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## Fralock and ALine Inc. Announce Strategic Alliance

**Valencia, CA**, November 30, 2016 - Fralock (Division of Lockwood Industries, Inc.) and ALine, Inc. have entered into a strategic alliance to address all phases of microfluidic consumable development. Clients in the Diagnostic and Life Science markets will benefit from access to ALine's engineering and rapid prototyping capabilities, while having access to Fralock's manufacturing process engineering expertise, and supply chain management. Strategically offering the two company's complementary skills and manufacturing resources enables a wider variety of tools and processes to be considered early in product development, lowering risk at scale-up, while operating in an FDA registered and ISO13485 environment.

Both Fralock, and ALine are based in southern California making it convenient for clients to readily access both facilities on the west coast.

Fralock, founded in 1967, has 40,000 sq. ft. of production space (including cleanroom production) and has served the Medical and Life Science markets for over 15 years. Fralock's Chief Operations Officer, Marcelo Norona, expressed excitement when sharing the news; *"With our combined areas of expertise, this partnership will help us to not only serve our customers better, but also support new product development in ways that were difficult for us to do in the past. ALine has an excellent reputation in the industry and we are eager to move forward together to better serve our life science customers."*

ALine, Inc. was founded in 2003, and has a 7500 sq. ft. facility with class 10,000 cleanroom production space. ALine offers microfluidic product design and engineering development, a toolbox of engineered fluid components to support integration of multi-step assays into a consumable with semi-automated instrument control. ALine's President and CEO, Leanna Levine, Ph.D., noted, *"Partnering with Fralock allows us to broaden the set of solutions we can provide to our clients, while assuring customers that a low risk path to volume manufacturing and supply chain management can be smoothly achieved. Fralock's reputation and experience made them a good fit for us and our customers."*

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ALine is a design, engineering, and manufacturing firm specializing in engineered polymer laminates with on-board valves, pumps and membranes that integrate with machined, molded, or 3D printed components. ALine has extensive experience in the manufacture and assembly of microfluidic products, and produces and sells microfluidic consumables for the life science market. ALine is ISO 9001-2008 certified, FDA and ISO13485 compliant.

Fralock is a contract development and manufacturing firm specializing in polymers with capabilities that include die cutting, laser processing, automation, lamination and assembly of plastic components. Fralock is AS9100, ISO 9001-2008, ISO13485 and FDA registered.

The companies, who shall remain separate entities, share common strategies and common virtues including supporting customers with the highest level of integrity and commitment to quality and service.

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