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OXFORD GENE TECHNOLOGY GRANTS MICROARRAY LICENSE TO JAPANESE LIFE SCIENCE COMPANIES

Oxford, August 15th, 2006 - Oxford Gene Technology (OGT) is pleased to announce the conclusion of a series of Japanese licensing agreements giving Bio Matrix Research Inc. and Filgen Inc. access to OGT's "Southern array patents", the fundamental patents covering the manufacture and marketing of oligonucleotide microarrays.

The granted microarray license will enable Bio Matrix Research Inc., a bio venture company launched by Tokyo University of Science, to develop and commercialise unique products and to manufacture and market microarrays in Japan.

Filgen Inc., a biochip and nanofilm technologies company is licensed to conduct a microarray service, using licensed microarrays, in Japan.

Dr Michael Bennett, Vice President Licensing Asia, at OGT said: "These two licenses continue the rapid progress of OGT's Japanese licensing programme, where we have granted licenses to both large multinational companies and small start up organisations. These licenses serve to illustrate the broad range of microarray patent rights that OGT offers, and that OGT works to ensure that any organisation can obtain access to the Southern patents, regardless of its size."

These licenses 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 good 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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