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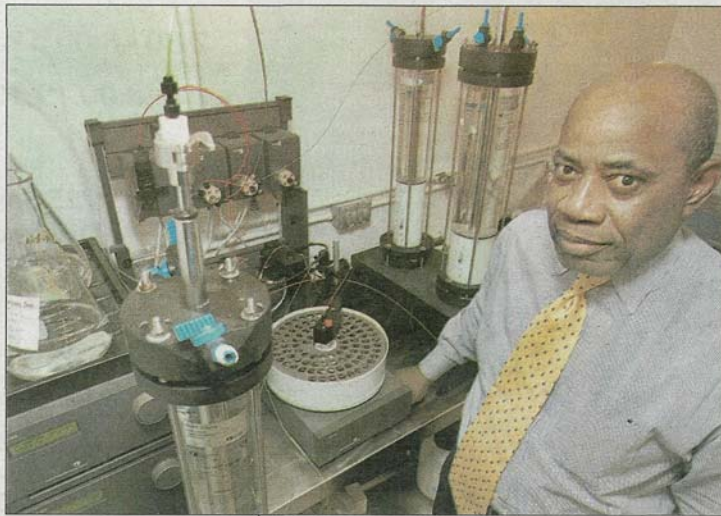
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ST. PETERSBURG — Three scientists meeting on a recent Sunday afternoon at a watering hole on Fourth Street North put the final touches on an alliance that is expected to result in new, cheaper ways to test for the HIV virus and bioterrorism substances.

Intelligent Micro Patterning LLC sold its first microelectromechanical-based Smart Filter system to Life Sciences Inc. as part of a new partnership between the two St. Petersburg companies.

Intelligent Micro Patterning is a startup company, one of the first private business spinoffs developed through MEMS research at the University of South Florida College of Marine Science.

Life Sciences Inc. is a 30-year-old biotechnology firm with a history in the industry of producing enzyme products used in research and genetically engineered products.



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