



## PRESS RELEASE

### **Crucell Signs Exclusive License Agreement with Talecris Biotherapeutics**

**Leiden, The Netherlands (September 18, 2008)** – Dutch biopharma company Crucell N.V. (Euronext, Nasdaq: CRXL; Swiss Exchange: CRX) today announced that it has signed an exclusive, commercial license agreement with North Carolina-based Talecris Biotherapeutics for an undisclosed and specific protein to be produced using the PER.C6<sup>®</sup> cell line.

Crucell will receive an upfront payment of \$2.5 million following the execution of the agreement and will be eligible for milestone payments of approximately \$30 million across multiple indications. Further financial details of the agreement were not disclosed.

#### **About PER.C6<sup>®</sup> Technology**

Crucell's PER.C6<sup>®</sup> technology platform has been developed for the large-scale manufacture of biopharmaceutical products such as recombinant proteins including monoclonal antibodies. Compared to conventional production technologies, the strengths of PER.C6<sup>®</sup> technology lie in its excellent safety profile, scalability and productivity under serum-free culture conditions.

#### **About Crucell**

Crucell N.V. (Euronext, NASDAQ: CRXL; Swiss Exchange: CRX) is a global biopharma company focused on research, development, production and marketing of vaccines, proteins and antibodies that prevent and treat primarily infectious diseases. Its vaccines are sold in public and private markets worldwide. Crucell's core portfolio includes a vaccine against hepatitis B, a fully-liquid vaccine against five important childhood diseases and a virosome-adjuvanted vaccine against influenza. Crucell also markets travel vaccines, such as the only oral anti-typhoid vaccine, an oral cholera vaccine and the only aluminum-free hepatitis A vaccine on the market. The Company has a broad development pipeline, with several product candidates based on its unique PER.C6<sup>®</sup> production technology. The Company licenses its PER.C6<sup>®</sup> technology and other technologies to the biopharmaceutical industry. Important partners and licensees include DSM Biologics, sanofi-aventis, Novartis, Wyeth and Merck & Co. Crucell is headquartered in Leiden, the Netherlands, with subsidiaries in Switzerland, Spain, Italy, Sweden, Korea and the US. The Company employs over a 1000 people. For more information, please visit [www.crucell.com](http://www.crucell.com).

#### **About Talecris Biotherapeutics: *Inspiration. Dedication. Innovation.***

Talecris Biotherapeutics is a global biotherapeutic and biotechnology company that discovers, develops and produces critical care treatments for people with life-threatening disorders in a variety of therapeutic areas including immunology, pulmonology, and hemostasis. Talecris is proudly building upon a 60-year legacy of innovation and a commitment to improving the lives of people who rely on its therapeutic products. With an emphasis on scientific inquiry and technological excellence, Talecris is expanding its current portfolio of products, programs, and



services through its own world-class product development organization as well as through strategic initiatives that leverage its strengths with those of its partners. Talecris, with revenues of approximately \$1.2 billion in 2007, is headquartered in biotech hub Research Triangle Park, N.C., and employs more than 4,500 talented people worldwide.

To learn more about Talecris and how its employees are making a difference in the lives of patients and the healthcare community, visit [www.talecris.com](http://www.talecris.com).

**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 May 7, 2008, and the section entitled "Risk Factors". The Company prepares its financial statements under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).*

**Calendar:**

1 October 2008	Phase I U.S. study presented at RITA conference Atlanta
11 November 2008	Q3 Results 2008
17 February 2009	Q4 Results 2008

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