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**Title: SGE Analytical Science and the Australian Proteome Analysis Facility sign Joint Research & Development Agreement**

SGE Analytical Science (SGE) today announced it has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding under an Australian government Commercial Ready grant with Sydney-based Australian Proteome Analysis Facility Ltd (APAF), a leading international proteomics service provider and technology developer for the development of applications of SGE's liquid chromatography and micro fabrication technologies (including the unique ProteCol product line) .

APAF specialises in proteomics applications from early stage research through to protein biomarker discovery for its customers - with a focus on providing a complete suite of services to academic and commercial clients.

SGE's liquid chromatography platform is suitable for use in many different proteomics applications and APAF and SGE plan to collaborate on the development and commercialisation of new chromatography products, predominantly for the protein biomarker discovery markets. APAF will publicise SGE's LC technologies under its services and skill training programs to its customers and develop new ProteCol kits for a variety of applications. Once feasibility is established, customers will then purchase the kits directly from SGE and SGE's OEM partners. APAF's international experience and global network in proteomics research and development is also expected to generate business for SGE in areas of mutual interest.

SGE Analytical Science's Managing Director, Stephen Tomisich said "This is a significant step in our business plan to further leverage the valuable Intellectual Property underpinning our ProteCol platform. The ability to generate revenues from the proteomics sector is a major step toward the commercial maturity of our liquid chromatography business."

APAF's CEO, Mark Baker, said "APAF's strategy has been to target technology providers with the aim of solving key issues of performance, sensitivity and reliability in next generation proteomics applications. We are confident that the inclusion of SGE's ProteCol platform will allow us to address significant problems in sample handling. These include analysis of rare and valuable proteins, difficult sample preparations and issues of reproducibility, robustness and quantitation. Our experience as service providers, developers and trainers, as well as our broad experience with state-of-the-art mass spectrometry will allow users to evaluate and adopt these technologies quickly".



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