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QIAGEN  
Digene: Creating a Leader in MDx, June 4, 2007

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QIAGEN & Digene Announce  
Merger  
The New Market and Technology Leader in  
Molecular Diagnostics  
Employee Meeting Digene  
Gaithersburg, June 4th 2007  
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QIAGEN/Digene

Creating a Leader in MDx

Creating a Global Leader in Molecular Diagnostics

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QIAGEN and Digene announced yesterday  
to combine the two companies  
to create the market and technology leading company in  
molecular diagnostics

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The Boards of Directors of both companies  
approved the transaction in which  
QIAGEN is to acquire 100% of Digene's  
stock

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This strategic transaction combines  
QIAGEN's  
leading  
portfolio  
of  
sample  
&  
assay  
technologies  
with Digene's  
leadership in HPV and cancer-targeted  
molecular diagnostic testing  
This creates a global leader with  
over \$350 million of molecular diagnostics revenue and  
\$700 million overall.

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Creating a Leader in MDx

Combined Revenue Distribution

Highly Complementary  
Based on Q1 2007  
By Product Groups  
By Geographic Regions  
By Customer Groups  
Europe  
46%  
North  
America  
39%  
Asia  
13%  
North  
America  
85%  
EU  
12%  
North  
America  
52%  
EU  
36%  
Asia  
9%  
Consumables  
89%  
Consumables  
92%  
Consumables  
90%  
Instruments  
10%  
Instruments  
8%  
Instruments  
10%  
MDx  
100%  
MDx  
48%  
MDx  
27%  
Pharma  
24%  
Pharma  
17%  
AT  
11%  
AT  
8%

Biomedical

18%

Research

20%

All figures are estimates

+

RoW

Research

27%

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50  
100  
150  
200  
250  
2003  
2004  
2005  
2006  
2007E

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15  
20  
25  
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35  
40  
45

Revenues

Operating income

QIAGEN and Digene at a Glance

Revenues excluding the synthetic DNA business unit, sold in Q2 2004

Market-

and technology leader in

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Founded:

1984

Headquarters:

Hilden, Germany

Germantown, MD

Employees:

1,900

International subs: 29

Rev 2006 (US\$ m) 466

Listing:

NASDAQ: QGEN

Frankfurt: QIA

Absolute market leadership in HPV MDx

testing, only FDA approved test

Founded:

1987

Headquarters:

Gaithersburg, MD

Employees:

570

International subs: 7

Rev 2006 (US\$ m) 153

Listing:

NASDAQ: DIGE

Digene figures converted to calendar year (CY)

0

50

100

150

200

250

300

350

400

450

500

550

2003

2004

2005

2006

2007E

0

20

40

60

80

100

120

140

160

Revenues

Operating income

Revenues CAGR

2003-2006

15%

Revenues CAGR

2003-2006

32%

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Creating a Leader in MDx  
Creating a Global Leader in Molecular Diagnostics

Highly Synergistic Capabilities and Assets

Sales (Q1\*4)

512

210

Sales in MDx

(approx)

154

210

Sales strength

Global

North America

Sales force size in MDx

150

120

Sales force target in MDx

Clinical Laboratories

Clinical Laboratories,

Physicians

Assay portfolio

Broad: 120 tests: virology,

microbiology, genetic,

pharmacogenetic

HPV

Technology portfolio

Strong -

sample and assay

technologies

HC2

Operations

US, D, CH, CN

US

Employees

1990

570

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Creating a Leader in MDx

Creating a Global Leader in Molecular Diagnostics

Who  
is  
QIAGEN?  
What  
is  
our  
strategy?  
What  
do we  
do in Diagnostics ?

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Creating a Leader in MDx  
2.000 QIAGEN Employees in 23 Countries

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QIAGEN/Digene  
Creating a Leader in MDx  
Global Set-up



With  
Three  
Headquarters  
In Major Markets  
Maryland  
Shanghai/Shenzen  
Düsseldorf  
Switzerland  
= Automation Center of Excellence  
Hamburg  
= Assay Center of Excellence  
Valencia  
(1)  
= Customer  
satisfaction  
center  
Singapore  
= Customer  
satisfaction  
center  
Shenzen  
= Certified  
Production  
(2)  
23 Subs  
= Direct  
sales  
and marketing  
(1) California  
(2) Certified  
by  
the  
chinese  
regulatory  
authorities  
SDA  
for  
production  
of  
diagnostic  
products

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QIAGEN/Digene  
Creating a Leader in MDx  
USA: Country

with  
Biggest  
Sales Organization  
Number  
of Employees  
in Sales: 770

Direct Sales

Australia

Canada

France

Germany

Italy

Japan

Switzerland

UK

USA

Netherlands

Belgium

China

Norway

Austria

Sweden

Malaysia

Denmark

Finland

Singapore

Korea

Turkey

Luxemborg

Hong

Kong

Focus 2006: Asia and especially China

Focus 2007: South America, South Africa and Eastern Europe







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Creating a Leader in MDx

What

is

important

to us?

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Inspire

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Impact

Identity

Culture

Inspire

Leadership

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Management

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1.

Create and take ownership

2.

Courage

3.

Lead, motivate and empower

4.

Be a role model

5.

Communicate

1.

Act with Passion

2.

Value Integrity

3.

Improve Continuously

4.

Create Value

5.

Strive for Excellence

1.

Transparency

2.

Delegate

3.

Set up the right priorities

4.

Decide, execute and monitor!

5.

Act as entrepreneurs









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What

Is

Important

To Us?

Our

Culture

1. Act with Passion:

We act with passion engagement and enthusiasm

2. Value Integrity:

We are committed to integrity and respect for our customers, colleagues, partners and shareholders

3. Improve Continuously:

We continually improve in order to drive breakthroughs in health care and sciences

4. Create Value

We use our global reach, our creativity, innovation and scientific excellence to exceed our and our customer's expectations and thereby create value

5. Strive for Excellence:

We seek to attract exceptional people whose individual strength and skills are the basis for excellent teams. We provide them with opportunities for personal and professional growth

IDENTITY

Our DNA

Our leadership reflects our commitment to our identity

Identity

Culture

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QIAGEN/Digene

Creating a Leader in MDx

Very

High Commitment

to our  
Employees

- Learning organization -  
Investing in you  
program  
Basic and advanced trainings  
Leadership programs  
Management campus and QIAGEN MBA

- International careers  
Working in global teams  
Short-  
and mid-term  
Expatriates program

- Families and social activities  
Sabbatical  
programs  
Kindergarten  
Get-to-gether

- Competitive compensation  
All employees are shareholder





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Creating a Leader in MDx

Providing Sample Preparation & Assay Technologies



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Creating a Leader in MDx

Mission: Leader in Sample and Assay Technologies

QIAGEN 2007

SAMPLE

TECHNOLOGIES

ASSAY

TECHNOLOGIES

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Market and innovation leadership

Sample technologies

Assay technologies

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Strong base in Academic Research

Setting standards

Source of new innovation

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Focus area addresses rapid growth markets

Molecular diagnostics

Applied Testing

Pharma

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SAMPLE

TECHNOLOGIES

ASSAY

TECHNOLOGIES

Sample collection

Sample stabilization

Sample transport

Sample disruption

Targeted

lysis

Target capture

Sample purification

Inhibitor

removal/inactivation

Enrichment/deletion

of target

Sample prep

for

crystallography

Sample prep

for

MALDI mass

spec

Nucleic

acid

denaturation

Natural

target

amplification

In vitro

target

amplification

Whole

genome

amplification

MDA

Methylation/Epigenetics

Quantitation

methods

Separation of haploids

Quality

control

methods

etc.

Enzyme technologies

Chemical enhancements

Formulation

Enzyme activation/inhibition

Endpoint

PCR

Real-time

PCR  
Multiplex  
QIA-Plex  
Fast-PCR  
Isothermal  
amplification  
technologies  
Assay design  
technologies  
Primer selection  
Probe selection  
RNAi  
assays  
Transfection  
Rolling Circle Amplification  
RCAT  
Signal amplification  
Luminex  
Assay acceleration  
chemistries  
etc.  
General and Supporting  
Technologies  
Instrumentation  
Software  
Plastic  
Manufacturing  
technologies  
Packaging  
technologies  
Microfluidic  
technologies  
etc.  
IP (12/05): 409  
issued, 321 pending patents >500 under license  
QIAGEN Technology and Innovation  
Sample  
Assay  
Technologies







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Creating a Leader in MDx

Disseminating Technologies Into Four Markets

Product and Technology Continuum

Academia

Life Science

Research

Applied

Testing

Molecular

Diagnostics

Pharma  
Research &  
Development  
Sample  
Assay  
SAMPLE  
Technologies  
ASSAY  
Techologies

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QIAGEN/Digene  
Creating a Leader in MDx  
Bringing

Full Power To Our  
Customers  
Globally aligned Sales and Marketing  
Customer focused  
scaleable  
critical mass  
One core = multiple channels  
We  
are  
Life Sciences  
Sales  
Pharma  
Key Account  
Manager  
Applied  
Testing  
Sales  
Developer  
MDx  
Sales  
SAMPLE  
TECHNOLOGIES  
ASSAY  
TECHNOLOGIES  
Diagnostic  
Pharma  
Biotech  
Academia  
Veterinary  
Forensics  
Food  
Diagnostics  
Sales  
Specialists  
AT  
Sales  
Developers  
Pharma  
KAMs  
Life  
Sciences  
Sales  
Life Sciences  
Marketing  
Manager  
Pharma  
Marketing  
Manager  
Applied Testing  
Marketing

Manager  
Diagnostic  
Marketing  
Manager  
Customer  
Sales  
force  
Marketing  
force  
Sample  
Assay

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Creating a Leader in MDx

MDx

And Applied  
Testing

Account

For 35%

Revenue

breakdown

for

segments

Focus provides strength -

new markets drive growth

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Focused core competency:

Sample and assay technologies

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Four Markets:

Life Sciences Academia

Pharma Research & Development

Applied Testing

Forensics

Veterinary

Other

Molecular Diagnostics

SAMPLE

TECHNOLOGIES

ASSAY

TECHNOLOGIES

Sample

Assay





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Molecular Diagnostics Growth Strategy

Multiple, Synergistic Channels  
Focused Direct Sales Resources

Direct sales  
OEM development  
OEM sales

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Direct Sales

Growing direct sales force > 150 -  
160

(1)

Focus on pathogens

Market leader in developing countries

China

strong #2

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OEM Products

Integrated solutions, CE and FDA

Assays, preanalytical, automation

> 15 Partners

Developing solutions for partners

(1) NA 23, EU 28, Rest Asia

Sample

Assay

MDx

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QIAGEN Has Developed More Than 30 PCR Assays

Cytomegalovirus  
Dengue virus  
Epstein-Barr virus  
Enterovirus  
Hepatitis A virus  
Hepatitis B virus  
Human immunodeficiency  
virus-1  
Herpes  
simplex virus  
Influenzavirus  
Influenzavirus  
H5 (Avian flu)  
Orthopoxvirus  
Parvovirus B19  
SARS-Coronavirus  
Varicella  
Zoster virus  
West Nile virus  
Bacillus anthracis  
Borrelia  
spec.  
Campylobacter spec  
Chlamydia trachomatis  
Listeria  
monocytogenes  
Mycobacterium paratuberculosis  
Mycobacterium tub. diff.  
Mycobacterium  
Mycoplasma  
pneumoniae  
Salmonella spec.  
Viruses  
Bacteria  
Parasites  
Pharmacogenetics  
DPD PCR kit  
MTHFR PCR kit  
TPMT PCR kit  
Plasmodium spec  
Representative but not complete list  
Strength:  
Sensitivity  
and  
Specificity  
Sample  
Assay  
MDx







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QIAplex: Novel and Innovative Multiplex Technology

Sample

Assay

MDx

Syndrome

Patient

Presentation

Selected

qPCR

Test

Confirmed

Pathogen ID

Potential

Pathogens

hMPV

hMPV

Selection

of test for

one potential

pathogen

QIAplex

Panel

SARS

Avian

Flu

RSVA

RSVB  
hMPV  
PIVI  
PIVII  
Ent  
Rhino  
Coxsac  
kie  
SARS  
Avian Flu  
RSVA  
RSVB  
hMPV  
PIVI  
PIVII  
Ent  
Rhino  
Coxsackie  
Multiplexing:  
Screening Technology  
qPCR:  
High resolution confirmation/quantification

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Creating a Leader in MDx

Tangible Opportunities for Future Growth Synergies

Significant Growth Synergies

Exciting near-term product synergies:

Multiplexing technologies for future genotyping application

Sample preparation

Next-generation assay technologies

Assay breadth in woman's health

Exciting other synergies include:

QIAGEN is key supplier to vaccine developers

Manufacturing capacity

Channel lends itself to many future assay opportunities

Fast**HPV**

platform in developing countries,

QIAGEN has channel

Next generation instrumentation

And many more to come

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Creating a Leader in MDx

QIAGEN and Digene

15 year partnership in Molecular Diagnostics  
>15 year partnership between QIAGEN and Digene  
Digene products leverage QIAGEN sample and  
assay technologies  
Example: RapidCapture  
system  
Core platform of Digene  
FDA approved solution, used in HPV testing  
Digene sole marketer  
Next generation platform development programs  
Partnership  
Similar cultures  
Focus -  
Excellence

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QIAGEN and Digene -

Direct Neighbors  
Germantown and Gaithersburg MD  
Companies are 5 minutes apart (2.8 miles)





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Creating a Leader in MDx

The Combination Creates Real Value

For All

Market and technology leader in molecular diagnostics\*)

over \$350 million of molecular diagnostics revenue

Targeting > \$800 million in total revenues in 2008

Unique technology and product portfolio

Fastest growing product portfolio; Most complete technology portfolio

Absolute leader in key >\$1 billion HPV segment

Most powerful sales and marketing channel to realize technology potential

Over 300 professionals in MDx marketing and sales

Over 1000 overall sales and marketing professionals

Excellent basis for future expansion and growth

Truly global sales and marketing presence

Leading technologies and R&D

World class capabilities and organization to ensure success

Compelling financial profile and value creation opportunity

Enhanced growth profile and combined profitability

QIAGEN's Breadth and Platforms + Digene's

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\*) Ex blood banks and viral load

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The Combination Accelerates

QIAGEN's Molecular Strategy

Digene's

highly

focused

strategy

in

MDx

is

a

unique

fit

with

QIAGEN

QIAGEN's strategy: leadership in Sample & Assay Technologies

in research, pharma, applied testing and MDx

Same target customers in MDx

Superb brands and reputations

HPV

testing

is

fastest

growing,

large

segment

in

MDx

with

over

\$1

billion

market potential

Digene's

strong IP positions in HPV

over 70 subtypes

HPV bridges QIAGEN's virology leadership into emerging,

fast growing oncology segment

Important HPV assay creates unique value for QIAGEN's

platforms and assay breadth

Leading regulatory expertise

only FDA approved test for HPV

Great fit with QIAGEN's emerging pipeline

Enhanced growth profile and combined profitability leads to

strong value creation

QIAGEN's Breadth and Platforms + Digene's

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The Combination Accelerates

Digene's

Development Goals

QIAGEN's unparalleled sample and assay technology breadth creates opportunities for future:

Adds key assay technologies such as multiplexing (QIAplex), PCR, isothermal technologies

Adds key sample technologies such as DNA processing from cervical swabs

QIAGEN's broad assay portfolio offers new value for Digene's customers and

Next generation platform programs

QIAGEN's global sales strength accelerates rapid and global rollout

Digene can take advantage of QIAGEN's operations and infrastructure which are needed for next phase of growth

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Creating a Leader in MDx

World-Class Capabilities & Organization Ensure Success

Great breadth and depth of management team  
Strong leaders from both companies  
Leading expertise in molecular diagnostics and life sciences  
Strong foundation for collaboration built upon 15-year partnership  
Similar cultures and strong working relationship  
Strong synergies  
growth allows retention of talent base  
Integration plan well-developed  
12 month process, clear timelines  
Mirrored teams  
Being neighbors a big advantage  
Maryland: headquarters of MDx business  
QIAGEN has proven track record in very successfully integrating  
12 companies in last 3 years.  
We are  
Huge Growth Potential -  
Increasing Awareness







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Four Phases to an effective Integration of Digene

Phase 0

Pre-Process

planning

Phase 2

Detailed planning &  
decision making

Phase 3

Implementation &  
execution

Phase 1

Issue identification  
and action planning

Appoint and launch  
integration teams

Communicate

Stabilize the business

Establish resource  
baselines for both  
companies

Identify key integration  
issues and areas for  
synergy realization

Communication

Identify integration  
opportunities

Develop/decide on future  
business structure  
Validate plans in detail  
Initiate execution of short  
term actions  
Return first units to  
business-as-usual  
Finalize Budget 2008  
Communicate  
Resolve open issues  
Implementing decisions  
Monitor target achievement  
Manage as single company  
Communicate  
Define integration process  
and timeline  
Define integration approach  
& responsibilities  
Plan, plan, plan  
Agree on integration  
resources, project teams,  
charter & external support  
Develop organizational and  
core operating model  
Determine targets  
Communication  
Pre-closing  
Plan  
Budget 2008  
"Achievements"  
Pre-announcement/  
Pre-closing  
Day of public  
announcement  
Ca. September 2007  
December  
2007  
June  
2008

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Integration should be accomplished in 6

12 months

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50

10

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40

50

Load dependent

on requirements

Handover

Resources

FTE

Integration

Accomplished

Line function

Take over responsibilities

Jul

Jun

May

Mar

Apr

Jan

Feb

May

Jun

Jul

Oct

Nov

Aug

Sep

Dec

Aug

Sep

Apr

Line function responsible

Integration Project

Functional project

In transition

Announcement

3. June

Closing

Announce-

ment

Pre-

Planing

Closing

New  
Budget 2008  
Pre-  
Closing  
Post-  
Closing  
Implementation

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Project Structure



for  
Integration  
Special Projects  
Functional Projects  
Business Projects  
Responsible for the bulk of  
the integration  
Made up from representatives  
of the different functions of  
both companies  
Develop guide-lines to ensure  
consistency around the world  
Responsible for planning and  
tracking the overall process  
Help to identify and resolve  
emerging issues  
Responsible for leading the  
integration process  
Divestments  
&  
Acquisition  
New mission  
&  
Steering  
principles  
Locations  
/ Property  
Brand management  
HR  
IT  
Manufacturing  
R&D  
Regulatory  
Administration  
Marketing Asia  
Marketing Europe  
Marketing USA,  
Americas  
Global Product  
Management  
Distributor  
Sales Europe  
Sales Asia  
Sales USA,  
Americas  
Integration office  
Communication  
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Doug  
Liu

Joe  
Slattery  
Doug White      Thomas Schweins  
Project Team  
Steering  
Committee  
Peer Schatz      Daryl Faulkner

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Doug Liu

VP Global Operations

QIAGEN

Douglas Liu

VP Global Operations

Doug Liu joined

QIAGEN in 2005

MBA from

Boston University

Science degree

from

the

University of Illinois

Multifunctional

background

in diagnostic

Industry

Operations

Strategic

planning

and

R&D

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20 years

track

record

of success

in Molecular diagnostics

Bayer Operation Head

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Nucleic

Acid

Diagnostics

Bayer Strategic

Planning and Consulting

Abbott Diagnostics

Chiron

Diagnostics

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Doug White

SVP Sales & Marketing  
Digene  
Douglas White  
SVP Sales & Marketing  
Americas  
and Asia Pacific

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Doug White joined  
Digene in 2003  
Started  
as VP Sales & Marketing North America  
Oversees  
commercial  
operations  
incl. Sales,  
Marketing Service and Support  
Americas  
and Asia Pacific

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20 years  
of sales  
& marketing  
experience  
in health  
care

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10 years  
track  
record  
of success  
in Molecular diagnostics  
SVP Global Marketing at Roche Molecular Systems  
VP Sales & Marketing at Bayer  
Vice  
President  
of US Marketing at Chiron  
Abbott Diagnostics

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Joseph

P.  
Slattery  
Chief  
Financial Officer  
and  
Senior Vice  
President

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Joe Slattery joined  
Digene in 1996  
Corporation s  
finance, accounting,  
investor  
relations, treasury, information  
systems  
program  
management  
operations  
Mr. Slattery was appointed  
Chief  
Financial Officer  
Oct  
2006.

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Prior to Digene, Joe worked  
in public  
accounting  
KPMG  
Peat  
Marwick  
Ernst & Young LLP

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He received  
a B.S. in accounting  
from  
Bentley College  
and is  
a certified  
public  
accountant.  
Joe Slattery  
Chief  
Financial Officer  
Digene



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Thomas Schweins

VP Marketing & Strategy  
Thomas Schweins  
VP Marketing & Strategy  
QIAGEN

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Thomas Schweins joined  
QIAGEN in 2004  
Biochemistry, University Hannover  
Business Administration, USC Los Angeles  
PhD, Max Planck Institute, Heidelberg

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Multifunctional  
background  
in Life Science Industry  
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Additional Information

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