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### **ChiroSolve Inc. and Funakoshi Co. Sign Agreement**

August 1, 2006, San Francisco, California – ChiroSolve, Inc., a supplier of resolving agent kits designed to enable high throughput development of diastereomeric crystallization processes, has signed a non-exclusive distribution agreement with Funakoshi Co., Ltd.

Through this agreement, Funakoshi is granted the right to sell ChiroSolv kits used for screening combinations of resolving agents and solvents that will enable the separation of racemic mixtures via classical resolution in Japan.

“We are very excited about having Funakoshi as part of our marketing team,” states Ms. Neelam Vaidya, CEO of ChiroSolve. “They are a well known firm with an established reputation as an excellent distributor of research reagents and materials for the life sciences. They work very closely with both their customers and suppliers, and we look forward to expanding our customer base in Japan through our relationship with them.”

#### **About ChiroSolve, Inc.**

Founded in the fall of 2005, ChiroSolve, Inc. has attracted the interest of several major pharma and fine chemical customers as a supplier of key resources for speeding up development times and reducing the cost of chiral separations. The company's ChiroSolv kits enable researchers to screen up to 576 different combinations of readily available resolving agents and solvents for use in diastereomeric crystallizations. The kits can be used to separate enantiomeric mixtures of acids, bases, alcohols, amino acids, aldehydes and ketones. ChiroSolve also offers custom kits and provides research and development assistance for production of chiral intermediates.

#### **About Funakoshi Co., Ltd.**

Funakoshi Co., Ltd. is a leading Japanese distributor of research reagents and instruments for the life sciences. The company has been providing products for over 40 years, sourcing materials from its worldwide network. Suppliers include Raybiotech, Genetools LLC, Biodynamics, and Genlantis, and many others.

#### **About San Jose BioCenter (SJBC)**

ChiroSolve Inc. is a member of the SJBC. The SJBC is a state of the art facility equipped with wet laboratory and office space that provides world class business and facility services to high potential life science companies. SJBC members have access to an extensive range of products, services and equipment that enables them to grow and scale successful businesses.