Subject: ZooSCAN Sole Source justification

Dear Professor,

To the best of our knowledge, HYDROPTIC is the sole manufacturer of the ZooSCAN. The device, developed by CNRS (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique), is protected by an American patent under N° US/10725504. A marketing licence N° L07197 gives the exclusive rights to HYDROPTIC to manufacture and sell the ZooSCAN all over the world.

ZooSCAN is a laboratory imaging system, developed for enumeration, sizing and identification of liquid zooplankton samples. It is designed to handle liquid sample for safe recovery. Waterproof, it complies with international safety regulation. It contains bottom illumination to facilitate sample dispersion and specific lighting system to enhance image quality and contrast for objects up to 150µm equivalent spherical diameter.

HYDROPTIC solely sells direct to customer. There are no resellers or dealers of ZooSCAN in Italy.

Sincerely

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