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AUSBIOTECH REPORTS SURGE IN INTERNATIONAL INVESTORS AND BIG PHARMA ATTENDING 2006 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Delegations from more than 25 countries registered, and organizers note an increase in companies in search of pipeline products at AusBiotech 2006

SYDNEY, NSW, AUSTRALIA - November XX 2006 - AusBiotech, the peak industry body of companies and research institutes dedicated to the development and prosperity of the Australian biotechnology industry, today predicted record numbers for its 2006 annual conference, and reported a surge in registrations from investors and big pharma [*Sydney 19-22 November 2006* www.ausbiotech2006.com.au/].

AusBiotech CEO Dr. Anna Lavelle said current registrations from international investors and big pharma showed an exciting trend for the local industry and signified increased interest in the industry's pipeline products and potentially lucrative deals.

"Delegates numbers at this year's conference entitled *National Biotechnology Conference & Business Partnering and Investment Forum*, are expected to exceed last years high and with over three hundred internationals registered to date the conference promises to break another record in the history of, the organization" said Dr. Lavelle.

"The theme this year is 'Bridging Innovation and Investment', so there will be strong focus on providing business networking opportunities and information for those working in companies, research, finance, the service industry and government," said Dr. Lavelle.

The program will be complemented and facilitated by an extensive and comprehensive *BioIndustry Exhibition*, which will feature biotechnology companies, industry groups, service organizations, universities, regional and country representation, investor groups and international organisations and companies.

Dr. Lavelle said she was particularly pleased to see delegations from more than 25 countries registered to attend the conference.

The 2006 National Conference will again provide an improved *Business Partnering and Investment Forum* that will present many opportunities to suppliers, investors and potential partners. Delegates have the opportunity to access biopartnering.com – a state of the art and evolutionary internet partnering software program. This sophisticated software is both a pre and post-event tool available to all registered users to profile their company, themselves, and their products; and to effectively search profiles of other companies, attendees, and products.



About AusBiotech www.ausbiotech.org

AusBiotech Ltd is the peak industry body of companies and individuals dedicated to the development and prosperity of the Australian biotechnology industry. AusBiotech provides a 'platform' that brings together all the relevant players involved in the Australian bioscience community. Its mission is to facilitate the commercialisation of Australian bioscience in the international marketplace. AusBiotech encompasses the complete value chain of the sector across human and animal health, agriculture and food, diagnostics, medical and veterinary devices, bioinformatics, genomics, proteomics, manufacturing and environmental technologies.

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