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PRESS RELEASE

BRENDA - Used worldwide in the pharmaceutical, biotech and chemical industries by companies like Exelixis, GlaxoSmithKline, Kyowa Hakko, and Syngenta

Cologne, Germany, Nov 11, 2002 - After 18 months of marketing of its enzyme database BRENDA, SCIENCE FACTORY GmbH can now boast numerous international companies among its satisfied customers. The information on metabolic pathways to be included for the first time in the upcoming edition of January 2003 will open up new market segments.

"Some of our customers who are currently using BRENDA - the digital lexicon for enzymes - include leading companies from Europe, North America and Japan as well as from Australia," reports Olav Zimmermann, Director of Customer Relations at SCIENCE FACTORY GmbH. "We are proud of the fact that BRENDA is gaining the same approval among companies such as Cargill Dow and Exelixis in the U.S., as it is with GlaxoSmithKline, Henkel, and Syngenta in Europe or Kyowa Hakko and Mitsui Chemicals in Japan."

In addition to the above-mentioned companies, we can also include other companies such as ABEnzymes, Athenix, Cubist Pharmaceuticals, NewBiotics, Tokyo Gas, and the Schering-Plough Research Institute among our customers. "Our customers particularly value BRENDA's scope and quality of data as well as its manual annotations. BRENDA holds a large number of molecules such as inhibitors and activators, which are of particular interest in pharmaceutical research," explains Olav Zimmermann with reference to its quick success.

"The planned expansion, which includes equipping BRENDA with data on the topic of metabolic pathways, reflects the demands of the market for qualitatively top-notch and manually annotated information on metabolic networks. We therefore meet the requirements of our customers head-on, as one of our surveys has shown," states Olav Zimmermann. "New and current research areas in particular, such as metabolics, need this information urgently in order to see and analyze data in a more complex context."

BRENDA contains information from nearly 38,000 original scientific works, which can be easily searched using a variety of search functions. BRENDA thus enables researchers to obtain a timesaving and comprehensive overview of their particular subject area and offers detailed information on more than 24,000 enzymes.

Customers have various access options to BRENDA, depending on their needs and applications: they can make queries over the Internet on science factory servers or install the database on their own internal network. science factory also offers an XML version. There is also an efficient Web-based version called enzyCLOPEDIA® for use within a company intranet. science factory's comprehensive analysis software überTOOL™ speeds up the evaluation of the acquired data.

"Innovative companies know that effective data analysis is the key to staying competitive in the market," says Olav Zimmermann. "The flood of information and methods in the field of bioinformatics is threatening to drown the scientists. That is why we have developed the completely new software system überTOOL™, which revolutionizes the integration and analysis of molecular-biological data."

überTOOL™ makes available over 200 methods from all areas of bioinformatics in a type of building block system and enables access to data from various popular databanks. In the 1.1 version, which will be presented for the first time at the BioITWorld Conference in November 2002 in San Diego,

California, U.S.A., the analysis software will be able to process data from BRENDA in addition to other databanks.

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