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Trinity Biotech Announces Important Performance Findings on the Uni-Gold Recombigen Rapid HIV Test

DUBLIN, Ireland (28th May, 2008)…. Trinity Biotech plc (NASDAQ: TRIB), a leading developer and manufacturer of diagnostic products for the point-of-care and clinical laboratory markets, today announced important findings on the performance of the Uni-Gold Recombigen HIV test, as published in the April issue of the Journal of Clinical Microbiology.

The study carried out assessed the sensitivities of current, FDA-approved and CLIA-waived, rapid HIV tests and found significant variability with respect to early HIV detection capability in recently infected individuals. In this study, Uni-Gold demonstrated far superior performance than all currently available FDA-approved, CLIA-waived rapid HIV tests and outperformed even an FDA-approved, "moderately complex" rapid HIV test available.

Brendan Farrell, Chief Executive Officer of Trinity Biotech, commented, "Accurately diagnosing HIV infections is central to stemming the spread of the disease. The Uni-Gold Recombigen Rapid HIV test is the only FDA approved, CLIA-waived rapid HIV test available with 100 percent sensitivity, or the ability to determine a patient's HIV positive status. As was noted in this important study, of all the FDA-approved rapid HIV tests available today, only the Uni-Gold Recombigen HIV test could potentially detect both IgG and IgM, using a patented, third generation, sandwich-based capture and detection system. This is why we firmly believe Uni-Gold is ideally suited as the screening test for acute care settings, such as hospital emergency rooms, labor and delivery settings, or stat labs where blood is being taken from the patient and 100 percent sensitivity and earlier detection is critical. Trinity wishes to commend researchers at the University of California, San Francisco and the San Francisco Department of Health for their important work assessing rapid HIV test performance in recently infected individuals."

For further information, please see: http://www.unigoldhiv.com/ or call 800.325.3424.

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Trinity Biotech develops, acquires, manufactures and markets diagnostic systems, including both reagents and instrumentation, for the point-of-care and clinical laboratory segments of the diagnostic market. The products are used to detect infectious diseases and blood coagulation disorders, and to quantify the level of Haemoglobin A1c and other chemistry parameters in serum, plasma and whole blood. Trinity Biotech sells direct in the United States, Germany, France and the U.K. and through a network of international distributors and strategic partners in over 75 countries worldwide. For further information please see the Company's website: www.trinitybiotech.com.