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OXFORD GENE TECHNOLOGY GRANTS MICROARRAY LICENSE TO OCEAN RIDGE BIOSCIENCES FOR MICROARRAY SERVICES

Oxford, June 26th, 2007 - Oxford Gene Technology (OGT) and Ocean Ridge Biosciences (ORB) are pleased to announce the completion of a licence agreement granting ORB access to one of OGT's "Southern array patents", the fundamental patents covering the manufacture and marketing of oligonucleotide microarrays.

The granted license will enable ORB to offer complete DNA expression and microRNA profiling services, worldwide, from its US operations in Jupiter, Florida.

Sue Sutton, Vice President Licensing North America, at OGT said: "Successful discussions with ORB have concluded with the granting of this license thus enabling the company to expand their customer base and add to OGT's growing portfolio of North American licensees."

Senior Scientist at ORB, David Willoughby, Ph.D. is pleased with the progress of the biotechnology company, commenting: "We appreciate the opportunity to provide this fundamental invention of Edwin Southern to the general research community, both locally here in Florida and throughout the U.S. and Canada. The licence will enable us to continue with our mission of improving human health through the provision of accurate, affordable, and information-rich genomic services."

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

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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 Ocean Ridge Biosciences

Ocean Ridge Biosciences (ORB), a limited liability company based in Jupiter, Florida, was founded in 2005 with a mission to improve human health through the provision of accurate, affordable, and information-rich genomic services. ORB currently provides gene expression profiling services to both industrial and academic clients including researchers based at the University of Miami, Florida Atlantic University, The Scripps Research Institute in Florida, the University of Arkansas, and Columbia University in New York.

ORB is the first commercial provider to offer expression profiling utilizing open-source Exonic Evidence-Based Oligonucleotide Arrays (HEEBO/ MEEBO). The HEEBO/MEEBO oligo sets were designed by an international consortium lead by [Ash Alizadeh](#) of Stanford University and feature well-designed controls for specificity and sensitivity as well as unique coverage of alternatively spliced transcripts. In addition to standard expression, ORB also provides a microRNA profiling service utilizing a proprietary hybridisation process that facilitates excellent sensitivity and reproducibility. Complete data analysis is included with all of ORB's profiling services.

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