



Harvard Bioscience Receives "Notice of Allowability" from US Patent Office for Key Model Organism Sorter Technology

HOLLISTON, Mass., Oct 16, 2001 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- Today Harvard Bioscience, Inc. (Nasdaq: HBIO) announced the receipt of a "Notice of Allowability" from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for its key model organism sorting technology, known as COPAS™. The COPAS™ technology enables the high throughput/high content analysis and sorting of model organisms such as the fruit fly, *D. melanogaster*, the nematode worm, *C. elegans*, and the zebrafish, *D. rerio*. These model organisms are increasingly being used by pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies for target validation, efficacy screening and ADMET screening in drug discovery, and by university researchers in basic genetic and genomic research. The COPAS™ technology can also be used to sort beads used in combinatorial chemistry at record speeds such as in the recently announced work with the Carlsberg Institute. COPAS™ instruments and systems are sold through Harvard Bioscience's Union Biometrica subsidiary.

David Green, President of Harvard Bioscience commented: "We are very pleased to receive this "Notice of Allowability". It confirms the uniqueness of the inventions we have made for high throughput drug discovery. This is only one of several patent applications we have before the USPTO."

About Harvard Bioscience, Inc.

Harvard Bioscience is a global developer, manufacturer and marketer of innovative, enabling tools in drug discovery research at pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, universities and government laboratories. HBIO sells approximately 10,000 products to thousands of researchers in over 60 countries through its direct sales force, 1,000 page catalog, and through its distributors, the most notable of which is AP Biotech. HBIO has sales and manufacturing operations in the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany and Belgium with sales facilities in France and Canada. For more information please visit www.harvardbioscience.com or www.unionbio.com

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