

News Release

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Launch of Comprehensive Service for COVID-19 Control Through Wastewater Testing, Hygiene and Sanitation Management, and Clinical Laboratory Testing

Tokyo, Japan, April 1, 2022 --- H.U. Group Holdings, Inc. today announced that its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Japan Institute of Foods Ecology, Inc. (President & CEO: Ikuya Makino; Head Office: Kobe-shi, Hyogo; hereinafter “JIFE”), Nihon Stery, Inc. (President & CEO: Kazuya Sakai; Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; hereinafter “Nihon Stery”) and SRL, Inc. (President & CEO: Shunichi Higashi; Head Office: Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo; hereinafter “SRL”) have launched a comprehensive service for COVID-19 control through wastewater testing, hygiene and sanitation management, and clinical laboratory testing.

Wastewater testing is a technique for detecting novel coronavirus in the wastewater of buildings, which has been validated in joint research conducted by the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, H.U. Group Research Institute G.K. (President: Kazuya Omi, Ph.D.; Head Office: Akiruno-shi, Tokyo) and Professor Yutaka Suzuki from the University of Tokyo. Using this technique, JIFE will conduct wastewater testing periodically for client facilities and monitor the presence of infection. Meanwhile, the continuous implementation of Nihon Stery's hygiene and sanitation management solutions by facility managers can be expected to prevent infections on a day-to-day basis and reduce the spread of any infections which do occur.

In the event of detection of novel coronavirus in building's wastewater through wastewater testing, suggesting potential cases among residents or facility users, a comprehensive service that fully utilizes the Group's resources will be provided, including quick identification of positive individuals through individual testing combining PCR tests and high-sensitivity quantitative antigen tests by SRL. The Service will initially be provided to corporations, business operators and other facilities which can identify the individuals who require testing in the Tokyo Metropolitan Area and Kinki Region and will be gradually rolled out more widely.

The Group will continue to develop novel coronavirus testing services, supporting people's peace of mind both during the coronavirus pandemic and beyond.

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