

Bio-Images Strategic Development in Japan

Bio-Images Research Ltd. (Glasgow, U.K.) has today, 6th March 2008, announced the partnership with Sansei Oka to develop the market for Bio-Images in Japan. The company having completed several projects in Japan are now seeking to permanently develop this valuable market.

Bio-Images Research Ltd. was founded in 2000 as a spin out from the Universities of Strathclyde and Glasgow. A leader and at the forefront of innovation in gamma scintigraphic imaging for early phase clinical trials, Bio-Images has secured numerous blue chip customers in Europe and the US with 6 steady years top line growth and profitability, the company is now partnering with Sansei Oka in Japan to expand its expertise and customer base.

This partnership will allow Japanese customers to be supplied with the range of services offered by Bio-Images including:

- A hospital base which allows access to defined patient groups and specialist medical support
- Connections with world renowned expert consultants
- University links which provide access to new technologies
- Proven track record for innovative labelling techniques
- Experienced staff dedicated to quality of service

Our latest development: the imaGIT™ capsule.

Resulting from years of research by Casper Associates in the USA, the breakthrough imaGIT™ capsule technology is an ingestible, radio-controlled device used to evaluate regional drug absorption in humans.

Employing Bio-Images' leading non-invasive gamma scintigraphic imaging techniques, imaGIT™ is tracked through the digestive tract following oral administration and on arrival at the desired target site, release of the contained drug is triggered by an external radio signal. Blood sampling following drug release at distant sites in the intestine allows assessment of bioavailability, the results of which assist pharmaceutical companies rationalise their formulation development strategies.

Professor Howard Stevens, Chairman, commented

"This collaboration with Sansei represents a strategic development of Bio-Images' commercial activities in Japan and offers a significant expansion to our Japanese customer base. Through this partnership we are now able to offer Japanese pharmaceutical companies access to our full range of clinical gamma scintigraphic services to assist and accelerate their formulation development programmes."

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Sansei Oka, of Inter-Pharma Express Inc., commented

“Services offered by Bio-Images can provide valuable information for the evaluation of new drug entities at early stages of drug development. A crucial factor for Research & Development within the pharmaceutical industry is time. Bio-Images services can streamline the development process hence reducing time to market. I am very happy to join this collaboration and offer our Japanese clients a high quality service.”