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HLM VENTURE PARTNERS ADDS ENRICO PICOZZA AS VENTURE PARTNER

Leader in Life Sciences Industry; Force Behind Development of PCR Technology

Boston, January 26, 2007 – Boston-based HLM Venture Partners, a leading health care venture capital firm, announced that Enrico Picozza has joined the firm as a Venture Partner. Mr. Picozza is a recognized leader in the life sciences industry. He co-founded HTS Biosystems, Inc. and held leadership positions with Perkin Elmer and Applied Biosystems, Inc. While at Perkin Elmer, the predecessor company to Applied Biosystems, Enrico was one of the major forces behind the development and commercialization of polymerase chain reaction (PCR) technology. PCR is the revolutionary DNA replicating technology that has enabled the development of some of the most significant advancements in molecular biology.

At HLM, Mr. Picozza will focus on investment opportunities in the areas of medical devices, diagnostics, and drug discovery. HLM recently closed HLM Venture Partners II, L.P., a \$216 million health care fund.

“We are delighted to have Enrico join our firm,” said Russell Ray, a Managing Partner at HLM Venture Partners. “He is a pioneer in life sciences technology with a history of recognizing new technologies that change markets. His association with some of the most revolutionary developments in the field, such as PCR, will make him an invaluable asset in due diligence, deal sourcing and company creation.”

Mr. Picozza has a distinguished life sciences resume. He was one of the first people to join Perkin Elmer’s biotechnology group in 1985 and spent 15 years in leadership positions at Applied BioSystems, Inc. He co-founded HTS Biosystems, a pioneering firm in the rapidly growing proteomics market in May 2000, which was sold subsequently to Biacore AB, now part of GE Healthcare.

“It’s a pleasure to be working with HLM Venture Partners,” said Mr. Picozza. “This is an exciting time in the evolution of the firm, as we are poised to take advantage of major trends in health care, including consumerism, pay-for-performance, life sciences and medical technology.”

About HLM Venture Partners

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