

## **Pure Protein L.L.C. joins forces with the Canadian Network for Vaccines and Immunotherapeutics**

Montréal, Québec, Canada; Oklahoma City, OK, USA; April 2 2003. The Canadian Network for Vaccines and Immunotherapeutics (CANVAC) and Pure Protein L.L.C. are pleased to announce that Pure Protein LLC has been accepted as a member of CANVAC, a unique Canadian network comprised of public, private, and academic partners in the field of vaccine and immune therapeutics research and development.

Dr. Rafick Sekaly, Scientific Director and Program Leader of CANVAC commented: “We are extremely pleased to have Pure Protein LLC joining our Network. We are very impressed by the scientific and technological capabilities of Pure Protein and we are looking forward to further developing our relationship and to making Pure Protein technology platform available to our members.”

John Hoopingarner, Pure Protein COO, added: “Pure Protein's membership in CANVAC represents an important step in the development of our relationships with Canadian biotech, pharmaceutical, and non-profit partners. We are excited about the opportunities that this partnership creates for the development of innovative immunotherapeutics and for the propagation of our technology platform within the CANVAC network of research organizations.”

About CANVAC: CANVAC, the Canadian Network for Vaccines and Immunotherapeutics, is a unique network of 74 of the most highly recognized Canadian scientists specializing in the fields of immunology, virology, and molecular biology. CANVAC researchers, who are faculty members at 10 Canadian universities and 14 research institutes, work in collaboration with corporate partners from the biopharmaceutical industry, government departments and agencies, and several patient and consumer groups towards the development of safe and effective vaccines and immunotherapeutics for the prevention and treatment of cancer and HIV and hepatitis C infection. Université de Montréal is the host institution for CANVAC, which is funded by the Networks of Centres of Excellence program of the Canadian government. Please visit our website at [www.canvacc.org](http://www.canvacc.org).

About Pure Protein L.L.C.: Pure Protein L.L.C. is developing and commercializing innovative technologies for discovery and development of novel immunotherapeutics and has research and business collaborations with several major corporate and academic partners in North America and Europe. For more information, visit the Pure Protein website at [www.pureproteinllc.com](http://www.pureproteinllc.com). Pure Protein L.L.C. was founded in 1999 by Emergent Technologies Inc. (ETI) and its investment partnerships. ETI is a 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. Its unique process matches breakthrough technology with commercialization partners who can validate the market potential and expeditiously bring the technology to market. Visit its website at [www.emergenttechnologies.com](http://www.emergenttechnologies.com)

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