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OXFORD GENE TECHNOLOGY GRANTS MICROARRAY LICENCE TO BF-BIOLABS

Oxford, September 25, 2008 - Oxford Gene Technology (OGT) and BF-BIOlabs are pleased to announce the completion of a licensing agreement granting BF-BIOlabs access to OGT's "Southern array patents", the fundamental patents covering the manufacture and marketing of oligonucleotide microarrays.

The granted licence will enable BF-BIOlabs to sell arrays and provide services that include the design and production of custom-made microarrays for gene-identification, single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNP) and gene expression analysis.

Susan Sutton, Vice President Licensing (North America and Europe) at OGT, said: "OGT continues to grow its microarray licensee portfolio in Europe and this in turn will enable companies to expand their business activities and make microarray technology more accessible."

BF-BIOlabs designs and produces custom-made microarrays for gene-identification, SNP, and gene-expression analysis, using specialised microarray production processes to achieve optimal specificity and sensitivity. In addition, BF-BIOlabs offers a full service for microarray experiments, chip readout and data analysis.

The licence 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 and microarray technologies, Professor Sir Edwin Southern, OGT is based near Oxford, UK.

The key focus areas of OGT include:

1. **High Throughput Microarray Services. With a processing capacity of over 1,000 samples per week,** applications available include aCGH, CNV, methylation studies and miRNA.

2. **Cytogenetics products and services** for high resolution detection of chromosomal abnormalities. OGT offers a range of high resolution oligonucleotide arrays, labelling kits and analysis software that together provide a unique, comprehensive solution for cytogenetics.

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.

4. **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.

For further information on OGT products and services please visit http://www.ogt.co.uk/

About BF-Biolabs
BF-Biolabs is located in Denzlingen near Freiburg (Biovalley region). The founders of BF-Biolabs have long-term experience in the field of microarrays, having initiated development and production of microarrays for SNP-analysis in 1998. The technology for production of gene-expression microarrays was introduced in 2000. As a consequence customers of BF-Biolabs have access to a broad know-how linked with a sophisticated product portfolio.

The key focus areas of BF-BIOlabs include:

1. **BF-Biolabs designs** and **produces** custom-made microarrays for gene-identification, SNP- and gene-expression analysis. With respect to certain scientific or diagnostic tasks BF-Biolabs uses specialised microarray production processes to achieve optimal specificity and sensitivity.

2. **Full Microarray Service:** BF-Biolabs carries out microarray experiments, chip readout and data analysis. For each type of application (Gene ID, SNP, gene-expression) BF-Biolabs uses an optimised method.

3. **In the case of GeneID and SNP** analysis BF-Biolabs can offer high-level differentiation by the use of it's proprietary **O**n-Chip PCR method (Determination of DNA sequences by means of parallel amplification).

4. In addition to microarray production, BF-Biolabs offers mission oriented research in the field of microarrays and PCR-analysis (e.g. quantitative PCR, multiplex PCR)

5. **AbsolutPrecision Printheads** for MicroGrid- and Genetix QArray2- Microarrayer.

6. StorageCenter for Printheads and Pins.

For further information on BF-BIOlabs visit http://www.bf-biolabs.com

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