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Prime Synthesis, Inc. receives Emerging Technology Award from Ben Franklin Technology Center of Southeastern Pennsylvania

(Aston, Pennsylvania, December 6, 1992) – Prime Synthesis, Inc. announced today that it received a \$100,000 “Emerging Technology” award from the Ben Franklin Technology Center of Southeastern Pennsylvania. The center administers the Ben Franklin Partnership Program, which is funded by the state Department of Commerce to stimulate the economy through technology.

The award was given to help fund a Prime Synthesis R&D project entitled “**Optimization of Controlled Pore Glass for improved Oligonucleotide Synthesis.**” Through this project, Prime Synthesis will develop and commercialize a key raw material for the synthesis of artificial DNA, used in the area of genomics research such as the Human Genome Project. The project will focus on improving the performance of its current products to enhance the quality of artificial DNA and reduce its cost.

“We are pleased to be involved in the exciting area of genetic engineering,” said Marc Rothstein, President of Prime Synthesis. “Our work with many of the leading Universities, Government Laboratories and commercial Biotech companies has made us aware of the need for improved DNA synthesis solid supports. The Ben Franklin award will allow us to leverage our efforts towards this goal.”

About Prime Synthesis, Inc.

Prime Synthesis, Inc., located in Aston, Pa., supplies products and services to oligonucleotide researchers for DNA and RNA synthesis. Its product lines include controlled porosity glass (CPG) in standard and customized chemical formats, synthesis columns, and column parts. For more information on Prime Synthesis’ full line of products and services or to purchase these products, visit their e-commerce site at www.primesynthesis.com

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