

## **Pure Protein L.L.C. Chief Scientist Awarded OCAST OARS Grant**

Oklahoma City, OK, Austin, TX—August 3, 2004 – Emergent Technologies Inc. (ETI), announced today that the Chief Scientist of its portfolio company, Pure Protein L.L.C., Dr. William Hildebrand, has been awarded a grant of \$270,000 from the Oklahoma Center for Advancement of Science and Technology, OCAST, to develop new assays to validate epitopes previously discovered in his lab.

The award will be made to Dr. Hildebrand's University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center lab and will be shared with Pure Protein's lab located at the Oklahoma Health Center Research Park in Oklahoma City.

Of the 36 applications for the OCAST Oklahoma Applied Research Support (OARS) R&D Funding Competition, the Dr. Hildebrand's proposal was among 8 which were approved. The majority of reviewers who made the final selection reside outside Oklahoma, OARS Program Manager William F. White wrote in his notification letter to Pure Protein.

“We appreciate the vote of confidence from the OCAST reviewers validating Dr. Hildebrand's technology and its commercial potential,” stated Tony Taylor, Vice President, Business Development. John Hoopingarner, COO, added, “The products to be developed with this grant are tools to enable development of an HIV vaccine and anti-viral agents.”

Pure Protein is commercializing innovative technologies for discovery and development of novel immunotherapeutics. The company has research and business collaborations with several major corporate and academic partners in North America and Europe. Visit its website at [www.pureproteinllc.com](http://www.pureproteinllc.com). Pure Protein was founded in 1999 by ETI which is an Austin, Texas-based venture capital firm that specializes in forming, funding, commercializing, and managing biotech companies for the purpose of converting institutional and university-based technology into high return ventures. Visit its website at [www.emergenttechnologies.com](http://www.emergenttechnologies.com)

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