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**Inc. Magazine Names Ahura Scientific Environmental Services
Industry Leader In Annual List Of America's 500 Fastest-
Growing Private Companies**

Company Ranks No. 65 Overall with Sales Growth of 2,525.8%

WILMINGTON, Mass. – August 28, 2008 – [Ahura Scientific, Inc.](http://www.ahurascientific.com), a leader in rugged, ultra-compact handheld instruments for chemical identification, announced today that *Inc.* magazine has ranked the company Number One among 82 companies in the “Environmental Services” category and Number 65 overall on its 27th annual Inc. 500 list of the fastest-growing private companies in the U.S. The Inc. 500 list is a comprehensive look at the most important segment of the economy – America’s independent-minded entrepreneurs. Companies such as Oracle, Microsoft and hundreds of other powerhouses gained early exposure as members of the Inc. 500.

Recently named one of the *Boston Business Journal's* “Best Places to Work,” Wilmington-based Ahura Scientific was also ranked number four among the Massachusetts-based companies on the Inc. 500 list.

“If you want to find out which companies are going to change the world, look at the Inc. 500,” said *Inc.* Editor Jane Berentson. “These are the most innovative, dynamic, fast-growing companies in the nation – the ones coming up with solutions to some of our knottiest problems, creating systems that let us conduct business faster and easier, and manufacturing products we soon discover we can’t live without. The Inc. 500 list is *Inc.* magazine’s tribute to American business ingenuity and ambition.”

Ahura Scientific is a rapidly growing manufacturer of handheld optical systems for chemical identification. Since 2002, the company has designed, developed and successfully launched products unlike any in the marketplace, putting the power, reliability and accuracy of expensive, lab-based instruments in portable, rugged, easy-to-use systems designed for field use. With customers in the homeland security, public safety, pharmaceutical, industrial and medical

markets, Ahura Scientific's products – FirstDefender, TruDefender FT and TruScan – are widely-deployed across the globe.

“This is the first time Ahura Scientific has been honored as part of the Inc. 500 and we're thrilled to be a part of such an important business milestone,” said Doug Kahn, chairman and CEO of Ahura Scientific, Inc. “At our company, we focus heavily on teamwork and collaboration because we recognize that it takes many people to make innovation happen. We truly believe that this philosophy has helped us achieve our goals, and will continue to help us be successful in the future.”

Ahura Scientific and its executives have received numerous prestigious awards, including the Ernst and Young 2007 Entrepreneur of the Year award (Founder and President Dr. Daryoosh Vakhshoori); *R&D Magazine's* R&D 100; the Industrial Design Society of America Award (IDEA) for Excellence in Industrial Design; the 2007 SBANE Innovation Award; the 2008 Frost & Sullivan Chemical Identification Product of the Year Award; *Boston Business Journal's* 'Best Places to Work' Award; and, most recently, *Inc.* magazine's Inc. 500 Award.

Complete information on this year's Inc. 500 can be found at www.inc5000.com.

About Ahura Scientific, Inc.

Ahura Scientific, Inc. is a leading provider of a new class of ultra-compact analytical instruments. These rugged handheld instruments are used for real-time identification of chemical substances. Customers include government agencies and companies in the safety and security, pharmaceutical, and consumer products markets. Manufactured in the USA in an ISO 9001-certified facility, the company's products offer exceptional portability and performance. For more information, visit www.ahurascientific.com.

About Inc. magazine

Founded in 1979 and acquired in 2005 by Mansueto Ventures, LLC., *Inc.* magazine (www.inc.com) is the only major business magazine dedicated exclusively to owners and managers of growing private companies that delivers real solutions for today's innovative company builders. With a total paid circulation of 724,110, *Inc.* provides hands-on tools and market-tested strategies for managing people, finances, sales, marketing, and technology.

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