

## TiGenix announces the grant of a US patent for ChondroMimetic

**Leuven (Belgium) – August 30, 2010 - TiGenix (NYSE Euronext: TIG) announces that the US Patent & Trademark Office has granted a new patent for ChondroMimetic™.**

This new patent (US 7,780,994) entitled "Composite biomaterials comprising calcium phosphate materials, collagen and glycosaminoglycans" describes and claims the composition of and methods to produce a composite material comprising a triple co-precipitate of collagen, one or more glycosaminoglycans (GAG) and calcium phosphate. This patent forms the core protection of our ChondroMimetic product family.

The patent application was filed in the name of Cambridge Enterprise and exclusively licensed to TiGenix Ltd. (the former Orthomimetics Ltd). The patent was already granted in the United Kingdom, Singapore and China. Additional patent applications are pending in other jurisdictions around the world.

*"I'm extremely pleased with the issuance of this important US patent on the eve of the launch of ChondroMimetic. We expect further geographical expansion of ChondroMimetic's intellectual property protection in the near future."* says Andrew Lynn, founder of Orthomimetics and co-inventor on the patent, now Chief Business Officer at TiGenix.

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## **About TiGenix**

Based in Leuven, Belgium, TiGenix NV (NYSE Euronext Brussels: TIG) is a public biomedical company that focuses on 'Regenerating Motion'. The company is exploiting the power of Regenerative Medicine to develop durable treatments, validated through controlled clinical trials, for damaged and diseased skeletal tissues. TiGenix now has two products approved for marketing and sales in Europe:

*ChondroCelect<sup>®</sup>, the company's lead product for cartilage regeneration in the knee, is the first cell-based product that successfully completed the entire development track from research, over clinical development to central European registration as a medicinal product. ChondroCelect consists of characterized cultured chondrocytes derived from the patient's own cartilage and is used for autologous chondrocyte implantation (ACI), a surgical procedure to treat cartilage defects. ChondroCelect received European Marketing Authorization as the first Advanced Therapy Medicinal Product.*

*ChondroMimetic<sup>™</sup> is an off-the-shelf, collagen based implant for the treatment of small osteochondral (cartilage and underlying bone) defects. ChondroMimetic received CE-mark approval for the treatment of small chondral and subchondral lesions. It will be marketed as a procedure pack with the collagen implant preloaded in an accurate, easy to use delivery device.*

*The company exploits a proprietary (stem) cell and biomaterials platform, which will continue to generate candidate products that address specific musculoskeletal problems.*

*With a fully operational sales team in place, TiGenix is ready for commercial expansion and reinforcement of its leading position in Europe in the regenerative medicine field.*

## **Forward-looking information**

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