



ECI and GE Healthcare Bio-sciences KK
Made a Contract for a Comprehensive business tie-up

On January 22, 2007, ECI and GE Healthcare Bio-sciences KK agreed and made a contract for Comprehensive business tie-up relating in the support business in the life sciences.

Background

Our proprietary Cell-oriented technologies are internationally appreciated through some joint researches including that with overseas mega-pharmaceutical company. While previously, there has been discussion with GE Healthcare Bioscience KK for business tie-up to reinforce our sales force of our *EZ-TAXIScan*TM and other derivation of our *TAXIScan*TM technology, we have, today, reached an agreement to join hands for distribution of research device and development of novel products.

GE Healthcare Bioscience KK is a leading company in the life sciences field covering a vast range of products from biotechnological devices to reagents as well as softwares.

Expected results/effects

With the strong sales force of GE Healthcare Biosciences KK, a company boasting top shares in the cell-function imager, our company's marketing strength can be predicted to increase considerably. As the first step under the comprehensive contract, we have worked on jointly developing a new cell analysis product. and will release the product in Japan since March 1, 2007. We will follow with further announcements for development plans and sales for new products. With an extensive international network of GE Healthcare's Life Sciences Business department, we expect global development of our products.

This contract with GE Healthcare Bioscience is an important management strategy as well; profits and effects from this contract will be announced as they become evident.