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Burnham Institute Selects Labcyte Acoustic Liquid Handling Technology for High-Throughput Screening

Sunnyvale, CA November 15, 2007 – Labcyte Inc. will supply Burnham Institute for Medical Research (Burnham) with more than \$2.3 million worth of Echo[®] liquid handlers for use in screening large biological libraries. The systems will be installed at both the Institute's LaJolla, (CA) and Lake Nona, Orlando (FL) campuses. These instruments will be part of the world's largest screening system and will bolster Burnham's research and drug discovery efforts, which include research on cancer, neurological diseases, aging, diabetes, and obesity.

Burnham is one of the nation's 10 collaborating centers of excellence funded under a special initiative created by the National Institutes of Health, which together comprise the largest public-sector drug discovery effort in history. The state-of-the-art Labcyte technology will improve screening results while reducing operating costs for Burnham and the collaborating network advancing this historical effort. The systems will be delivered over the next six months.

"The Echo liquid handlers were selected because their unique acoustic technology will enhance our ability to miniaturize assays, reduce compound waste, and meet throughput requirements," explained Dr. Stefan Vasile, Director of the Chemical Library Screening Facility for Burnham Institute. "The Echo systems will be used for compound plate-to-plate transfer, reformatting, dose-response experiments and hit picking."

"Our patented acoustic droplet ejection technology dramatically reduces waste while cutting operating expenses," said Dr. Elaine J. Heron, Labcyte CEO. "Traditional liquid handlers are prone to poor precision and accuracy as transfer volumes are decreased. Researchers who require flexibility in their processes and biology find that the Echo systems provide that for them easily, quickly, and cost-effectively."

Labcyte Inc., headquartered in Sunnyvale, California, is the world leader in providing acoustic droplet ejection technology for pharmaceutical and life science applications. The award-winning Echo 500 series liquid handlers and Portrait 630 reagent multi-spotters are used in nine of the 10 largest pharmaceutical companies, as well as in leading academic and research institutions and contract research organizations worldwide. The Labcyte acoustic droplet ejection technology has broad applications including compound management, assays, arraying, particle manufacturing, imaging mass spectrometry, and live-cell transfer. Labcyte also provides a range of unique microplate consumables. Labcyte has 29 issued U.S. patents, 3 issued European patents and additional international filings. For more information, visit www.labcyte.com

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