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Dear 9800 Fast Thermal Cycler customer:

We wish to inform you of the approaching discontinuance of the 9800 Fast Thermal Cycler. The 9800 continues to be a valuable and reliable instrument for our existing customers. However, in order to optimize the value of our product portfolio to our customers, we have decided to discontinue its sale in light of the introduction of the newer and more sophisticated technology in the Veriti™ Thermal Cycler.

Currently, we have a limited number of 9800 Thermal Cyclers available for sale. Once orders have been placed for these instruments, no other orders will be accepted. We anticipate that shipment and delivery of the final instruments will be concluded before the end of February 28, 2009.

Applied Biosystems intends to use commercially reasonable efforts to support current 9800 users with related software, reagents and consumables, as well as maintenance and repair service and technical and applications support for a period of five (5) years from the date of discontinuance. Please note, however, that the level of support we are able to provide may be limited by circumstances beyond our reasonable control, including but not limited to our inability to source supply.

If you would like more information on the Veriti Thermal Cycler, our representatives will be pleased to assist you. Please contact your local sales office for more details. You may also visit our Web site at www.appliedbiosystems.com.

Additionally, I am glad to address any questions you have regarding the discontinuance.

Sincerely yours,

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