



PRESS RELEASE

Crucell Announces PER.C6[®] Licensing Agreement with Upstate USA

Leiden, The Netherlands, May 16, 2006 - Dutch biotechnology company Crucell N.V. (Euronext, NASDAQ: CRXL) announced today that it has signed a PER.C6[®] licensing agreement with Upstate USA, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Serologicals Corporation based in Virginia.

The non-exclusive agreement allows Upstate to use the PER.C6[®] cell line to propagate adenovirus containing siRNA that will subsequently be offered for sale to the biomedical community for research purposes. The siRNA will be supplied to Upstate via a separate agreement with Galapagos BV, Crucell's exclusive PER.C6[®] licensee in the field of functional genomics.

Under the terms of the agreement, Upstate will pay a license issuance fee and annual maintenance fees, together with a running royalty. Further financial details were not disclosed.

About Crucell

Crucell N.V. (Euronext, NASDAQ: CRXL; Swiss Exchange: SW CRX) is a biotechnology company focused on research, development and worldwide marketing of vaccines and antibodies that prevent and treat infectious diseases. Its vaccines are sold in public and private markets worldwide. Crucell's core portfolio includes vaccines against hepatitis B and virosomal influenza. Crucell also markets travel vaccines, such as the only oral anti-typhoid vaccine on the market. The Company has a broad development pipeline, including both early-stage products and products almost ready to go to market. Several Crucell products are based on its unique PER.C6[®] production technology. The Company licenses this and other technologies to the biopharmaceutical industry. Important partners and licensees include DSM Biologics, sanofi aventis, GSK and Merck & Co. Crucell is headquartered in Leiden (the Netherlands), with subsidiaries in Switzerland, elsewhere in Europe, and in Korea. The Company employs about 900 people. For more information, please visit www.crucell.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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