



VelQuest's New SmartLab™ Adapter for Agilent Technologies OpenLAB and ChemStation CDS Automates Sample Preparation Data Input and Post Run Evaluation, Calculations, Reporting and LIMS Integration

The System Automates Sample Preparation Data Input to the Sequence Set in Agilent's ChemStation CDS System and OpenLab, Reducing the Analyst's Deskwork from Hours per Day to Minutes!

Hopkinton, MA, March 25, 2009, - VelQuest Corporation, the developer of the SmartLab GMP Lab Execution System and ELN, announced today the availability of their SmartLab CDS Adapter for Agilent's OpenLAB and ChemStation CDS - a comprehensive sample preparation data input and post run systems integration product designed for the requirements of today's paperless cGMP development and quality labs.

"We are very pleased with this new integration", Tony Owen, Software and Informatics Marketing Manager with Agilent said. "It helps our customers to further increase efficiency by eliminating paper in their operations and the integration of Agilent's ChemStation and OpenLAB ICM with VelQuest's SmartLab LES underlines Agilent's commitment of being an open systems provider."

"Today, regulated laboratories can eliminate time consuming and error prone paper-based processes and improve compliance through integrated electronic process management", said John Helfrich, Vice President, GMP Automation Programs at VelQuest Corporation. "The Smartlab Adapter for OpenLAB and ChemStation CDS minimizes manual transcription, calculations, and redundant checking of sample prep information from traditional use of a CDS system. In addition, since the Adapter is powered by the SmartLab core, it is scalable to the rest of the laboratory operation as a complete SmartLab GMP Lab Execution System."

A global pharmaceutical company deploying VelQuest's SmartLab GMP Lab Execution System and ELN to its global manufacturing QC lab sites requested development of the new Smartlab Adapter for OpenLAB and ChemStation CDS. Powered by SmartLab technology, the Adapter automatically ports critical sample preparation data from SmartLab directly to the sequence set in Agilent's chromatography workstations. The adapter also provides a portal for sophisticated post run evaluation and calculations that can be integrated to any output target application such as a lab report, ERP system or commercial LIMS. The application is non-invasive to the CDS operation. This new integration product reduces the analyst's pre and post CDS run workload from hours/day to minutes and provides a seamless, fully electronic integration platform for the OpenLAB and ChemStation CDS to any LIMS or ERP system.

The significant productivity and compliance benefits include:

- Reduction of analyst workload for post-run CDS operations from hours/day to minutes.
- Automated sample preparation data transfer to the CDS sequence set.
- Automated peak count assessments to eliminate the risk of missed degradation products or impurities in the samples with automated restatement of results.
- Automated and validated calculations (including LLQ values) remove the risk of any human error in this important quality assessment operation in cGMP areas.
- Automated (and validated) data transfer to a final report (in-house or LIMS) eliminates transcription errors and the need for time consuming peer review processes.
- Since the Adapter is powered by the SmartLab core system, additional method-based applications like reagent preparation procedures and analytical test methods can be added at any time to complete a full GMP Lab Execution System.

VelQuest's new OpenLAB and ChemStation CDS Adapter is available with full install, training and validation services to go-live in cGMP operations in an estimated 30 day time period. For more information contact VelQuest Corporation at info@velquest.com.

About VelQuest

Founded in January, 1999, VelQuest Corporation provides a suite of configurable off-the-shelf software products to help transition regulated industries from labor-intensive, paper-based operations to automated, efficient systems with greater confidence in compliance than ever before possible. The SmartLab™ solution uses VelQuest's electronic Process Management & Compliance (ePMC™) Core Operating System, an innovative "method-centric" software automation platform designed to provide the foundation for compliance-based activities in the life science markets. The software embraces the ICH Q-10 guidelines, the FDA's "cGMP's for the 21st Century: A Risk Based Approach" and Quality by Design (QbD) initiatives, and supports the company's SmartLab™ Applications for a fully compliant electronic laboratory and SmartBatch™ electronic batch record system. For more information, please visit www.velquest.com/.

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