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***IVDiagnostics announces Entech laboratory***

**Valparaiso** – IVDiagnostics and Entech announced the opening of a new biomedical research laboratory at the Entech facility in Valparaiso

IVDiagnostics CEO Frank Szczepanski indicated that “his company had been working with Entech to launch a life sciences laboratory that will permit the company to accelerate its development of biomedical diagnostic products”. The company is headquartered at the Purdue Research Park in West Lafayette and has several team locations in Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri and Indiana.

Charlie McGill, Executive Director of Entech stated that “Entech’s goal is to create an environment that nurtures and supports technology and other innovative startup companies including companies in the life science sector like IVDiagnostics. Our aim is to help establish great companies in emerging growth sectors and IVDiagnostics is a great fit and addition to our program. Through our strategic partnerships with the Valparaiso Economic Development Corporation, Valparaiso University, and Pittsburgh Gateways, resources were provided that allowed for the build out of wet laboratory space necessary for IVDiagnostics to further research, develop, and commercialize their platform of diagnostic products.”

McGill also stated that due to the enthusiasm of the investment community, looking to invest in companies like IVDiagnostics, Entech will highlight the details for the formation of a local Angel Investment Group under a separate announcement.

Mayor Jon Costas, City of Valparaiso, was particularly pleased with the direction that Entech is taking. Mayor Costas noted that “the NW Region of Indiana will be well served by diversifying its industrial base to include companies in the healthcare and life sciences area”. He also complimented IVDiagnostics on its life sciences business plan which recently won the Olin Cup Business Plan Competition award in St. Louis.

The company’s medical advisory board, has renown leaders from across the country. IVDiagnostic advisors includes: Dr. Dieter Enzmann, head of radiology at UCLA Medical School; Dr. Joe Espat, co-chair, surgical oncology at Rogers Williams Medical Center in Rhode Island; Dr. Alison Stopeck, associate professor for breast cancer department at Arizona Cancer Center; and Dr. Tom Galouzis, general surgeon at SSFHS. The executive board is led by Seth Burgett, CEO of Yurbuds, which was recently featured in Forbes magazine as the 9<sup>th</sup> Most Promising Company in America.

IVDiagnostics was formed to develop and market more effective diagnostic tools for oncologists and pathologists. With the ability to monitor circulating tumor cells, physicians will be able to determine better prognosis of blood-borne diseases, and thus save lives. For additional information on the company, visit: [www.ivdiagnostics.com](http://www.ivdiagnostics.com).

*Photo caption: Charlie McGill executive director of Entech, Frank Szczepanski, CEO of IVDiagnostics, and Mayor Jon Costas, at the IVD laboratory in Valparaiso. Photo by: Aran Kessler.*