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Major pharmaceutical laboratory research group purchases ProLink™ Proteomics Workcell from Hudson Control Group

Springfield, NJ – Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceutical's research group, located in Ridgefield, CT, has purchased a ProLink™ Proteomics Workcell, manufactured by Hudson Control Group, Inc. of Springfield, NJ. The ProLink is a fully-automated protein expression and measurement system that completely automates the multiple tasks essential to BI's protein expression studies, including:

- PCR reaction cleanup
- Transformation, plating and outgrowth
- Colony picking, inoculation and outgrowth
- DNA minipreps
- DNA quantification and normalization
- Protein purification

The ProLink is unique in its scope, encompassing the entire protein expression process in one, fully-automated, integrated workcell. It includes a robotic colony-picker, automated incubator, robotic pipettors, reagent dispensers, plate sealers, thermal cycler, and plate reader, serviced by Hudson's PlateCrane and LabLinX microplate-handling robots.

The system is powered by Hudson Control Group's opportunistic SoftLinX™ scheduling software, which finds the quickest, most efficient ways for processes to be performed simultaneously. A user can run multiple batches in different stages of the process at the same time, or run any instrument individually even while operating another, fully-automated run.

The SoftLinX™ software optimizes equipment usage by enabling it to be used for different processes simultaneously. In addition, it enables easy integration of all the equipment within the ProLink Express™ workcell, including instruments from other manufacturers.

Scheduled for delivery in the third quarter of 2006, the system will include a comprehensive data management and tracking system, which provides a complete process history of every sample run through any part of the workcell.

About Hudson Control Group

Based in Springfield, New Jersey, Hudson Control Group is a leader in microplate automation, robotics and customized software solutions. The company works with

customers in the drug discovery, high throughput screening, proteomics and genomics markets to develop strategies that best meet their unique needs, whether for an integrated system of automated laboratory equipment or for automating a single instrument.

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