

## **Silliker Acquires Plant Bioactives Research Institute**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Homewood, IL, June 18, 2007** – Silliker, the leading international provider of food testing and consulting services, announced the acquisition of Plant Bioactives Research Institute (PBRI) in Orem, UT.

Recognizing the importance of substantiating the integrity of natural products, PBRI was founded in 1991 by Dr. Bronwyn Hughes. A pioneer in the analysis of dietary supplements using validated methods, PBRI specializes in a broad range of tests, including, nutraceuticals, vitamins, vegetable extracts, herbs, amino acids, essential oil content, enzymes, and biological activity.

Renowned for its analytical and clinical study of garlic and its derivatives, PBRI, under the stewardship of Dr. Larry Lawson, received a 2005 National Institute of Health grant to study the effect of garlic and its derivatives on human blood platelets.

Under terms of the acquisition, Hughes and Lawson will assume the roles of laboratory director and director of research, respectively, of the Orem facility.

“With the exponential growth in the global demand for more natural, healthy, and innovative products, PBRI provides the dietary supplement industry with highly sophisticated testing and research services,” said Jim Ondyak, President of Silliker North America. The acquisition, he added, is an integral part of the company’s initiative to provide this rapidly expanding sector with its total solution services.

In addition to performing microbial testing on dietary supplements in accordance with United States Pharmacopeia Standard 2022, Silliker provides auditing, consulting, and education services to the dietary supplement and functional food industries.

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With 42 locations in 13 countries, Silliker provides consulting, testing, auditing, research and training services that help ensure food safety and nutrition worldwide. Silliker is recognized for its expertise in providing recommendations that help identify operational problems, anticipate areas of concern, and institute practical controls associated with food safety and quality risks.