



## **BioVigilant Changes Name to Azbil BioVigilant, Inc.**

TUCSON, AZ – January 5, 2012 – **BioVigilant Systems, Inc.**, ([www.biovigilant.com](http://www.biovigilant.com)), inventors of [Instantaneous Microbial Detection™](#), announced today that it has changed its name to **Azbil BioVigilant, Inc.** The name change reflects the Company's alignment with its corporate parent, Yamatake Corporation of the azbil Group, to focus its 47 subsidiaries and affiliates around a common philosophy of "human-centered automation."

"Since Yamatake's formation in 1906, the company has not wavered in its focus to create and deliver value to society. It is this longstanding view that drives the philosophy bringing together the many family members now comprising the azbil Group. Azbil BioVigilant's mission - to pioneer innovative technology that elevates the level of quality assurance and productivity achievable in controlled manufacturing environments - is a natural fit with this philosophy," said Aric Meares, President and CEO of Azbil BioVigilant. He added, "With the resources of a 105-year-old company with over 8000 employees and FY2010 revenues approaching \$3 billion dollars (\$219.2 billion yen), our mission objectives are well supported."

In May 2009, Yamatake Corporation acquired the majority stock of BioVigilant, extending its expertise in automation which includes a growing portfolio of products and solutions organized into Building Automation, Advanced Automation and Life Automation business units. Collectively, azbil Group companies create value for customers and society in environmental preservation and energy conservation, health and safety, quality of life, and human productivity. Effective April 1, 2012, Yamatake Corporation also will transition to the new corporate name of Azbil Corporation.

### **About Azbil BioVigilant**

With headquarters in Tucson, Arizona, Azbil BioVigilant invented instantaneous microbial detection technology to address environmental monitoring needs in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, healthcare, and environmental applications. Azbil BioVigilant's IMD systems detect - instantaneously and in real-time - particle count, size, and biological status. Unlike other rapid microbial methods, Azbil BioVigilant's optically-based systems require no staining, no reagents, no waiting period, and little human intervention. The company holds 19 patents with an additional 37 applications pending. BioVigilant's parent company is Yamatake Corporation of the azbil Group, part of the TOPIX Mid400 traded on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. For more information, go to [www.biovigilant.com](http://www.biovigilant.com).

### **About azbil Group**

The azbil Group consists of Yamatake Corporation and its affiliate and subsidiary companies. The azbil Group has operations in 15 countries worldwide, more than 8,000 employees, and sales of JPY 219.2 billion, as of March 31, 2011. The azbil Group companies in Japan will change their name to add "Azbil" on April 1, 2012. For detailed information, visit [www.azbil.com](http://www.azbil.com).

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