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The Board of Scientific Analysis Instruments Limited, “SAI”, is pleased to announce that it has acquired the MiniSIMS business from Millbrook Instruments Limited.

The acquired business, Millbrook Instruments Limited, was established back in 1995 and developed the MiniSIMS, a high performance desktop measurement instrument used for fast routine surface analysis, in industrial quality control applications, and university research and teaching. The MiniSIMS provides a cost effective solution enabling users to reduce their overall cost per sample by up to 90% compared to conventional SIMS instrumentation and has an established global user base of approximately 50. The Millbrook MiniSims has received significant recognition through the 1999 Annual Achievement Award of the [Scientific Instrument Makers' Company](#) (in recognition of the single product that is judged to have made the greatest contribution to the British scientific instrument industry), being awarded Millennium Product status by the [UK Design Council](#) in 1998, and being included as one of [R&D Magazine's](#) Top 100 Products in 2000 as one of the most technologically significant products introduced into the USA during the year. Millbrook also won numerous awards for achievements in overseas trade including a [Queen's Award for Enterprise in International Trade](#) in 2005 in recognition of outstanding sustained growth in export sales.

“This acquisition will enable SAI to build on both its MALDI imaging instrumentation and its more recent developments in high-end SIMS imaging of biomolecules” said Vic Parr, Managing Director of SAI. “The combination of Millbrook’s surface analysis capability with SAI’s bio-analytical and environmental measurement technologies will result in a wider set of solutions across a wider range of industries and yield strong benefits for our customers, networks of distributors and our employees,” added Parr. “We each bring expertise and experience across a different but complementary set of markets and applications.”

The combined business activities will be based in the Manchester facility where SAI is currently located.

About SAI and its group

SAI Ltd, established in 1995, provides technically advanced application-focused solutions for the life sciences and chemical analysis sectors, including instruments and software that enable customers to rapidly identify, quantify and analyse the biological and chemical properties of substances and products. It has a global user base of more than 500 for the mass spectrometer products it has developed, including MALDI-ToF, MALDI ToF-ToF, GC-ToF and high-end SIMS-ToF instruments.

Website: www.saiman.co.uk

SAI is a member of the Scientific Analysis group of companies, which perform analysis and develop high performance measurement instrument and software solutions in the life sciences, environmental, food analysis markets and have a combined workforce of approximately 250 employees. The group also includes Scientific Analysis Laboratories Limited, a leading UK

laboratory business which operating from 5 locations throughout the UK, and specialises in environmental, food and consumer products testing.

Website: www.salltd.co.uk

About Millbrook MiniSIMS

The Millbrook miniSIMS has numerous applications such as surface coatings and treatments, electronic components, semiconductors, electrodes and sensors, lubricants, catalysts, adhesives, thin films, packaging materials and corrosion studies.

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