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The Québec-Ontario Life Sciences Corridor: One of the top 5 in North America

MONTREAL, QC, June 25, 2014. The Québec-Ontario Corridor, as a result of complementary academic and industrial expertise distributed across the entire territory, in connection with centres of excellence in research and cutting-edge technological capabilities, has become one of the leading life sciences clusters in North America. This is one of the conclusions in the report released by Biopolis Québec and Life Science Ontario, in the presence of Jacques Daoust, Québec Minister of the Economy, Innovation and Exports, and more than one hundred participants gathered at the Interconnexion event, as part of the BIO 2014 International Convention held in San Diego.

According to the same report, aimed at optimizing the strengths of the life sciences corridor between Québec and Ontario, the alliance of the two provinces not only opens the door to new foreign partnerships, but it also welcomes all projects at all stages of development, from fundamental research to development of a treatment or technology, as well as manufacturing. "By focusing on complementarity, we become a destination of choice for companies in search of a 'one stop shop'," says Michelle Savoie, Chief Executive Officer of Montréal InVivo, on behalf of BiopolisQuébec, the alliance of Montréal InVivo, Québec International and Sherbrooke Innop. "This is the case particularly with the integrated cardiometabolic research network. Over a single territory, a bank of patients, experts, infrastructures and technologies is accessible. It is therefore even more important for Québec and Ontario to continue developing joint and complementary projects focused on the two provinces' strengths."

An additional \$3 million granted to the Québec-Ontario Corridor

BiopolisQuébec and Life Sciences Ontario are very pleased with the amounts announced by the CQDM, at the Interconnexion event, for two inter-provincial programs aimed at accelerating the discovery and development of drugs. This association between the Ontario Centres of Excellence, the Ontario Brain Institute and the CQDM attests to the vitality of the Québec-Ontario Life Sciences Corridor.

"Biopolis Quebec and LSO have worked hard over the past 3 years to foster a culture of collaboration between the provinces of Quebec and Ontario"; said Jason Field, President and CEO of Life Sciences Ontario. "The partnerships announced today by CQDM, OCE and OBI are a strong indication that these efforts have been successful. We will continue to work hard to develop the life sciences corridor and we look forward to more of these types of partnerships that will help accelerate the development of life sciences technologies in both provinces.

About BiopolisQuébec

BiopolisQuébec is the alliance of three Québec regions active in life sciences and health technologies, namely: Montréal InVivo, Québec International and Sherbrooke Innopole. By pooling the respective strengths and creating synergies, BiopolisQuébec positions Québec's creativity and capability as a world-class cluster. From fundamental research to commercialization, BiopolisQuébec demonstrates its excellence at all levels of the value-creation chain. The cluster provides a productive environment for all organizations active in the life sciences and health technologies sector.

About Life Sciences Ontario

Life Sciences Ontario (LSO) is a member-driven organization that represents more than 150 life sciences companies, service providers, research and teaching institutes, partner organizations, individuals and students in Ontario. Our members represent more than 17,000 employees, researchers and students in the province's entire life sciences sector. LSO collaborates with governments, academia, industry and other life sciences organizations in Ontario, across Canada and internationally to promote and encourage commercial success throughout this highly diversified sector. We achieve this goal through representations, economic development, mentorship programs and professional development, educational and networking activities and through local, national and international promotion. LSO is the **Voice of Life Sciences in Ontario**.

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