



Press Release

LION bioscience and Xennex Announce Partnership

Cambridge, MA, USA, Heidelberg, Germany, Redwood City, CA, February 9, 2005 – LION bioscience and Xennex Inc. today announced that they will deliver an integrated solution to the Life Science Market. Under the agreement, the two companies will develop wrappers for the human genes' compendium GeneCards®, enabling LION's SRS users to view GeneCards® data within SRS. By integrating SRS and GeneCards®, scientists will be able to deploy the power of data integration offered by SRS combined with the rich gene centered knowledge of GeneCards® to advance their research. This will assist to improve Pharma research and development.

"The integration of GeneCards® will be the first step of our cooperation with Xennex", said Dr. Thure Etzold, CEO of LION bioscience. "The GeneCards® database is very well known and provides rich and very useful information about genes and gene products. It is a logical extension to our products."

Dr. David Warshawsky, CEO of Xennex added: "We are extremely pleased about our relationship with LION. Both SRS and GeneCards® are widely used and recognized tools. We believe that providing SRS customers with the ability to integrate GeneCards® with LION's proven technology will enable SRS users worldwide to benefit fully from GeneCards® and will enhance the value of the SRS platform."

About SRS

SRS is a proven, scalable and robust data integration platform that provides fast access to diverse life sciences data – genetic, protein, cellular, molecular and clinical — from public and proprietary sources, regardless of data format. SRS is used in more than 300 commercial and academic sites delivering genomic data daily to thousands of users around the globe. SRS is the market leader for bioinformatics data integration, providing global bioinformatics platforms for pharmaceutical companies such as Eli Lilly, Johnson&Johnson and AstraZeneca, as well as the preferred search engine for genomics portals from leading data providers such as Celera, Incyte and Derwent.

About GeneCards®

GeneCards® is a digital compendium of human genes and their encoded proteins, with major focus on functional genomics and medical aspects, including involvement in diseases. GeneCards® offers concise information about the structure and function of human genes. It extracts, integrates and compares a carefully selected subset of gene information, obtained from major data sources, public and proprietary, successfully overcoming barriers of data format heterogeneity. GeneCards® is unique in its combination of user-friendly interface, as well as the organization and display of just the right mix of links and detailed information. Data are divided into "fields" such as "Aliases", "Location", "Ontologies", "Expression" and "SNPs", all searchable by keywords. Since GeneCards® employs automatic data mining from dozens of sources; it provides a truly complete summary for each gene. GeneCards®

(<http://genecards.weizmann.ac.il>) was developed over the last 8 years by a world-leading bioinformatics team at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel.

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About Xennex

Xennex, Inc. (www.xennexinc.com) is a dynamic privately held company that is dedicated to providing Biotechnology, Pharmaceutical and other life sciences companies, as well as organizations dealing with biotechnology intellectual property, the highest level of services and tools to enhance their gene-based research. Xennex' products help such organizations to optimize their efforts to develop innovative medical products and services. Xennex operations worldwide are carried out from its offices in Massachusetts, USA.

Xennex' customers include many of the world leading biotech and pharmaceutical companies, located in North America, Europe and Japan. Xennex' products are used in hundreds of commercial and academic organizations by thousands of users around the globe.

About LION bioscience

LION bioscience (ISIN: DE0005043509, Reuters: LIOG, Bloomberg: LIO) provides proven information and knowledge management solutions to significantly improve life science R&D performance and productivity. Since it was founded in 1997, the company has become a recognized leader in the area of bioinformatics. LION has operations worldwide in Heidelberg, Germany, Cambridge, UK and Cambridge, MA, USA. LION's products are distributed by CTC Laboratory Systems in Japan and DigiGenomics in Taiwan. LION's (<http://www.lionbioscience.com>) solutions are used by more than 27,000 researchers at 300 academic and industrial customers globally.

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