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Amnis Begins Shipment of New ImageStream^X Imaging Flow Cytometers

SEATTLE, WA, October 6, 2009 – Amnis Corporation, a manufacturer of advanced cell imaging systems, today announced the first commercial shipments of the new ImageStream^X imaging flow cytometers. The new instrument – the second generation of Amnis’ patented ImageStream[®] technology – combines the speed, sensitivity, and phenotyping abilities of flow cytometry with the detailed imagery, rich feature set, and functional insights of microscopy.

"The ImageStream^X is the result of focused technology development based on both a broad market research study and more than five years of very close work with our customer base," remarked William E. Ortyn, Amnis’ co-founder and Chief Operating Officer. "If early market response is a good indicator of ultimate product success, then it appears this work was right on the mark," he added.

"Pre-sales of the ImageStream^X have greatly exceeded our expectations, particularly given the current economic climate," said David Basiji, Ph.D., Amnis’ President and Chief Executive Officer. "These sales results are due to the dramatic performance increase combined with the greater affordability and modularity of the new ImageStream^X, which allows the instrument to fit into a much wider range of labs and budgets," explained Basiji. Mr. Ortyn added, "The ImageStream^X has many of the attributes necessary to perform in the clinical market place. Over the next several months we look forward to releasing a wide array of options and applications kits to further enhance product capabilities."

About Amnis: Amnis Corporation, headquartered in Seattle, WA, develops, manufactures and markets instrumentation for high speed cell imaging for research and diagnostic markets. The initial ImageStream system, introduced in 2005, is in service in over 15 countries world-wide, and has an excellent track record of performance and reliability. Researchers have utilized ImageStream technology to produce over 80 groundbreaking publications and numerous conference posters and presentations.

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