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BioReliance Launches Next-Generation Genotoxicity Screening Service

Rockville, MD, September 12, 2007 – BioReliance Corporation, a leading contract services organization for the biopharmaceutical and pharmaceutical industries, has contracted with Gentronix to offer their GreenScreen HC *in vitro* assay as a major part of BioReliance's portfolio of genotoxicity screening services. GreenScreen HC, in conjunction with Ames II assays, allows pharmaceutical companies to test for genotoxic potential earlier in the preclinical development process, using only a few milligrams of test compound as opposed to the gram quantities required by current ICH regulatory tests.

John Nicholson, Chairman and CEO of Gentronix, comments, "We are delighted to complete this agreement with BioReliance, a company regarded as a global leader in genetic toxicology testing services." "This new high-throughput assay from Gentronix furthers BioReliance's ability to meet customer demand for faster and more-effective genotoxic screening services," adds David Bruning, Senior Director, Toxicology Operations at BioReliance. "The GreenScreen HC and Ames II assays, when combined, offer highly predictive and sensitive detection of genotoxic compounds while minimizing false positives seen with other *in vitro* assays, accelerating the development process."

GreenScreen HC is a unique human cell-based genotoxicity screening assay that links the regulation of the human Growth Arrest and DNA Damage (GADD45a) gene to the production of Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP). Cells that have incurred DNA damage upon exposure to a test compound express higher levels of detectable GFP.

GreenScreen HC only requires 1 mg of starting material to demonstrate high specificity, in contrast to other *in vitro* genetic toxicology assays that often provide false positive results. GreenScreen HC is able to detect multiple mechanistic classes of genotoxic agents, including aneugens, and is easily adapted to automatic robotic platforms.

About Gentronix

Gentronix is an innovative biotechnology company helping to accelerate the pace of drug development in the pharmaceutical industry. Gentronix is developing a range of productivity-enhancing tools for scientists in the drug discovery field, designed to ease or remove current bottlenecks in preclinical research and development. Gentronix's first product release, GreenScreen, successfully combines expertise in molecular biology and analytical science to address the ADMET bottleneck in lead candidate selection, focusing specifically on genotoxicity screening. GreenScreen products are for use in genetic toxicity screening and can contribute to the selection of lead collections enriched with compounds lacking genotoxicity. For more information, visit www.gentronix.co.uk.

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About BioReliance

BioReliance Corporation is a leading contract services organization, offering more than 1,000 tests or services related to biologics safety testing, *in vitro* and *in vivo* toxicology, viral manufacturing and lab animal health diagnostics for the biopharmaceutical and pharmaceutical industries. The Company provides cost-effective services to over 600 clients annually, including most of the largest pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical companies in the world. BioReliance is headquartered in Rockville, Maryland and has additional facilities in Glasgow, Scotland and Stirling, Scotland. For more information, visit www.bioreliance.com.

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