



## **Protéus announces collaboration with Syngenta in Biofuels**

**The companies will develop new enzymes for the creation of next generation biofuels**

**Nîmes, France, January 15, 2009** - Protéus announced today that it has entered into a collaboration agreement with agribusiness leader, Syngenta. The two companies will work together on the development of novel high performing enzymes for next generation biofuel production. Both diversity screening and directed evolution methods will be used for the discovery and the optimization of such targeted enzymes for the conversion of biomass into biofuels.

"We believe that our strategy based on optimized enzymes holds tremendous potential for the creation of next generation biofuels," remarked Dr. Ian Jepson, Head of Enzymes R&D at Syngenta. "The collaboration with Protéus helps us to accelerate development by offering technology that complements our core skills in plant expression."

"Through the confidence of an industrial company leader in its domain, the expertise and technologies of Protéus are once again recognized. I am very pleased that we are working with Syngenta to develop new biotechnology processes that will bring benefits for future generations" said Dr Gilles Ravot, CEO of Protéus.

Further details of the agreement were not disclosed.

## **About Protéus**

Protéus is a worldwide recognized biotechnology company which focuses on the discovery, engineering and manufacturing of proteins of industrial interest, and on the development of innovative protein-based bioprocesses. The efficiency of Proteus' technology platform has been demonstrated by the successful track record of the company in the life sciences industry, including healthcare, chemistry (fine or specialty chemicals), environment and bioenergy.

Protéus reinforces the competitive edge of its clients by providing them new industrial solutions and new industrial property rights. The comprehensive offering of Protéus includes industrial manufacturing capabilities to accelerate the development, the industrialization and the time-to-market of its clients' new products.

In order to fulfill this mission, Protéus possesses unique proprietary technologies including an exclusive biodiversity (source of new genes), protein engineering tools (for the delivery of bespoke enzymes for industrial application) and a protein manufacturing platform, allowing use of proteins as new industrial biocatalysts.

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