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GENIZON BECOMES CERTIFIED SERVICE PROVIDER UNDER ILLUMINA'S NEW CSPro PROGRAM

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Genizon is the first commercial firm to receive CSPro Certification from Illumina

Montreal, Quebec – August 9, 2006 – Genizon BioSciences today announced that it has become the first commercial organization to achieve certification under the new Certified Service Provider (CSPro) Program from Illumina, Inc. (Nasdaq:ILMN) of San Diego, California. This certification assures compliance with the highest quality standards for Genizon's new genotyping services.

The Illumina CSPro Program is a collaborative service partnership designed to ensure the delivery of the highest-quality data available for genetic analysis applications. Certification is carried out in two phases – a pre-certification phase under which a minimum quantity of data was produced, followed by a certification phase under which an audit was performed by Illumina and certification granted to Genizon.

Genizon is among the largest providers of Illumina-based SNP genotyping services, with a capacity of 100 million SNP genotypes per day. These services complement Genizon's industry-leading genetic analysis services that are based on tools that the company has developed and used successfully in seven whole-genome association studies to date. Genizon is now fully certified for the use of Illumina's GoldenGate[®] assay platform, while certification on the Infinium[™] whole genome genotyping is being completed.

"We are thrilled to be the first to achieve certification under Illumina's program," stated Dr. John Hooper, CEO of Genizon BioSciences. "The philosophy of the CSPro Program is aligned with our corporate philosophy of high-quality data-driven science. CSPro certification assures our customers that Genizon is able to provide data which lead to the highest statistical power for their study designs."

"By becoming a CSPro organization, Genizon has taken a leadership role in providing high quality genetic services," added Jay Flatley, President and CEO of Illumina. "Organizations such as Genizon have long been advocates of the high quality exhibited by our technologies and now reflected in the CSPro Program. We are excited that Genizon has chosen this certification and have been very impressed with the speed with which they complied with the certification requirements."

About Genizon BioSciences

Genizon BioSciences Inc., founded in 1999, is the only source for GeneMaps—comprehensive maps of genes, biochemical pathways and drug targets that are unequivocally involved in causing human disease—accelerating the development of safer, more effective medicines. Genizon's proprietary, automated gene discovery platform using

whole-genome association studies involving thousands of members of the Quebec Founder Population provides unprecedented understanding of the genetic origins and mechanisms of common diseases, resulting in the best possible drug targets. The company's GeneMaps provide pharmaceutical partners with intellectual property that creates opportunities for leadership in many therapeutic areas by bringing to market better treatments that address the root causes of diseases. Genizon is conducting gene discovery programs in more than 20 common diseases. Genizon's genotyping and genetic analysis services also assist partners in rapidly generating statistically reliable gene discoveries from the partner's DNA collections.

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