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IBT Reference Laboratory Appoints Dr. Vijay Aggarwal to Board of Directors

Industry veteran to provide strategic guidance in the expansion of pharmaceutical and diagnostic testing services

LENEXA, KAN. (July 13, 2006) – IBT Reference Laboratory, an international contract research and diagnostic testing lab specializing in clinical immunology and allergy testing, today announced that Dr. Vijay Aggarwal has joined its board of directors. As a recognized scientific and business leader in the fields of pharmaceutical development and clinical laboratory testing, Dr. Aggarwal will provide IBT with strategic counsel in the areas of new business initiatives, operational protocol and research and development.

“Dr. Aggarwal will be an invaluable resource to IBT as we expand our pharmaceutical services division in response to double-digit growth in industry outsourcing,” said John F. Halsey, Ph.D., IBT’s founder and president. “He is highly regarded for his scientific expertise and his leadership in the pharmaceutical and clinical laboratory markets. As an organization, we plan to leverage his 25 years of experience and industry relationships to actively pursue and serve these sectors.”

Currently, Dr. Aggarwal serves as president and chief executive officer of Aureon Laboratories in Yonkers, New York, which develops and provides predictive testing for personalized clinical cancer care and for the pharmaceutical research and development industry. Prior to joining Aureon, Dr. Aggarwal served as president of R&D at AAI Development Services, Inc. in Wilmington, North Carolina, a specialty pharma firm focused on pain management.

“We are honored to include Dr. Aggarwal on IBT’s growing board of directors,” said David J. Parker, chairman of IBT Reference Laboratory. “His unique blend of business acumen, scientific knowledge and executive management expertise will be critical to the company as it capitalizes on the growing demand for specialized assay development and diagnostic testing services from national and global drug sponsors and clinical labs.”

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Earlier in his career, during nearly 15 years of work at SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories, Dr. Aggarwal was instrumental in increasing the company's sales by 11 percent and increasing operating margins by 24 percent. He played a key role in the integration of the company with Quest Diagnostics to form Quest Diagnostic Ventures, of which he was appointed president. He holds a Ph.D. in pharmacology and toxicology from the Medical College of Virginia.

About IBT Reference Laboratory

IBT Reference Laboratory (IBT) is an international allergy and immunology laboratory specializing in both contract research for pharmaceutical development and reference laboratory services for diagnostic testing. The company also develops custom assays for validation of biomarkers, cytokine expression, vaccine efficacy and innate immunity function. As the premier provider of esoteric molecular and cellular immunology services in the U.S., IBT serves some of the world's largest pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, in vitro diagnostic firms, contract research organizations (CROs) and central labs. The company delivers research, testing and assay development services to support all phases of drug development, from exploratory testing to Phase IV clinical trials. Additionally, IBT offers hospitals, universities, clinical labs and physicians across the country the widest range of diagnostic allergy and immunology tests available from a single provider. IBT's research-based philosophy, coupled with its expertise in immunology, immunotoxicology, custom immunoassay development, allergy diagnostics, immunogenicity, immune monitoring, cellular immunology and immunogenomics allow it to offer the world's most advanced and comprehensive immunodiagnostic services.

Founded in 1983, IBT is privately-held and centrally headquartered in Lenexa, Kansas, a suburb of Kansas City. The company's state-of-the-art laboratory features advanced instrumentation for flow cytometry, ELISPOT, microarray testing, ImmunoCAP allergy, PCR, SNP, cell culture and T cell function testing. IBT's strategic Midwest location enables fast, convenient shipping of time- and temperature-sensitive specimens anywhere in the world. For information about IBT and its services, please visit www.ibtreflab.com or call 1.800.637.0370 (inside the U.S.) or + 1.913.492.2224.

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