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TET Systems signs license agreement with RIKEN BioResource Center

Heidelberg, December 3, 2008 - TET Systems Holding, a privately-held, Heidelberg-based German biotech company, and RIKEN BioResource Center (RBRC) of Koyadai Tsukuba Ibaraki, Japan, announced today that they have signed a license agreement. Under this agreement, RBRC can receive, maintain, reproduce, use and distribute laboratory animals which contain or are produced using the Tet Technology.

"We are very happy to add RIKEN BioResource Center to our growing family of partners. RBRC has an excellent reputation. With its geographic location, it is an ideal complementation of our already existing network of partnerships for the worldwide distribution of Tet transgenic animals throughout the scientific community, including academic and corporate centers", stated Dr. Ernst Boehnlein, the newly appointed CEO of TET Systems Holding and IP Merchandisers. "Elegant studies like the recent publication by H. Varmus and colleagues from Memorial Sloan Kettering, challenging the existing hypothesis regarding metastasis formation, reinforce the value of the Tet Technology for drug development, in particular the value of transgenic models to understand disease development and progression. This example further underscores the necessity to make such models available to a broad scientific community with partners like RBRC."

"We really appreciate TET Systems` licensing policy and their generous terms and conditions for not-for-profit academic users of the Tet Technology", stated Dr. Yuichi Obata, Director of RBRC. Dr. Atsushi Yoshiki, Head of RBRC's Experimental Animal Division, added "This license agreement allows RBRC to distribute the many useful mouse resources developed by Japanese scientists to make Tet Technology available to the scientific community for the advancement of the life sciences".

About TET Systems Holding

TET Systems Holding is a privately held company located in Heidelberg, Germany. TET Systems Holding was founded by Prof. Dr. H. Bujard and colleagues based on their invention of the Tet Technology, the most widely used method to control gene

expression in higher organisms. TET Systems Holding owns a broad patent portfolio covering the technology organised in six patent families comprising 29 granted patents and 12 patent applications. TET Systems markets licences to the Tet Technology through its subsidiary IP Merchandisers. To date, more than 140 organisations have licensed the Tet Technology including academic institutions and research foundations. The largest group of partners are biotech and pharmaceutical companies, with 18 of the top 20 BIG Pharma (2006) being TET Technology licensees.

About RIKEN BioResource Center

RIKEN BioResource Center (RBRC), a non-profit public institution financed by the Japanese Government, is engaged in the collection, maintenance, storage, propagation, quality control and distribution of biological resources such as experimental animals, plants, cell lines, genetic materials, microbes, and associated bioinformatics in order to contribute to the international scientific community. Since 2002, RBRC has been the core facility of the National Bioresource Project (NBRP) of Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. RBRC is a founding member of the Federation of International Mouse Resources (FIMRe) and participates in the International Mouse Strain Resource (IMSR), distributing mouse strains worldwide.

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