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Industry Briefs

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■ Greenwich, Conn.-based drug development services company **Aptuit** has acquired the chemical analytical services firm **SSCI**, based in West Lafayette, Ind. In addition to its West Lafayette offices, SSCI also has facilities in Atlanta, Ga., and in Oxford in the United Kingdom. Aptuit will also take on 100 of SSCI's employees. The company will retain the SSCI name during the transition. "The access to Aptuit's capabilities in active pharmaceutical ingredient development, drug substance manufacture, scale-up and formulation will allow our scientists, for the first time, to provide a much more extensive solid-state development strategy for customers, said Pat Stahly, chief operating officer at SSCI.

Technology

■ Malvern, Pa.-based eClinical company **DSG** has established a new data management division that will provide strategic project management to its clients. The new division will be run by the company's vice president of data management, Tina Varallo. She comes to the position with 13 of years experience in the drug development industry. "Our clinical trial professionals understand our EDC eCaseLink technology better than any third party, allowing us to streamline our customers' support needs and truly optimize the database for their clinical data management requirements," said Varallo.

Personnel

■ Berkeley Heights, N.J.-based **Clinsys** has appointed **David Williams** as the company's new chief executive officer, replacing Lloyd Baroody, former CEO and co-founder. Williams comes to Clinsys from INC Research, where he served for six years in various roles including president and chief financial officer. Clinsys, formerly Target Research Associates, is a subsidiary of Jubilant Organosys Limited, a CRO based in India. It was acquired in October 2005 for \$33.5 million.

■ **INC Research** has appointed **Kevin Keim** to chief development officer. Keims will be responsible for global business development, early clinical phase development and the company's new client outreach program in Japan. Keim served on INC Research's board of directors for five years and was the chief executive officer of Vela Pharmaceuticals, just recently acquired by Pharmos. Keim was also a former president of Quintiles Pacific.