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**OXFORD GENE TECHNOLOGY GRANTS MICROARRAY LICENSE TO
YAMATAKE CORPORATION TO MANUFACTURE AND MARKET
MICROARRAYS**

Oxford, UK, August 8th, 2006 - Oxford Gene Technology (OGT) is pleased to announce the second in a series of Japanese licensing agreements giving Yamatake Corporation access to OGT's "Southern array patents", the fundamental patents covering the manufacture and commercialisation of oligonucleotide microarrays.

This microarray license will enable Yamatake to manufacture gemkey™ microarrays using *in-situ* synthesis and market them, via its distributor Sigma-Aldrich Japan K.K.

Dr Michael Bennett, Vice President Licensing Asia at OGT, said: "This is the one of several Japanese companies that has been in licensing discussions with OGT. Yamatake is the only Japanese company using *in-situ* synthesis, and OGT is happy to support this technology by granting a license."

The licence will remain valid for the patents' lifetime. Financial details were not disclosed.

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About Oxford Gene Technology

- Founded in 1995 by the pioneer of Southern Blotting, Professor Sir Edwin Southern, OGT operates out of Begbroke Business Park near Oxford, with excellent access to a growing network of life science companies
- OGT offers a comprehensive custom microarray consultancy service, from experimental design through all stages to data analysis and interpretation. It has a strong proven track record in providing custom microarray service in a range of applications, and recently announced the launch of its first microarray product, an *Escherichia coli* K12 ChIP on chip, the first ChIP microarray product to be launched as part of OGT's Prokaryotic Chip² family

The key focus areas of OGT include:

1. **Array-based application products and services** for life science research and molecular diagnostics. OGT's flexible and cost-effective, customised DNA microarray service covers a range of applications, offering specialist support and assisting customers with every aspect of their research, from initial consultation and experimental design to probe selection, array design and fabrication through to data analysis and interpretation
2. **Development of innovative platform products** for clinical research and diagnostics
3. **Licensing.** OGT operates an open licensing policy which has successfully provided access for a number of companies to OGT's fundamental intellectual property, particularly in the area of microarrays
4. **Scientific collaborations** to generate diagnostic biomarker intellectual property

For further information on OGT visit <http://www.ogt.co.uk/>

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