

## **Pure Protein L.L.C. Chief Scientist Named Professor at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center**

Austin, TX; Oklahoma City, OK; August 1, 2005. Pure Protein, L.L.C., an Emergent Technologies, Inc. (ETI) portfolio company, announced today that its Chief Scientist, Dr. William Hildebrand, has been named the Robert Glenn Rapp Presidential Professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Pure Protein CEO, Mr. Tommy Harlan, commented, “We are delighted that Dr. Hildebrand has been named a professor at the University. He has distinguished himself in his scientific field of endeavor and brought considerable recognition and prestige to the university and the company he co-founded. His fifteen years of research at the university has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, and the commercialization of his research which was licensed to the company in 1999 has been very well supported by three Oklahoma Applied Research Support (OARS) grants that he has won from the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology, OCAST, since 2000.”

Pure Protein L.L.C. is commercializing Dr. Hildebrand’s innovative HLA-based technologies for discovery and development of novel immunotherapeutics and small molecule drug targets. The company has research and business collaborations with several major corporate and academic partners in North America and Europe. Pure Protein L.L.C. was the first biotech founded by ETI and its investment partnerships in 1999. For more information, visit the Pure Protein website at [www.pureproteinllc.com](http://www.pureproteinllc.com).

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