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Agilent broadens offerings for GPC/SEC polymer analysis with new acquisition

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Acquires Polymer Standards Service GmbH



Agilent Technologies Inc. has acquired Polymer Standards Service GmbH (PSS), a provider of solutions in the field of polymer characterization. PSS specializes in hardware and software solutions used in defining the makeup and creation of molecular structures. The company provides complete solutions for gel permeation chromatography (GPC) and size exclusion chromatography (SEC) used in applications to determine the molecular weight and size distribution of macromolecules.

The acquisition broadens and extends Agilent's product portfolio and customer offerings, particularly in the chemical and biopharmaceutical industries for the analysis of natural and synthetic polymers such as nucleic acids, proteins, monoclonal antibodies, polysaccharides, and synthetic plastic.

By acquiring PSS, Agilent will also add a key software component to complement its lineup of GPC/SEC products. In addition, Agilent will be able to use its global presence to expand the use of PSS products and expertise more widely. Agilent customers in the chemical, biopharmaceutical and other key segments will now also be able to take advantage of PSS technology more broadly because of Agilent's strong global presence in those markets.