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Oxford Gene Technology and Integrated Genomics to Develop a *Pichia pastoris* Gene Expression Microarray

Oxford /Chicago, March 06, 2007 – Oxford Gene Technology (OGT) and Integrated Genomics (IG) today announced the signing of a collaboration to develop and market a *Pichia pastoris* Gene Expression (GE) oligonucleotide microarray.

The collaboration gives OGT access to IG's proprietary *Pichia pastoris* genomic sequence for the design and development of a high quality optimised 60 mer oligonucleotide microarray using the ink jet in-situ synthesis (IJISS) platform. OGT will market the array worldwide, and offer a sample analysis service at its Oxford laboratory.

Mr James Clough, Commercial Director at OGT said: "We are delighted to be working with Integrated Genomics. The combination of OGT's oligonucleotide array expertise combined with Integrated Genomics sequence and detailed *Pichia* genome annotations will be a powerful molecular research tool for the *Pichia* community and add strength to our growing portfolio."

Dr Theresa Walunas, Vice President of Integrated Genomics added: "OGT's IJISS technology provides an important new capability to the *Pichia* research community. Microarrays will allow researchers to understand how *Pichia*'s gene expression changes in response to genetic modifications."

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Notes to editors

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/>

About Integrated Genomics

Integrated Genomics (www.integratedgenomics.com) provides bioinformatics products and services for the life science industry, with a recent focus on the use of in silico strategies for comparative genomics. The company's expertise in industrial and medicinal microbial genomics includes genome sequencing, genome analysis and custom bioinformatics. IG has developed ERGO™, the most advanced and comprehensive bioinformatics suite for microbial

genomics on the market. ERGO contains the largest available integration of microbial genome data, including genome-derived metabolic reconstructions and representing the chemical reaction networks of metabolic pathways.

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