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Oragenics Appoints Key Hires to Drive Lantibiotic Platform Growth and Expansion

Transformative Lantibiotic Platform to Treat Various Life-Threatening Infectious Diseases

TAMPA, Fla.-- [Oragenics, Inc.](#) (NYSE: OGEN), a leader in the development of novel, effective antibiotics and oral care probiotics, today announced two new appointments to the Product Development team. Joining the company are Guojun (Shawn) Nie Ph.D., as Director of Process Development, and Mr. Joel Ngoje as Senior Process Scientist. Together, the two bring almost 40 years of pharmaceutical, protein and process development experience to the company. Encouraging progress from the development of Oragenics' novel Lantibiotic platform has necessitated the accelerated expansion of the R & D team to position the pipeline for clinical success.

Dr. Nie joins Oragenics with extensive industrial experience in the preclinical, clinical and late stage manufacturing activities at large CMOs (global reach) and clinical manufacturing for GMP production, including process design and development, improvement and optimization strategies, downstream development, scale-up, and technology transfer. Prior to joining Oragenics, Dr. Nie was most recently Senior Scientist, Process Development at Caliber Biotherapeutics. Prior to that, Dr. Nie held various positions in product development at GenVec Inc., Human Genome Sciences, Inc. and Baxter International, Inc.

Mr. Joel Ngoje joins Oragenics with comprehensive industrial experience in upstream and downstream protein purification process development as well as process optimization and scale-up from pilot to full-scale manufacturing. Prior to joining Oragenics, Mr. Ngoje worked as a Product Development Engineer in various research capacities at Celgene Corporation, VaxInnate Corporation, BioDelivery Sciences International, Inc. and Alpharma Inc.

Albert Fosmoe, Sr. VP Operations and Product Development of Oragenics, said, "We are thrilled to have these outstanding individuals on board to further empower our development team as we deliver on our vision to transform the lives of patients with innovative new antibiotics."

John N. Bonfiglio, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Oragenics added, "Shawn and Joel bring a wealth of product and process development experience to the company at an important inflection point. Our new team members will be instrumental to the success of our Lantibiotic platform and the further advancement of our drug candidate pipeline."

About Oragenics, Inc.

Oragenics, Inc. is focused on becoming the world leader in novel antibiotics against infectious disease and probiotics for oral health in humans and pets. Oragenics, Inc. has established two exclusive worldwide channel collaborations with Intrexon Corporation Inc. (NYSE: XON), a synthetic biology company. The collaborations will allow Oragenics access to Intrexon's proprietary technologies with the idea of accelerating the development of much needed new antibiotics that will work against resistant strains of bacteria and new therapeutic probiotics designed to alleviate symptoms from oral diseases. Oragenics also develops, markets and sells proprietary OTC probiotics specifically designed to enhance oral health for humans and pets, under the brand names [Evora](#) and [ProBiora](#) in more than 13 countries worldwide.

For more information about Oragenics, visit www.oragenics.com. Follow Oragenics on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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