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Collectis bioresearch launches cGPS[®] Custom - the world's first line of kits for targeted gene integration in native cell lines

Parc Biocitech, France, June 16th, 2009 – Collectis bioresearch, a subsidiary of the genome engineering company Collectis SA, announced today that it has launched cGPS[®] Custom, a new line of kits for targeted gene integration in native cell lines. This is a breakthrough technology that will enable life science researchers to customize their own cell lines.

"cGPS[®] Custom is the first tool of its kind and with its introduction to the market, researchers will no longer have to buy modified cell lines for performing targeted integration. With cGPS[®] Custom, they can customize their existing cell lines, offering greater research freedom and considerable time savings", highlighted Marc Le Bozec, CEO of Collectis bioresearch.

The cGPS[®] Custom line has been developed by leveraging a major innovation from Collectis SA: modified-specificity meganucleases. Meganucleases are "DNA scissors" capable of recognizing and cutting a single genomic site with a high degree of accuracy. Each cGPS[®] Custom kit contains a modified-specificity meganuclease for integrating a gene of interest at a unique, native genomic site in a given cell line. This first product in the cGPS[®] Custom line enables the generation of stable CHO-K1 clones within a month and has a targeted integration rate of over 90%. In addition, cGPS[®] Custom kits will allow researchers to continue using their existing cell lines, thus maximizing prior experience.

"Our cGPS[®] and cGPS[®] Custom products are significantly expanding access to a technology that was previously restricted to a handful of specialists." added Luc Selig, VP Sales & Marketing at Collectis bioresearch. "Most gene expression experiments are based on transient gene expression because random gene integration previously required considerable time and effort and there was no guarantee of success. The targeted integration cGPS[®] (cellular Genome Positioning System) lines of products eliminate these issues and are opening up a broad spectrum of new opportunities - not only in fundamental research but also in drug screening and biomanufacturing."

About Collectis bioresearch

Collectis bioresearch was incorporated as a subsidiary of Collectis SA (Alternext: ALCLS) in June 2008. It provides life science researchers with genome customization kits for rapid, efficient gene integration at a precise genomic position in a given cell type. Two lines of targeted integration kits - cGPS[®] (cellular Genome Positioning System) and cGPS[®] Custom - are available commercially. For further information about Collectis bioresearch and to purchase the kits visit www.collectis-bioresearch.com

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