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SciGene Introduces Series 700 Microarray Ovens

February 28, 2004, Sunnyvale, CA — SciGene announced today at the annual meeting of the Association of Biomolecular Resource Facilities (ABRF) in Portland, OR the introduction of its Series 700 Microarray Ovens. These new rotating ovens are specifically designed for bubble-mixing and hybridization of popular microarray chambers including those from Affymetrix, Agilent and others that require mixing during hybridization.

Two new models were introduced at the conference. The flagship product in the series, the Model 777 Microarray Oven, is the first rotating oven available that provides mixing-while-hybridizing all popular array formats. It provides rotational speeds while heating of 2 to 80 RPM for processing GeneChip, Agilent and other microarray chamber designs. The Model 777 is also used for gentle washing of glass and membrane microarrays under controlled temperature using a special designed accessory. The second model in the series, the Model 700, is similar in design to the Model 777 but provides rotational speeds of 2 to 20 RPM and can be used with Agilent and other microarray chamber designs.

About SciGene

SciGene (www.scigene.com) is a privately held company founded in 2003 following the acquisition of genomics and drug discovery research product lines from Robbins Scientific. SciGene provides an integrated suite of instruments that use process control, automation, and protocol optimization to reduce microarray data errors, enabling researchers to more quickly and reliably obtain meaningful results.