID Group (“Global ID”). Headquartered in Iowa, with locations in Europe and Latin America, Global ID is a provider of proprietary testing, certification, and software products and services to the food and agriculture industries. The Company is comprised of three divisions; Genetic ID, Cert ID, and FoodChain Global Advisors, collectively providing a global one-stop-shop for food producers and retailers to reach every layer in the food supply chain spanning from “Farm to Fork”. Global ID provides proprietary testing services for detection and compliance related to genetically modified foods (“GMOs”), pathogen detection and food authentication as well as food safety certification.

“Inverness Graham has been proactively seeking investment opportunities in the area of food safety and authentication given the tightening regulatory requirements, increasing consumer demands for transparency and safe food, and the growing number of imported foods,” stated Trey Sykes, Managing Principal of Inverness Graham. “We have been working closely with industry-leading Operating Partner, David Acheson. David is the Former Associate Commissioner for Foods at the FDA and played a leadership role in developing the foundation and blueprint for the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). David will be staying on as a board member post-transaction,” Sykes added.

“Founded in 1996, Global ID’s testing division, Genetic ID, was the first lab in North America to use DNA-based testing for the detection of GMOs,” stated Ken Ross, CEO of Global ID. “Continuing its global technical leadership, this year Genetic ID was the first commercial lab in the world to

validate the use of Digital PCR for far more accurate and sensitive GMO detection and quantification. We believe we are uniquely positioned to service the requirements of a rapidly emerging New Food Industry through the highly integrated services of our three divisions. Genetic ID is one of the world's leading providers of advanced DNA-based testing for GMO detection, identification and quantification, from the simplest to the most complex multi-ingredient, highly processed food matrices. Cert ID provides the world's most recognized and respected Non-GMO certification and is also a highly regarded provider of GFSI-compliant food safety certification on multiple continents. Cert ID is also a leader in the certification of socially responsible and sustainable agriculture through the ProTerra certification standard. FoodChain Global Advisors combines the domain expertise of its Genetic ID and Cert ID divisions into a knowledge and software platform that can be applied to every layer of the food supply chain for integrated solutions to complex problems. We are excited to partner with the Inverness Graham team to pursue the numerous organic and acquisitive growth opportunities we see in the New Food Industry," Ross added.

Though terms were not disclosed, Avante Mezzanine Partners provided the unitranche debt to finance this transaction.

About Inverness Graham Investments: Inverness Graham is an operationally focused, lower middle market private investment firm headquartered in suburban Philadelphia. Inverness Graham acquires high growth, innovative manufacturing and service companies. The firm has over \$250M of assets under management and was founded by senior executives of the Graham Group, an alliance of independently owned and operated industrial and investment management businesses that share in the common legacy of entrepreneur Donald C. Graham's industrial endeavors. For more information, please visit www.invernessgraham.com.

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