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Oxford Gene Technology appointed Agilent Certified Service Provider (CSP) in Europe

Oxford and Santa Clara, March 10, 2008 - Oxford Gene Technology (OGT) and Agilent Technologies, Inc. (NYSE: A) today announced OGT's officially granted status as an Agilent microarray Certified Service Provider (CSP) in Europe following the completion of several successful projects. To date, OGT has been involved in a wide range of projects, from transcription profiling of sequenced microorganisms to large array-based comparative genomic hybridisation (aCGH) projects involving many hundreds of samples.

OGT's experience, particularly in the development of customised arrays, has been gleaned from over 160 projects carried out for researchers internationally since 2004. The combination of this expertise in microarray services with Agilent's microarray platform provides customers with a comprehensive solution, giving them a flexible platform using high density, high sensitivity microarrays, with a tailored service for all key applications.

OGT and Agilent were joint pioneers of the development of the inkjet *in-situ* synthesis (IJISS) and the company's status as a CSP has further built on its expertise using this technology. Dr Mike Evans, Chief Executive at OGT, said: "I am delighted that Agilent has recognised the excellence of OGT's services staff and experimental procedures by appointing OGT as a CSP."

Dr Yvonne Linney, General Manager for Genomics at Agilent, said: "Following a rigorous evaluation of OGT's services capabilities, Agilent is proud to offer a certificate of accreditation to OGT and recognise the company as a CSP. OGT is very accomplished at utilising the Agilent platform and produces high quality data in a wide range of array applications."

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About Agilent Technologies

Agilent Technologies Inc. (NYSE: A) is the world's premier measurement company and a technology leader in communications, electronics, life sciences and chemical analysis. The company's 19,000 employees serve customers in more than 110 countries. Agilent had net revenues of \$5.4 billion in fiscal 2007. Information about Agilent is available on the Web at www.agilent.com.

About Oxford Gene Technology

- Founded in 1995 by the pioneer of Southern Blotting, Professor Sir Edwin Southern, OGT is based at Begbroke Science Park near Oxford
- 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 including Gene Expression (GE), Comparative Genome Hybridisation (CGH) and Chromatin Immunoprecipitation (ChIP)

The key focus areas of OGT include:

1. **Cytogenetics products and services** for high resolution detection of chromosomal abnormalities. [CytoSure™ arrays](#) are the first oligonucleotide microarrays designed exclusively for the cytogenetics research community to achieve accurate, high resolution analysis of chromosome copy number and structural changes
[CytoSure Syndrome Plus array](#) is a 105k feature syndrome focussed array covering the whole genome and [CytoSure Chromosome X exon specific array](#) is a 44k feature array covering the X chromosome. All products include complimentary [visualisation software](#). In addition, OGT offers a rapid design service providing focussed custom arrays through access to OGT's unique oligonucleotide probe database, the [Oligome™](#)
2. **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
3. **Digital microarrays/ Single Cell analysis.** OGT's innovative, patent-protected technology development programme is aimed at analysing genomic events at the single cell level for major applications such as stem cell and cancer biology

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

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