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Branran Medical's Monitect 3 Discovers Illegal Drug Use in Historic Sumo Wrestling Scandal

Irvine, California -- On September 2, 2008 in Tokyo, Japan, Branran Medical Corporation's Monitect 3 was used when the Japan Sumo Association conducted its first drug tests. 69 top two division sumo wrestlers were submitted to the surprise drug tests. Russian wrestlers, Roho and Hakurozan tested positive for marijuana.

Monitect 3 is a rapid in vitro diagnostic device used to determine if the subject is under the influence of drugs. Monitect 3 specifically provides a qualitative screen for the presence of methamphetamines, THC and opiates in human urine. It also determines the integrity of the urine sample with its adulteration tests: nitrite, pH, oxidizing agent and creatinine.

The test results led to Roho's and Hakurozan's lifetime bans from the sport. In addition, Kitanoumi, the chairman of the Japan Sumo Association and Hakurozan's mentor, resigned to take responsibility for the scandal. Even though the incident, which, "caused a great uproar in Japan and the attention on this story even eclipsed the resignation of the Japanese prime minister. The drug tests helped ensure that the athletes are in top health condition to compete," said Shigeo Yashiro, BMC's distributor in Japan.

About Branran Medical Corporation

Branran Medical Corporation is a leading manufacturer of onsite drugs of abuse and adulteration tests, distributed in North America, Asia, Middle East, Africa, Russia, and Latin America. Products include adulteration tests, CLIA-waived urine drug screens, oral fluid drug and alcohol screens, and drug test controls. The company's products are used for pre-employment testing, random suspicion or post-accident testing in the criminal justice, corporations and clinical laboratories. The company promises accuracy, quality and good customer service are the company's promise to its customers.