

Press Release

Eurofins MWG Operon Signs Contract to Supply DNA Sequencing Services to UK Research Councils

RCUK Shared Services Centre Ltd Selects Eurofins MWG Operon as Preferred Supplier for DNA Sequencing Services

Ebersberg, Germany, January 17, 2011 – Eurofins MWG Operon, international market leader and expert for DNA sequencing, has signed a 2-year contract to supply DNA sequencing services to the Research Councils UK Shared Services Ltd (RCUK SSC Ltd). The contract may be extended to 3 years, and builds on a 5-year relationship developed as a preferred supplier of synthetic DNA and RNA oligonucleotides to the Research Councils.

RCUK SSC Ltd has been set up by the seven Research Councils of the UK (RCUK) to provide centralised services to the Research Councils and their institutes in human resources (HR), finance, procurement, Information Technology, Information Systems and grants processing. The shared service approach reduces costs whilst raising operational efficiency for the Councils.

“We are pleased to have the opportunity to further develop our relationship with RCUK. This contract will allow us to demonstrate our competence and strength in genomic services beyond the provision of synthetic DNA and RNA oligonucleotides”, says Bruno Poddevin, Eurofins Senior Vice President, Genomic Services. “The synergies across our service offerings allow us to optimize our client service, from ordering convenience, to streamlined processes, through to faster turnaround time.”

Richard Fowles, Category Manager at RCUK SSC Ltd commented, "RCUK SSC Ltd is pleased to announce the selection of Eurofins as one of its preferred suppliers of DNA sequencing services. Eurofins is already a proven supplier of oligos and we believe this new contract will afford them opportunities to further enhance their already strong reputation."

Eurofins MWG Operon also provides best in class next generation sequencing services, siRNA and gene synthesis services and is committed to continually optimizing and improving

processes and product quality to ensure that they deliver their products and services in the fastest and most convenient manner possible.

About Eurofins MWG Operon

Eurofins MWG Operon, with major offices and production sites in Europe, Japan and the USA, is an international provider of genomic services established around the core business lines DNA sequencing, oligonucleotides, siRNA and gene synthesis. The company's main mission is focussed on providing customer convenience and high quality services in industrial scale for the life science industries and academic research institutions around the world. Eurofins MWG Operon's competence in the synthesis of oligos has made the company a European market leader and a strong global player.

Eurofins MWG Operon is a member of the Eurofins Group, a global leader in bioanalytical testing in the food, environment and pharmaceutical sectors with 8,000 employees in 150 laboratories across 30 countries.

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