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IBT Reference Laboratory Appoints Dr. F. John Mills to its Board of Directors

Lenexa, Kan. (June 6, 2005) — IBT Reference Laboratory, a national clinical and pharmaceutical services laboratory, announced that F. John Mills, M.D., Ph.D., has joined its board of directors. “Dr. Mills brings over 20 years of senior executive experience in drug discovery and the pharmaceutical services industry to our board,” said John F. Halsey, Ph.D., president and chief executive officer of IBT. “His unique background will be invaluable as IBT builds a premier company in the specialty pharmaceutical services sector.”

Dr. Mills, who received both medical and doctoral degrees in the United Kingdom, is the chief executive officer and chairman of BioStorage Technologies, Inc., a leading provider of biorepository and logistics services to global pharmaceutical, biotechnology and other life sciences companies. From 1992 to 2002 he held senior executive positions with Covance, Inc., including general manager of European clinical services, global general manager of central laboratory services and president of clinical support services. From 1983 to 1991 Dr. Mills served as UK medical director and regional medical director for Asia with Janssen Pharmaceutical.

“John knows what it takes to build a well-respected, laboratory services business from his years at Covance,” commented David Parker, IBT’s chairman and a partner at Ampersand Ventures. “His input and guidance will be very important as the company looks to capitalize on growing demand for its assay development and diagnostic testing services to support pharmaceutical sponsors in their clinical trials.”

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,

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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 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.

Founded in 1983, IBT is privately-held and centrally headquartered in Lenexa, Kan., 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 details 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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