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QuantiFERON®-TB Gold In-Tube Approved in Japan

Melbourne, Australia; 14th April 2009 - Cellestis Limited advises that its advanced diagnostic for TB infection, QuantiFERON®-TB Gold In-Tube (QFT™), has received regulatory approval by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare for Japan.

This approval was granted after detailed examination of performance and quality data by the regulatory authorities in Japan. Cellestis will market the QFT In-Tube test via its distribution partner, Japan BCG Laboratory. Cellestis takes this opportunity to acknowledge the significant assistance provided by Japan BCG Laboratory and commitment of Cellestis staff in achieving this milestone.

The QFT In-Tube product replaces the original version of QFT-Gold and provides the same specificity and accuracy advantages. In addition, the In-Tube format provides an easier, safer and simpler test method, allowing wider adoption and less cost for customers.

“With BCG vaccination being almost universal in Japan, the old tuberculin skin test has virtually no utility for the diagnosis of TB infection due to its high rate of false positive results. With the approval of the QFT In-Tube test, the logistic and cost benefits of testing for TB with QFT are further enhanced. Thus this approval and the resulting availability of QFT In-Tube in Japan are important for both the Japanese people and Cellestis” said Dr Tony Radford, CEO of Cellestis. “The In-Tube method is already widely used in Europe, the USA and most other parts of the world.”

About Cellestis:

Cellestis is a listed Australian biotechnology company commercialising QuantiFERON® technology for diagnosing TB and other diseases worldwide. The Company operates through subsidiaries in the USA, Europe, Japan and Australia.

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