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**Microbiologics Appoints Mark Ellingson as Director of Business Development**  
Ellingson will lead initiatives to expand the company's B2B partnerships

**Saint Cloud, Minn.** - Microbiologics, Inc. has appointed Mark Ellingson as Director of Business Development overseeing the business-to-business partnerships for Microbiologics and its subsidiaries, Virapur and Gibson Bioscience. Ellingson will continue to lead the Microbiologics Business Solutions division, a key component of the company dedicated to partnering with diagnostic and life science companies to develop customized biological controls and services. In his new role, Ellingson will leverage the combined expertise from the company's teams at Microbiologics, Virapur, and Gibson Bioscience to continue building upon the strong growth from its rapidly expanding offering.

"When I started at Microbiologics, we set out on a mission to utilize our quality control expertise to help manufactures develop custom, user-friendly controls for their instruments and assays," said Ellingson. "Over the past four years, our team has succeeded in this mission by constantly aiming to exceed the expectations of our partners and customers. I look forward to continuing on this path by strengthening our current partnerships, fostering new relationships, and always designing and delivering the highest quality products and services for our customers."

Prior to joining the Microbiologics team in 2014 as the Senior Business Development Manager, Ellingson gained extensive experience in the medical device and molecular diagnostics fields through roles at Roche Diagnostics, Baxter International, and Beckman Coulter. As the Director of Business Development, Ellingson will oversee Microbiologics' wide range of business-to-business solutions including virology research and development, microbiome development, fermentation, and a wide array of specialty products tailored to the specific needs of its customers.

"Focusing on business-to-business partnerships to develop products and services that help our customers ensure accurate results will continue to be a top priority for our team," said Brad Goskowicz, Chief Executive Officer. "I am confident that Mark will continue to demonstrate the strong leadership and resourcefulness we need to expand our product and service offerings for established and emerging industries."

Visit [microbiologics.com](http://microbiologics.com) to learn more about the Microbiologics Business Solutions division.

**About Microbiologics:** Founded in 1971, Microbiologics, Inc. provides the highest quality test ready QC microorganisms and molecular controls for assay development, instrument validation, and routine quality control testing of rapid diagnostic assays in the clinical, pharmaceutical, food, water and educational industries. Microbiologics produces over 1000 strains in a variety of user-friendly formats including qualitative, quantitative, Certified Reference Material, and Parasite Suspensions. Microbiologics has an expansive international distribution network and ships to over 150 countries. The company is known for its exceptional customer service and knowledgeable technical support staff.

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