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Testing Proves UV Effective at Killing SARS Virus

Buffalo, NY. - Aug. 5, 2004. A new laboratory study has demonstrated that Ultra Violet (UV) light can effectively kill the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) virus.

FP Technologies (www.vigilairsystems.com), a Buffalo, NY based company that uses UV radiation to sterilize air and surfaces, designed the SARS testing. Tests were performed at ZeptoMetrix, Inc., a leading bio-tech lab that currently holds several contracts with the Centers for Disease Control.

In this first round of testing, FP Technologies confirmed that SARS is killed following exposure to brief intense UV radiation. Worldwide this is the first known laboratory evidence proving UV's efficacy against SARS.

FP Technologies' President, Peter Bjorkman, says more testing is underway. "Now that we have verified that UV kills SARS, we need to determine specific exposure times and intensities so that we can effectively implement this technology and protect people worldwide."

In 2003, SARS infected 8,098 people according to the Center for Disease Control. 744 of those who were infected by the virus died. Another outbreak of SARS was reported in China in April of 2004, infecting 9 people and killing one.

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Previously FP Technologies has tested and proven the effectiveness of UVGI against *Bacillus anthracis* spores (anthrax) *E. coli* O157:H7 and *salmonella*. Currently, **VIGILAIR™** systems protect hospitals, key government buildings and financial institutions.

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