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Press Release

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Oxford Immunotec Grants License over T-SPOT[®] technology to sanofi pasteur for human vaccine research

Oxford, UK; 04 April 2007 – Oxford Immunotec Ltd, the T cell measurement company, today announces that:

- it has licenced its technology to sanofi pasteur, the vaccines business of the sanofi-aventis Group, which offers the broadest range of human vaccines.
- It has settled its patent disputes with sanofi pasteur.

Oxford Immunotec develops and sells clinical diagnostic products based on its patented T-SPOT[®] technology, the first regulatory approved method for directly quantifying antigen-specific T cells.

T-SPOT is a simple and extremely accurate method of studying a person's cellular immune response to infection. The patent licenced by sanofi pasteur covers the T-SPOT technology developed by Oxford Immunotec to measure antigen-specific effector T cells by detecting cytokine release *in vitro* using the ELISPOT immunoassay technique. Under the terms of the agreement, sanofi pasteur will have access to the technology under licence in its vaccine programmes. On the other hand, the parties have agreed to settle their patent disputes. Financial terms for the licence were not disclosed.

Commenting on the successful outcome, Dr Peter Wrighton-Smith, Chief Executive Officer of Oxford Immunotec said, "We are delighted that the uncertainty caused by sanofi pasteur's opposition to our granted patent has now been fully resolved. We continue to believe that the Company's broad intellectual property estate is a major asset that underpins the wider value of the T-SPOT diagnostic platform, both for the Company's first marketed product, T-SPOT.TB for diagnosing TB and in developing diagnostic products for other disease indications."

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Notes to editors:

About Oxford Immunotec

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About T-SPOT[®].TB

T-SPOT.TB is an *in vitro* T cell measurement assay used for diagnosing TB disease and latent TB infection and the first product from Oxford Immunotec using the T-SPOT technology. The product is extremely robust in that it gives a result every time and offers unrivalled and maintained sensitivity in high risk and immunocompromised patient groups. T-SPOT.TB is approved for sale in Europe, Canada & over 40 other countries worldwide and is designed to replace the 115 year old Tuberculin Skin Test. As such it offers a substantially more accurate and effective tool for controlling the spread of TB, addressing a market exceeding \$1bn.

T-SPOT is a trademark of Oxford Immunotec.