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Title: Dalton Pharma Services launches expanded medicinal chemistry services

Toronto, Ontario, August 31st, 2006 – Dalton Pharma Services, a privately owned Canadian pharmaceutical services provider to leading pharmaceutical companies, today announced the formation of Dalton Medicinal Chemistry Partners, a joint venture with Dr. Judd Berman. The joint venture now offers expanded, mechanism based medicinal chemistry services to companies involved in drug discovery.

"Judd's broad experience and proven abilities in drug discovery using medicinal chemistry, as well as his extensive track record in identification and optimization of high quality lead compounds, combined with Dalton's 20 year history of success in drug development, creates a powerful combination," said Peter Pekos, President and CEO of Dalton Pharma Services. Taking full advantage of our state of the art facilities, this new venture makes significant additional scientific and managerial expertise available to our clients and augments Dalton's ability to identify and deliver promising small molecules quickly for our partners' programs," stated Pekos.

Prior to joining forces in this new endeavor with Dalton, Dr. Berman has played a leadership role in the identification and advancement of development candidates both in Big Pharma and Biotech environments. He held positions of increasing responsibilities with Merrell Dow, Glaxo, GlaxoWellcome, GSK and most recently Affinium Pharmaceuticals. Dr. Berman said, "I am delighted to be working with the talented team at Dalton Pharma Services. Peter has established strong working relationships with clients and I look forward to adding value to these as well as establishing selected new relationships aimed at the advancement of novel chemical entities for development. Our focus is delivering high quality medicinal chemistry."

With this alliance, Dalton continues to build on its focused team of expert drug discovery specialists with strong project management skills to expand its clients' product pipelines. Added Pekos, "We are very pleased to have Judd join us at such an important time in our development and are confident he will be a valuable asset to Dalton as we continue to accelerate our clients' drug discovery programs."

About Dalton Pharma Services

Dalton Chemical Laboratories Inc. o/a Dalton Pharma Services is a contract pharmaceutical manufacturer that supplies chemistry and analytical services to the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries in the areas of medicinal chemistry, fine chemical manufacture, custom peptides and antisense oligo production. Dalton provides cGMP manufacturing and sterile filling services to its customers at any stage of the regulatory process (Phase I, II, III or commercial). In its state of the art cGMP facilities, Dalton can produce active pharmaceutical ingredients (API), at the gram or kilogram scale. Dalton can carry out sterile fills to produce batches of finished drug product in vials or syringes, either aseptically filled or terminally sterilized, under fully validated conditions. In addition, Dalton's analytical chemistry laboratory offers method development, validation and ICH stability programs to its clients.

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