



BIT Group Celebrates 40 years of Business Growth & Excellence

Irvine, CA / Schwalbach, GER – 2016 marks the fortieth year of operation for BIT Group. Now a world leader in the IVD- dedicated, OEM outsourcing market segment, BIT Group had humble beginnings as an innovative “skunkworks” operation, producing vaccination guns in a small corner of parent company, Germany-based Messer Griesheim GmbH.

The small operational unit was spun off as Messer Precision Systems in 1976 and, through a fulfilling association with Behringwerke, (a Marburg, Germany-based company specializing in the development and production of vaccines from animal and human blood plasma and body fluids) developed into a major contract manufacturer for the IVD instrumentation segment by the early 1980’s. In 2001, BIT adopted the new name *BIT Analytical Instruments* to better identify its core competency/leadership claim. In 2004, BIT entered the U.S. market.

In 2005, BIT returned to the Messer fold, thus becoming part of a \$2 Billion multinational group. The whirlwind of change continued through expansion as BIT established an *R&D Competency Center* in Germany and in the U.S. In 2011, (following acquisitions of U.S.-based Source Scientific [2007], and California MedTech [2011]) BIT established a *Manufacturing Competency Center* in the U.S., launched the first OEM **BITSMARTSOLUTIONS™** platform technology instrument, and collectively named its multiple facilities *BIT Group*. Meanwhile, BIT’s China manufacturing facility had begun operations, (2009) BIT Japan had opened for business, (2010) and a *Hematology Competency Center* had been established in France (2010).

In 2013, BIT consolidated U.S. operations to form BIT Group USA and, in 2014, BIT Group opened its new 22,500 sq. ft. *Center of Excellence for Life Science and IVD Products* at BIT USA. Finally, in March of 2016, BIT Group established a second Chinese manufacturing operation in Shenzhen, China. The additional capacity and capabilities enables BIT to provide comprehensive IVD manufacturing capabilities and third-party Contract Manufacturing Services (CMS).

Today, BIT Group enjoys its reputation as a premiere, award-winning development company, specialized in the field of complex medical instrumentation. Focusing on specialized instruments/system integration, BIT can offer pre-developed & validated platform modules to aid in the creation of customized instruments. BIT can also offer customizable, fully-integrated, white label solutions to maximize speed to market, cost effectiveness, proven technology and validation surety. All BIT systems are developed and manufactured within its global facilities in the USA, Europe and Asia.

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