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### **DIAGNOS has commenced U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) registration process for its CARA application**

Brossard, Quebec, Canada – December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 - DIAGNOS inc. (“DIAGNOS” or “the Corporation”) (TSX Venture: ADK), a leader in the use of artificial intelligence and advanced knowledge extraction techniques, announced today that it has begun the U.S. FDA registration process for its CARA (Computer Assisted Retinal Analysis) application with the intention of commercializing services derived from CARA in the United States in the coming months.

CARA performs a proprietary enhancement of retinal images and can automatically highlight areas of possible diabetic pathology to the user. Diabetes has been identified as a global epidemic by the World Health Organization with the number of patients skyrocketing from 30 million worldwide in 1985 to 171 million in 2000, and is estimated to reach 366 million by 2030. The rising rates of diabetes are estimated to cost the US economy \$192 billion by 2020 and \$490 billion globally by 2030, according to the International Diabetes Federation.

“Now that we have the Health Canada approval for our product and have started to commercialize in Canada, it is a natural next step for us to seek FDA certification to continue to expand our market. Our sales team and US partners are looking forward to establish DIAGNOS as a leader in diabetic retinopathy screening” said André Larente, President of DIAGNOS.

“The US market comprises a population of 17 million diabetics who need regular screening for diabetic retinopathy, and represents to us an estimated value of \$120 million annually, which we intend to pursue vigorously in the coming months once we have executed our US regulatory strategy” said Peter Nowacki, DIAGNOS’ Vice-President - Health.

#### About CARA

CARA’s image enhancement algorithms make standard retinal images sharper, clearer, and easier to read. It is an automated platform accessible securely over the internet, and is compatible with all recognized image formats and brands of fundus cameras. CARA is a cost-effective tool for processing large numbers of images, in real-time and has been issued a licence by Health Canada for commercialization in Canada.

#### About DIAGNOS

Founded in 1998, DIAGNOS is a publicly traded Canadian corporation (TSX: ADK), with a mission to commercialize technologies combining contextual imaging and traditional data mining thereby improving decision making processes. DIAGNOS offers products, services, and solutions to clients in a variety of fields including natural resources, healthcare, and entertainment.

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