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New Patent Award Enables Instantaneous, Direct-to-Database Capture Process for Compliant Instrument Integration in cGMP Quality Laboratories

Patented technology is at the core of VelQuest's SmartLab™ GMP Electronic Notebook System, providing a procedure based tool for QC analysts that compliantly integrates with all cGMP lab instruments.

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VelQuest Corporation, the developer of the award winning SmartLab GMP Electronic Notebook System, is pleased to announce the award of US patent number 7,092,839. The patent, for a Process-Linked Data Management System, assures that life science companies operating under cGMP regulations collect and store required laboratory quality data from remote data-taking stations in a secure and compliant manner. This patent prevents the risks associated with duplication, intermediate storage, and routing of critical quality and compliance data by traditional methods.

In addition to utilizing this technology in the SmartLab GMP Electronic Notebook System, VelQuest will license this compliant data capture and transfer technology to all life science companies and our industry partners.

"We are excited to obtain this patent, as it confirms our focus on technology innovations applied directly to cGMP operations", says Bill Buote, Chief Technology Officer of VelQuest Corporation. "This patent, along with our 6,581,020 and 6,681,198 patents, provides a "GMP-by-design" instrument integration and data acquisition/transfer structure in a commercial off-the-shelf software product. It allows the method-linked capture of data directly from all devices, electronic and non-electronic. This includes balances, titrators, pH meters, pipettes, thermometers, and PC-controlled instruments, and others."

In essence, quality control lab personnel can now view standard test methods electronically, capture data directly from remote sources (lab instruments), have both the instrument conditions and values verified at the time of capture, and then transfer the data in a single instance to a secure storage area, thus assuring uncompromised compliant operations.

"The SmartLab GMP Electronic Notebook System is a unique and innovative software solution that solves a critical fundamental issue in pharmaceutical development and quality organizations: records are frequently paper-based, with data documentation and review

consuming up to 70% of valuable human resources in labs”, says Ken Rapp, President and CEO of VelQuest. “VelQuest’s patented technology automates the real-time interaction of analysts with the things they use everyday: instruments, supplies, and methods. The visibility of this data pedigree in downstream processes enables companies to meet today’s productivity needs and compliance requirements in highly regulated markets.”

About VelQuest Corporation

The VelQuest SmartLab GMP Electronic Notebook System is an innovative software platform designed to provide the foundation for compliance-based activities in the life science markets. This commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) system integrates within existing IT infrastructures including Chromatography Data Systems, LIMS, ERP and other compliance software products. The system is currently in use in cGMP operations worldwide.

The core software embraces the FDA's "cGMPs for the 21st Century: A Risk Based Approach" initiative, and supports the company's SmartLab™ applications, SmartShell™ 21 CFR Part 11 remediation software, and SmartBatch™ Electronic Batch Record System.

Founded in January, 1999, VelQuest Corporation provides a growing suite of unique products to help transform regulated industries from labor-intensive, paper-based operations to automated, efficient systems, with greater confidence in their compliance than ever before possible.

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