



CRUCCELL SIGNS PER.C6™ LICENSE AND PRODUCTION AGREEMENT WITH SELECTIVE GENETICS

Leiden, The Netherlands, June 26, 2001- Crucell N.V. (NASDAQ: CRXL, Euronext Amsterdam: CRXL), today announced that it has signed a licensing and production agreement with San Diego (CA)-based Selective Genetics Inc. for access to its PER.C6™ technology and for manufacture their therapeutic product for studies in the USA.

Under the terms of the agreement, Selective Genetics will receive a non-exclusive license to Crucell's PER.C6™ cell line. Furthermore, Crucell will manufacture clinical grade batches of Selective Genetic's PER.C6™ -derived gene therapy product using its human cell line production platform PER.C6™. Selective Genetics is a privately held biotechnology company located in San Diego California, focused on the development of highly localized, site-specific gene therapeutics for tissue repair and regeneration.

Crucell will receive upfront and annual payments for the license and additional fees for the production of pre-clinical batches. If converted into a commercial license, Crucell will receive additional annual payments and royalties on future sales of PER.C6™ - derived products. Further financial details were not disclosed.

This agreement represents Crucell's 17th license agreement for access to its PER.C6™ technology, of which 9 are with US-based companies, and its second production agreement to manufacture clinical grade batches for studies in the USA.

About Crucell

Crucell, a leading biotechnology company, develops biopharmaceuticals that are in tune with the human body, by making them 'as human as possible' (huMADE™). Crucell's focus is on human antibody-based therapeutics for treatment of cancer, and inflammatory diseases and on human vaccines for the prevention and treatment of influenza and other infectious diseases. Furthermore, Crucell discovers unique drug targets on diseased cells.

Crucell's two broadly applicable human technology platforms form the basis for this. The first is a human cell line expression platform, PER.C6™, on which a wide range of biopharmaceuticals can be developed and manufactured, such as vaccines, antibodies, therapeutic proteins and gene therapy products. The second technology is called MAbstract™, a set of tools based on phage antibody-display libraries and proprietary subtraction and selection technology, to discover novel drug targets and develop human monoclonal antibodies as therapeutics for a variety of diseases. Biopharmaceuticals produced on Crucell's human PER.C6™ technology are called huMADE™.



Crucell makes its technologies available under exclusive or non-exclusive license agreements, and has currently signed 17 agreements with major pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies for its PER.C6™ technology.

Crucell has signed an exclusive agreement with Merck & Co., Inc. under which it was granted a license to use Crucell's PER.C6™ platform to develop vaccines for the prevention and treatment of HIV. This agreement also provides Merck the option of extending the exclusivity to cover three additional diseases in the future.

Crucell currently employs approximately 130 people in its facilities in Leiden and Utrecht.

This press release contains forward-looking statements that involve inherent risks and uncertainties. We have identified certain important factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in such forward-looking statements. See our Registration Statement, as filed on Form F-1 with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on October 26, 2000, (the "Registration Statement") and the section of the Registration Statement entitled "Risk Factors."

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