

Media Release

First French Online Biotech Database Launched

Since March 2004, the first online database of France's life-sciences sector is available free of charge on the Internet. Information on French biotech and medtech companies are provided on www.frenchbiotech.com.

Zurich, May 2004 – The online “French Biotech Database” is available free of charge for inquires and for obtaining a brief profile of each organisation. In addition to biotech companies, the database includes medtech and life-sciences companies and organisations, as well as investors specialising in these fields. All data is categorised according to sector and subsector so that systematic searches can be carried out. The database currently comprises more than 200 organisations. The database is updated on a regular basis. New companies can be entered at any time free of charge. Companies that are already included can modify their data.

The French Biotech Database was initiated and created by Venture Valuation, Zurich/Switzerland, a company that is focused on valuations of life sciences companies and that specialises in the Biotech area and in partnership with Lionel Charon, Ph.D. In March 2003, Venture Valuation launched the Swiss Life Sciences Database, a comprehensive platform with more than 800 profiles of companies active in the Swiss life sciences field. Due to the big success of the database, Venture Valuation decided to expand the online platform to include other countries and launched the French Biotech Database in France. Further European countries as well as a global database are planned. The Swiss Life Sciences Database is available on www.swisslifesciences.com.

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