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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION **Discontinuation of the RIBA[®] Product Line, Including** **CHIRON[®] RIBA[®] HCV 3.0 SIA (Product Code 930600)**

Dear OCD Customer:

This is a follow up to a previous notification (Ref. CL12-249) that was issued on October 3, 2012 to update you about the inventory shortage of CHIRON[®] RIBA[®] HCV 3.0 SIA (RIBA[®] HCV) (Product Code 930600).

Please note that Novartis Diagnostics, the legal manufacturer of the RIBA[®] line of products, has informed Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics, Inc. (OCD) that it has decided to discontinue the manufacturing of the entire RIBA[®] product line effective immediately. This product line includes RIBA[®] HCV.

For customers in the United States, alternative testing methods for RIBA[®] HCV were established and approved by the U.S. FDA in late 2012. For more information on these methods, you can access the following link on the FDA website:

<http://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/SafetyAvailability/ucm322704.htm>

Our priority is to ensure the highest quality blood supply in the United States and worldwide. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused your laboratory and are fully committed to supporting our customers through this transition to alternative testing methods for the discontinued RIBA[®] line of products.

Thank you for your business and ongoing partnership. If you have additional questions or would like to discuss further, please contact Customer Technical Services at 1-800-421-3311.

Sincerely,



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