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Pepper Hamilton Represents Applied DNA Sciences Inc. in Acquisition of Vandalia Research Inc.

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In a transaction featured on *The Deal* on September 17, 2015, Pepper Hamilton LLP provided legal counsel to [Applied DNA Sciences Inc.](#) (Applied DNA), a NASDAQ Capital Market-listed provider of DNA-based anti-counterfeiting technology, product genotyping services and product authentication solutions in its acquisition of the assets of Vandalia Research Inc. (Vandalia), a privately held company. Vandalia's core technology and intellectual property portfolio allow for the large-scale production of specific DNA sequences using the polymerase chain reaction (PCR).

Vandalia's TriathlonTMPCR systems are anticipated to facilitate compliance with drug manufacturing guidelines as Applied DNA aims to DNA-mark individual doses to combat counterfeit drugs. The acquisition also expands Applied DNA's manufacturing capacity; provides Applied DNA with established supply relationships across key companies in the biotechnology, pharmaceutical and diagnostic markets, where Vandalia DNA is already used as a business-critical therapeutic, diagnostic and reagent; and affords the company the opportunity to cross-sell its supply chain security solutions. Moreover, a new capacity for Applied DNA will be the ability to manufacture longer DNA sequences valuable in gene therapy, DNA vaccines and diagnostics.

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