



**Amplicon Express and VWR International announce mutual services and partnership agreement
Partnership will provide expanded services for drug discovery research**

West Chester, PA and Pullman, WA, November 1, 2006—Amplicon Express, Inc., a molecular biology service provider, and VWR International, Inc., which has established VWR BioSciences program to offer broader bioscience solutions to customers with high quality research services and next generation technologies, today announced the formation of a strategic marketing alliance. Under the terms of the agreement, Amplicon Express and VWR BioSciences will co-market a comprehensive suite of high quality BAC library construction and DNA sequencing services to the life science industry.

Robert Bogden, President, Amplicon Express, Inc. said “VWR BioSciences has assembled an amazing portfolio of highly specialized companies providing state-of-the-art genomic, transcriptomic and proteomic products and services to their clients. Amplicon Express is proud to be part of the foundation for VWR’s recent expansion into the contract services domain. Academic researchers, biotech companies and pharmaceutical companies will now have confidence outsourcing important work like BAC library construction and DNA sequencing to VWR-approved companies. Amplicon Express will continue to focus on building the world’s highest quality BAC libraries for the lowest prices possible.”

Zishan Haroon, M.D., Ph.D., general manager and global vice president, VWR BioSciences said “VWR BioSciences offers contract based research services to allow our customers to work more efficiently and with greater confidence in drug discovery and development. We are delighted to have Amplicon Express as part of our portfolio and are confident that their services will be helpful to our clients in their discovery pursuits.”

About Amplicon Express, Inc.

Established in 1996, Amplicon Express is a privately held molecular biology service company based in the United States providing powerful tools in genome research and protein characterization. Amplicon is a world leader in custom BAC library construction and offers a

full suite of complementing services such as BAC screening tools (nylon filters, PCR based Pools & Superpools), BAC sequencing, BAC fingerprinting, whole genome sequencing, randomly sheared shotgun libraries, and plasmid/PCR product sequencing. Amplicon Express also offers functional transcriptomic services that include cDNA library construction and EST sequencing. Using patented SELDI-TOF-MS technologies, Protein Biomarker Discovery services and protein characterization are now part of the Amplicon Express suite of services.

For more information on Amplicon Express, Inc. phone 1-509-332-8080 or go online to www.amplicon-express.com

About VWR International, Inc.

VWR International is a leader in the global research laboratory industry with worldwide sales of \$3.0 billion US dollars. VWR's business is highly diversified across a spectrum of products and services, customer groups and geography. The company offers more than 1,200,000 products from more than 2,500 manufacturers to over 250,000 customers throughout North America and Europe. VWR's primary customers work in the pharmaceutical, life science, chemical, technology, food processing and consumer product industries. Other important customers include universities and research institutes; governmental agencies; environmental testing organizations; and primary and secondary schools. VWR International affiliates operate in 20 countries and employ approximately 6,100 people. The company's mission is to deliver excellence in the distribution of scientific supplies. The VWR International Group is headquartered in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

For more information on VWR International, phone 1-800-932-5000, visit www.vwr.com, or write, VWR International, Inc., 1310 Goshen Parkway, P.O. Box 2656, West Chester, PA 19380-0906.

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