



PRESS RELEASE

Crucell Announces Second PER.C6[®] Licensing Agreement with Merial

Leiden, The Netherlands, December 22, 2005 - Dutch biotechnology company Crucell N.V. (Euronext, NASDAQ: CRXL) announced today that it has signed a second PER.C6[®] research license agreement with Merial, a leading animal health company.

The non-exclusive agreement allows Merial to use the PER.C6[®] cell line for the development of gene therapy in a specific field of companion animal medicine and includes an option for a commercial license agreement. The new agreement follows the October 2004 licensing deal which allows Merial to utilize PER.C6[®] for the development and commercialization of veterinary vaccines for foot-and-mouth disease.

Further financial details were not disclosed.

About Crucell

Crucell N.V. is a biotechnology company focused on developing vaccines and antibodies that prevent and treat infectious diseases, including Ebola, influenza, malaria, West Nile virus and rabies. The company's development programs include collaborations with: sanofi pasteur for influenza vaccines; the U.S. National Institutes of Health for Ebola and malaria vaccines; and GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and New York University for a malaria vaccine. Crucell's products are based on its PER.C6[®] production technology. The company also licenses its PER.C6[®] technology to the biopharmaceutical industry. Licensees and partners include DSM Biologics, GSK, Centocor and Merck & Co., Inc. Crucell is headquartered in Leiden, The Netherlands, and is listed on the Euronext and NASDAQ stock exchanges (ticker symbol CRXL). For more information, please visit www.crucell.com.

About Merial

Merial is a world-leading, innovation-driven animal health company, providing a comprehensive range of products to enhance the health, well-being and performance of a wide range of animals. Merial employs approximately 5,000 people and operates in more than 150 countries worldwide. Its 2004 sales were in excess of \$1.8 billion. Merial Limited is a joint venture between Merck & Co., Inc. and sanofi aventis. For more information, go to www.merial.com

Crucell's Licensing Program Disclosure Policy

Crucell believes it has a duty to inform (potential) investors and other stakeholders about every licensing agreement it reaches with third parties – regardless of the significance of current or future revenue or royalties generated by the agreement. Crucell fulfils this duty by issuing a press release that invariably consists of the name of the contract party, the nature of the license and an indication of the relevant technology or therapeutic area. This ensures that every potential investor or interested party can be fully up-to-date with all licensing agreements made by Crucell with third parties. An



overview of all Crucell's licensees and partners can be found on the Company's website, including an overview of each relevant product's phase of development.

Forward-looking statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements that involve inherent risks and uncertainties. We have identified certain important factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in such forward-looking statements. For information relating to these factors please refer to our Form 20-F, as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 14, 2005, and the section entitled "Risk Factors". The company prepares its financial statements under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (US GAAP).

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