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**THE GERMAN RESOURCE CENTER FOR GENOME RESEARCH (RZPD) PARTNERS WITH
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Sunnyvale, CA and Berlin, Germany— January 20, 2005: B-Bridge International has entered into a distribution agreement with the RZPD—the German Resource Center for Genome Research (Deutsches Ressourcenzentrum für Genomforschung)—a not-for-profit service center known for its high-quality genomics and proteomics tools and services, including the most comprehensive clone collection worldwide and the GenomeCube™ resource database.

The partnership between RZPD and B-Bridge provides local support and makes it easier for North American and Japanese researchers to order RZPD's products and services, including individual clones, genomic and cDNA libraries and pools, nonredundant cDNA and genomic clone collections, robotic services, protein profiling services, DNA and protein arrays, and esiRNA resource products. RZPD's product line strongly complements B-Bridge's current line of products, which include siSolutions™ siRNA products and services, adipokine-related ELISA kits, apoptosis detection kits, and several antibody lines distributed in Japan. The distribution of RZPD products enables B-Bridge to provide life-science researchers with a more complete solution for their research needs, and enables RZPD to expand its presence in the North American and Japanese markets.

RZPD is the largest service center for genome research in Europe. Based on the most comprehensive public clone collection worldwide, it provides high-quality research material, high throughput technology and automation solutions for academic institutions as well as for industrial applications. All material data available from RZPD is stored in a primary database and is cross-linked with records from other public sources. RZPD is certified to meet the requirements of and to comply with ISO 9001:2000 quality standards.

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