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## **OXFORD GENE TECHNOLOGY APPOINTS DR TIM COOK TO THE BOARD**

**Oxford, July 17th, 2007** - Oxford Gene Technology (OGT) is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr Tim Cook to the OGT Board as a Non-Executive Director, where he will bring his considerable experience to the board.

Dr Cook was appointed to OGT in April 2007 and most recently spent 10 years as Executive Director at Isis Innovation, the technology transfer company of Oxford University. Prior to this (1990-1997) Tim was a private investor and founding Managing Director of Oxford Semiconductor and Oxford Asymmetry, a spin out from Oxford University. From 1975 to 1990 he held various management roles in technology-based businesses.

Tim graduated from Oxford University with a degree in Physics and a doctorate in Cryogenics. He also has a Certified Diploma in Accounting and Finance and a Higher National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering.

Tim currently advises several universities and public bodies on Technology Transfer; he is a Chartered Engineer, a Fellow of the Institute of Physics, a Fellow by Special election of St Catherine's College Oxford, Chairman of the Oxford Science Enterprise Centre and Visiting Professor of Science Entrepreneurship at the University's Saïd Business School.

Commenting on his recent appointment, Tim said, "OGT spun out of the University (Oxford) as I was joining Isis Innovation in 1997 and has been one of the most impressive spinouts to date. Following my retirement from an executive role in Isis Innovation I was delighted to be asked to join OGT's board and look forward to participating in what promises to be a very exciting future."

Professor Sir Ed Southern, OGT's Chairman, said, "I am pleased to welcome Tim to the OGT Board. He has had a distinguished career in Technology Transfer and business management and brings a wealth of experience to the board."

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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 in May 2006 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 Chip<sup>2</sup> 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

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