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The San Jose BioCenter Welcomes Orrick as Industry Sponsor

March 21, 2007, San Jose, California – The San Jose BioCenter announced today a new one-year \$50,000 industry sponsorship agreement with Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP. Orrick will work in conjunction with the BioCenter to provide their client companies with legal and business counsel and offer regular educational workshops targeted for life science companies and start-ups.

"Life science companies today are among the most entrepreneurial and inventive," says Orrick Partner Thomas Tobiason. "We are pleased to be working with the San Jose BioCenter in fulfilling high potential life sciences companies' unique needs."

Orrick's emerging companies practice group is dedicated to counseling emerging technology and life sciences companies, as well as the venture capital and investment banking firms that serve them. This unique group within the firm combines energy and innovation to advise high-growth businesses, a mission in line with the BioCenter.

According to BioCenter Executive Director Melinda Richter, Orrick is an ideal partner for the BioCenter. "Their support is vital as we work to expand the facility and provide additional value-added services for our clients. In particular, Orrick lawyers are a great fit for our clients because many of their lawyers have technical backgrounds in molecular biology, biochemistry and related disciplines. They can effectively and efficiently handle the scientific and legal issues for our early stage bioconvergence companies."

Orrick's life sciences group works with many scientists and entrepreneurs to form companies, identify early-stage funding sources and negotiate private financing rounds to fuel initial growth. They regularly counsel life sciences companies during the inventive and patenting processes to strengthen the validity and scope of their patents, procure domestic and international patent rights, develop IP strategies, and manage their IP portfolios.

"Equally important to our role of protecting and defending life sciences companies' ideas and inventions, is facilitating their growth," says Dr. Elizabeth Howard, co-chair of Orrick's life sciences practice. "Orrick's partnership with the San Jose BioCenter is indicative of our complete confidence in the success of the facility and the development it can foster for its client companies."

About Orrick

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP is a global law firm with approximately 980 lawyers in North America, Europe and Asia. The firm focuses on litigation, complex and novel finance and innovative corporate transactions. Orrick clients include Fortune 100 companies, major industrial and financial corporations, commercial and investment banks, high-growth companies, governmental entities, start-ups and individuals. The firm's 18 offices are located in Beijing, Hong Kong, London, Los Angeles, Milan, Moscow, New York, Orange County, Pacific Northwest, Paris, Rome, Sacramento, San Francisco, Shanghai, Silicon Valley, Taipei, Tokyo and Washington, D.C.

About San Jose BioCenter

The BioCenter is a state of the art facility equipped with common lab areas including a cold room, tissue culture rooms, service alcoves, equipment rooms, a Biology Lab and a Chemistry Analytics Lab, and a full suite of individual wet and dry labs and office space for emerging technology companies in a variety of convergence technology areas. The BioCenter gives high potential startups a "big company advantage" that enables them to grow and scale successful businesses at a fraction of the cost. Our goal is to support early stage ventures to move quickly from concept to commercialization, which will in turn support the industry overall. Therefore, the BioCenter Chemistry Analytics Lab is open to all emerging technology companies. For more information, visit www.sjbiocenter.com.