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Dear Valued Customer:

This is to inform you that BD Biosciences with business offices in Sparks, Maryland has changed its name to BD Diagnostic Systems effective October 1, 2000. There have been no changes to manufacturing locations or processes as a result of this change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joyce McWilliams'.

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