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QL2 Software Joins Microsoft's BioIT Alliance

Data collection expertise plays role in medical research process

SEATTLE – October 19, 2006 – QL2 Software, the leading provider of data extraction and integration tools and solutions, today announces their association with BioIT Alliance, an organization dedicated to increasing medical research efficiency. The Alliance has announced today a second proof of concept that will accelerate the discovery and validation of biomarkers. For more information visit <http://bioitalliance.org>.

The BioIT Alliance is composed of an ever growing number of companies, including QL2 Software, working together to solve the technical challenges that meet life sciences companies in data integration, collaboration and knowledge management. The Alliance brings together pharmaceutical, biotech, hardware and software companies to explore and develop new ways to share complex biomedical information and speed the pace of knowledge discovery. QL2 Software's initial involvement will be to collaborate with other Alliance members to share information such as case studies and whitepapers to enhance member knowledge. QL2 Software will also cooperate with the Alliance and contribute its expertise in the integration of complex biomedical data. The Alliance will work together to help software partners provide more integrated, complete, and powerful solutions for discovering biomarkers that indicate the presence of disease or the efficacy of a cure.

“The BioIT Alliance is poised to make great strides to minimize the time gap between information discovery and practical implementation of the findings,” said Chris Buckingham, President and CEO of QL2 Software. “This collaboration is exciting for medical advancement as well as technical innovation.”

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About QL2 Software

QL2 Software's data extraction and integration technology and solutions empower business intelligence, enterprise search, and text analysis applications for large companies and institutions throughout the world. With more than 30 customers in the Fortune 1000, QL2 provides the data that drives the enterprise. In 2005, QL2 joined IBM's Unstructured Information Management Architecture (UIMA) open source initiative, was named to *KMWorld's* "Top 100 Companies" and "Trend-Setting Products of 2006" in addition to placing high on the list of Fastest Growing Private Companies in Washington by the *Puget Sound Business Journal*. www.QL2.com

About the BioIT Alliance

Formed in 2006, the BioIT Alliance is a cross-industry group working together to improve biomedical information technology on the Microsoft platform. Founding members include Affymetrix Inc., Accelrys Software Inc., Amylin Pharmaceuticals Inc., Applied Biosystems, The BioTeam Inc., Digipede Technologies LLC, Discovery Biosciences Corporation, Geospiza Inc., Hewlett-Packard Development Company, InterKnowlogy, Microsoft Corporation, Sun Microsystems Inc., VizX Labs LLC and other key companies in the pharmaceutical, biotech, hardware and software industries. Additional information about the BioIT Alliance can be found on the Bio IT Alliance Web site at <http://bioitalliance.org>.

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