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m2p-labs and ARTES Biotechnology join forces in clone screening and media optimization and offer an exclusive technology combination

Aachen / Langenfeld, 25. February 2008 – m2p-labs GmbH (Aachen) and ARTES Biotechnology GmbH (Langenfeld) announced today the start of a long-term collaboration in clone screening and media optimisation. The two companies combine their proprietary technologies and know-how in yeast expression and high throughput fermentation. In this exclusive collaboration the two companies offer strain selection, physiological characterization and media optimization with the two yeast systems *Hansenula polymorpha* and *Arxula adenivorans*. The combination of this high-productive expression systems and the powerful *BioLector* screening tool provide much more physiological data (all common fermentation parameters) at a high throughput level in screening and early bioprocess development. Comparative and quantitative online data of different clones and media under a broad range of engineered process conditions allow know-ledge based decisions in the micro scale, reduces costs and time lines and overcome scale up problems. Both companies are convinced that their clients will profit from this new technology offer by reduced time lines in strain and process development, the availability of new carbon sources and more productive clones and culture conditions. The overall benefit will be in addition to the best expression system also the most productive bioprocess.

m2p-labs GmbH – www.m2p-labs.com

m2p-labs is a Spin Off of RWTH Aachen University. The biotechnology company is focusing on micro reaction solutions for cell culture and microbial screening. The company empower the biotechnology, chemical and pharmaceutical industry with increasing number and information of cell culture and microbial experiments. The first development is a unique micro bioreactor system for High-Content-Screening. The so called *BioLector* technology is also available for clients as contract research in High-Throughput-Screening or Bioprocess Development projects. The Consulting Sector of the company offers “Scale up and down” studies of industrial bioprocesses and lab automation. m2p-labs is located in Aachen (Germany).

ARTES Biotechnology GmbH – www.artes-biotechnology.com

ARTES is a Germany-based biotechnology company specialized in recombinant protein production from yeast expression systems. ARTES offers generation of optimized production cell lines in proprietary yeast expression systems based on *Hansenula polymorpha* and *Arxula adenivorans*. In addition to genetic engineering, the

company provides fermentation and downstream process development, analytical assay development and production cell line characterization. ARTES operates worldwide from its 850 sqm S1 facilities in Langenfeld near Duesseldorf. The company focuses on contract R&D for white and red biotechnology products.

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