



Polyplus-transfection and the National Institute of Health sign a research license agreement for PEI-based transfection technologies

Strasbourg, France – February 17, 2014 – Polyplus-transfection SA, a privately-held company developing innovative technologies for molecular and cellular biology, announces today that it has granted two agencies of the United States National Institutes of Health (“NIH”) a non-exclusive, research license to use Polyethylenimine (PEI) for in vitro transfection applications. The two agencies are the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (“NIAID”) and the National Cancer Institute (“NCI”).

The NIAID and the NCI, by entering into this license agreement, become two of Polyplus’ growing number of sub-licensees who have acquired rights to use of PEI-mediated transfection applications for research purposes. The license provides the NIAID and the NCI with freedom to use this globally recognized high performance technology, from Polyplus-transfection, in its research to produce transfected cells, proteins, viruses and antibodies.

Polyplus-transfection is the worldwide, exclusive licensee to PEI for transfection applications. Transfection with PEI has the advantages of ease of use, high transfection efficiency and excellent viability in the lines of mammalian cells most frequently chosen by scientists working in protein, virus and antibody production.

“Signing this license agreement between Polyplus and the NIAID and the NCI, two major US research institutes, keeps our technology at the forefront of the battle to understand, treat and prevent cancer, as well as other infectious, immunologic and allergic diseases,” said Mark Bloomfield, CEO of Polyplus-transfection. “PEI-mediated

transfection has become a core tool for all researchers working in these fields. The execution of this agreement with the NIH is another demonstration of the strength and significant value of Polyplus' specific intellectual property rights in PEI-mediated nucleic acid delivery for research purposes."

Financial terms were not disclosed.

About Polyplus-transfection SA

Polyplus-transfection SA is a biotechnology company that develops, markets and sells innovative solutions for the *in vivo*, *in vitro* and *ex vivo* delivery of nucleic acids in research, bioproduction and therapeutics. Located close to the University of Strasbourg in Eastern France, Polyplus-transfection has been ISO 9001-certified since 2002 and supplies its proprietary range of reagents for the transfection of genes, oligonucleotides and siRNA through a worldwide distributor network. Polyplus reagents are involved in a growing number of clinical trials worldwide. In addition, Polyplus-transfection holds a broad estate of patents and licenses including original methods for therapeutic siRNA delivery.

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