

## Supreme Court Upholds Myriad's cDNA Patent Claims

## **Court Also Highlights Patent Eligibility of Method Claims**

SALT LAKE CITY, June 13, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Myriad Genetics, Inc. (Nasdaq:MYGN) today said the Supreme Court of the United States upheld its patent claims on complementary DNA, or cDNA. However, the Court ruled that five of Myriad's claims covering isolated DNA were not patent eligible. Following today's decision, Myriad has more than 500 valid and

enforceable claims in 24 different patents conferring strong patent protection for its BRACAnalysis® test.

Importantly, the Court noted that many of Myriad's unchallenged claims are method claims applying knowledge about the BRCA 1 and BRCA 2 genes. While these method claims were not at issue in this case, the Court highlighted Federal Circuit Judge Bryson's opinion that, "[a]s the first party with knowledge of the [BRCA1 and BRCA2] sequences, Myriad was in an excellent position to claim applications to that knowledge."

"We believe the Court appropriately upheld our claims on cDNA, and underscored the patent eligibility of our method claims, ensuring strong intellectual property protection for our BRACAnalysis test moving forward," said Peter D. Meldrum, president and CEO. "More than 250,000 patients rely upon our BRACAnalysis test annually, and we remain focused on saving and improving peoples' lives and lowering overall healthcare costs."

BRACAnalysis is the leading genetic test worldwide to determine if a patient has an increased risk of hereditary breast and ovarian cancer and has been used by more than a million women to assess their risk of hereditary breast and ovarian cancer. BRACAnalysis testing is widely reimbursed by private insurance companies, Medicare and Medicaid. As a result of the Affordable Care Act, the vast majority of at-risk patients can receive BRACAnalysis testing with no out-of-pocket costs — meaning no co-pays or deductibles. Additionally, more than 35,000 at-risk patients in need have participated in Myriad's patient assistance programs that provide free tests or other financial assistance.

"We are collaborating with the medical and scientific communities to improve patient access to genetic testing and facilitate research worldwide. Already, more than 10,000 scientific papers have been published on the BRCA genes, ranking them among the most researched genes in history. We are committed to advancing scientific knowledge even further, and Myriad will continue to encourage and support academic research studies conducted on the BRCA genes," said Meldrum. "While we are confident that Myriad offers the highest quality genetic tests in the world, we also support patients' rights to seek second opinion tests from any of the many laboratories conducting BRCA testing for the purpose of confirming the Myriad test result."

The case is the Association for Molecular Pathology v. Myriad Genetics. Myriad was represented by a team of lawyers from Jones Day, including Gregory A. Castanias, Brian M. Poissant, Laura A. Coruzzi, Sasha Mayergoyz, and Jennifer L. Swize.

## **About Myriad Genetics**

Myriad Genetics is a leading molecular diagnostic company dedicated to making a difference in patients' lives through the discovery and commercialization of transformative tests to assess a person's risk of developing disease, guide treatment decisions and assess risk of disease progression and recurrence. Myriad's portfolio of molecular diagnostic tests are based on an understanding of the role genes play in human disease and were developed with a commitment to improving an individual's decision making process for monitoring and treating disease. Myriad is focused on strategic directives to introduce new products, including companion diagnostics, as well as expanding internationally. For more information on how Myriad is making a difference, please visit the Company's website: www.myriad.com.

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