

## **Irvine Scientific acquires BioCare Europe S.r.l.**

JX Nippon Oil & Energy (President: Tsutomu Sugimori) is pleased to announce that Irvine Scientific Sales Company, Inc. (“Irvine Scientific”), our group company, has acquired BioCare Europe S.r.l. (“BioCare”) which is headquartered in Italy, and is a distributor of in-vitro fertilization (IVF) media, medical devices, and equipment.

Irvine Scientific has been an innovator since they started selling the world’s first cell culture media in 1987. Irvine Scientific provides cGMP compliant cell culture media and products unrivalled in performance and quality to IVF hospitals and clinics worldwide.

BioCare is a leading distributor of a wide variety of IVF products to the European market and has built a strong sales network in Europe, focused mainly in Italy and Spain.

IVF market in Europe is the largest worldwide and is expected to grow stably. By leveraging BioCare’s capability, we will maximize the synergy between these two companies while we expand our presence in IVF market in Europe.

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