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Harris & Harris Group Notes That Mersana Therapeutics Entered Into a Collaboration With Endo Pharmaceuticals

NEW YORK, March 7, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Harris & Harris Group, Inc. (Nasdaq:TINY) notes the announcement that its portfolio company, Mersana Therapeutics, Inc., entered into a collaboration agreement with Endo Pharmaceuticals to develop next-generation antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs). Mersana's proprietary conjugation technology is comprised of its Fleximer® polymer and a broad array of customizable linker chemistries for attaching diverse, potent payloads and targeted antibodies. Under this agreement, Endo will pay an upfront fee to Mersana for the right to utilize the Fleximer technology to develop novel ADC candidates against a single cancer target.

Under the collaboration, Mersana is responsible for conducting research and creating Fleximer-ADCs that are conjugates of its cytotoxic payloads, Fleximer, and Endo's novel antibodies. In addition to providing novel antibodies, Endo is responsible for product development, manufacturing and commercialization of any Fleximer-ADC products.

Mersana and Endo may mutually agree to pursue two additional targets over the next two years. In the event that all three targets are pursued, Mersana is eligible to receive more than \$270 million in progress-dependent milestones as well as royalties on worldwide net sales of any resulting Fleximer-ADC products. Mersana's press release may be viewed at <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/mersana-therapeutics-enters-collaboration-with-endo-pharmaceuticals-to-develop-next-generation-antibody-drug-conjugates-141729863.html>.

Harris & Harris Group was the first institutional investor in Mersana.

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