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The following is a transcript of a video for employees of LabCorp and Covance:

Joint CEOs - Employee Video Script

Dave King

Hello, everyone. I'm Dave King, CEO of LabCorp.

Joe Herring

And I'm Joe Herring, CEO of Covance.

Dave King

As you have seen, today our two companies announced that we will be joining forces to create the world's leading healthcare diagnostics company.

We want to share with both LabCorp and Covance employees why this is such an important and exciting development for our companies and touch on some of the things you can look forward to as employees of a larger, stronger and even better positioned combined organization.

By way of introduction to all of you at Covance we at LabCorp provide leading-edge medical laboratory testing and services through a national network of primary clinical and specialty testing laboratories in 40 countries around the world.

With 34,000 employees, and with scientific expertise in esoteric testing, genomics, and clinical and anatomic pathology, we process tests on approximately 470,000 patient specimens each day. Our 220,000 clients include physician offices, hospitals, managed care organizations, and biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies.

Joe Herring

At Covance, we are proud to be the most comprehensive drug development company in the world and a leader in nutritional analysis.

We are the only provider of both pre-clinical and clinical services that offer a full range of R&D capabilities, from discovery to commercialization. Covance contributes more safety and efficacy data to drug approvals than any other company in the world.

We have robust central lab operations and a global footprint, with more than 12,500 employees, including 850 research scientists and PhDs. We are a global company supporting clinical trials in over 100 countries and have helped develop 92% of the top 50 drugs on the market today.

Dave King

Our two companies largely focus on different segments of healthcare diagnostics, but also have quite a bit in common – a loyal customer base, commitment to quality, and talented employees.

We also share very similar cultures rooted in our commitment to innovation and integrity.

By bringing together our companies, we can create a leader in both the medical testing and drug development industries. This will create exciting new opportunities for all of us across the global healthcare diagnostics market.

We will be able to deepen our partnerships with customers by offering them a wider array of best-in-class solutions that span the complete range of services – from medical testing, to drugs and diagnostics development, to commercialization, and all the way back to medical testing.

Making all of these services available from one company will create a seamless experience for our customers at a time when their outsourcing needs are growing rapidly.

CRO is something I have spoken about previously as an area of interest for LabCorp. I'll ask Joe to share his views on this exciting industry.

Joe Herring

Thanks Dave. Changing industry dynamics have made the drug development or CRO business more relevant than ever in today's healthcare landscape. Drug sponsors are shifting from fixed insourcing to variable outsourcing R&D models, and demand for global trials is on the rise, and the use of companion diagnostics and personalized medicine continue to gain momentum. All of these trends are favorable for CRO industry growth.

Our customers around the world need new solutions and partners who can better support their needs for quality data, analytics, and better patient outcomes. Ultimately, our business is about helping our client develop innovative new medicines that help patients around the world. Fortunately for our shareholders, this is also a rapidly growing market segment opportunity growing at a compound annual growth rate of 7 to 8 percent growth per year.

Together we can increase the speed of clinical trials, and deliver the highest-quality services to our customers, better and faster.

I am thrilled to be staying on board to continue to lead Covance, the drug development division of the combined company – and I am confident that we are very well positioned to take advantage of these changing market dynamics and maximize our opportunity.

Covance has headquarters in Princeton, NJ which will become the combined company's drug development headquarters. Importantly, LabCorp recognizes the strength of the Covance brand and we will continue operating under that name.

Dave King

In addition to the tremendous strategic advantages associated with this combination, there are also very important financial benefits.

We will initially have combined sales of about eight and a half billion dollars per year. That's over 40% greater than LabCorp's revenue and more than triple Covance's revenue, and puts us on a clear path to meeting our \$10 billion revenue goal.

It will also offer exciting opportunities for growth and professional development to both LabCorp and Covance employees as part of a broader global organization.

It is important to note that our two companies have very little operational overlap with each other our range of innovative offerings is very complementary in nature.

This is great news from an employee standpoint. You will be a critical part of the company s combined success and we ll rely on your continued focus and hard work to execute a seamless integration and kick off 2015 on a terrific note.

Joe Herring

To sum it up, combining these two exceptional companies will create many new opportunities for our employees and our customers who are incredibly excited about what lies ahead.

Dave King

We both greatly appreciate your commitment to our companies, and to our shared mission of enhancing patient care and providing knowledge to optimize decision making, improve health outcomes and reduce treatment costs. We look forward to working together to achieve even greater success.

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