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Bionique unveils ~35,000 sq ft building expansion project to boost innovation and business growth

Saranac Lake, NY – May 14, 2014 - Bionique Testing Laboratories LLC, a subsidiary of Japanese company Asahi Kasei, held a groundbreaking ceremony for its facility and laboratory expansion. A global leader in mycoplasma testing services for the biopharmaceutical industry, Bionique's expansion marks a significant investment in the company's continued growth and commitment to innovation. The project will enable Bionique to broaden its service offering and expand its capacity to better serve clients worldwide.

The facility expansion consists of an additional ~35,000 sq. ft. that includes ~16,000 sq. ft. of laboratories and support space. This is an addition to Bionique's existing campus in the Harrietstown Business Park, Saranac Lake, New York. Construction is expected to last up to 18 months. Through this expansion, Bionique will have increased capacity and flexibility while enabling the incorporation of a more comprehensive array of technologies.

The groundbreaking ceremony hosted company leadership, employees, customers, and local partners. During the event, attendees witnessed the ceremonial groundbreaking, listened to key speakers, and learned about plans for the new space.

"We are thrilled to move from the design and planning phase to the execution mode of our expansion. This project marks a pivotal moment in our company's history and is a testament to Bionique and Asahi Kasei's unwavering commitment to our clients and community," said Bionique's CEO, Gladis Zamparo.

Bionique's building expansion is set to be completed in 2025. For additional information, visit <https://www.bionique.com/>

About Bionique Testing Laboratories:

Bionique is a global leading Contract Research Organization providing mycoplasma testing services for the biopharmaceutical and life science industries for more than 30 years. Located in Saranac Lake, NY, Bionique partners with industry clients to support their quality control testing needs to ensure the safety and purity of pharmaceutical drugs, cell and gene therapies, and vaccines. Bionique is an integral part of the Biosafety Testing Services Unit of Asahi Kasei Bioprocess. Further information on Bionique can be found at www.bionique.com.

About Asahi Kasei

The Asahi Kasei Group contributes to life and living for people around the world. Since its foundation in 1922 with ammonia and cellulose fiber businesses, Asahi Kasei has consistently grown through the proactive transformation of its business portfolio to meet the evolving needs of every age. With more than 48,000 employees worldwide, the company contributes to a sustainable society by providing solutions to the world's challenges through its three business sectors of Material, Homes, and Health Care. Its health care operations include devices and systems for acute critical care, dialysis, therapeutic apheresis, and manufacture of biotherapeutics, as well as pharmaceuticals and diagnostic reagents. For more information, visit www.asahi-kasei.com.

Asahi Kasei is also dedicated to sustainability initiatives and is contributing to reaching a carbon neutral society by 2050. To learn more, visit <https://www.asahi-kasei.com/sustainability/>.



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