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LILSI Presents 2004 James D. Watson Helix Award at the BIO CEO/Investor Conference

February 25, 2004 (New York, NY) - The Long Island Life Sciences Initiative (LILSI) was very pleased to present the **2004 James D. Watson Helix Award** at the Biotechnology Industry Organization's (BIO) Annual CEO/Investor Conference, held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, February 24-25, 2004. Genentech, Onyx Pharmaceuticals Inc. and Actelion Ltd. were presented with the Helix Award in the large-cap, mid-cap and international categories, respectively. Please see the following links for more information from BIO:

http://www.bio.org/newsroom/newsitem.asp?id=2004_0224_01
http://www.bio.org/newsroom/newsitem.asp?id=2004_0225_01

The James D. Watson Helix Award, jointly sponsored by BIO, Stony Brook University, and the Center for Biotechnology, is the highest award of corporate excellence for the international biotechnology industry. The award is presented based on leadership in three distinct areas of scientific innovation, company growth and corporate citizenship. The competition is open to public and private, U.S. or foreign-based biotechnology companies, and an independent panel of judges reviewed the 2003 submissions.

BIO represents more than 1,000 biotechnology companies, academic institutions, state biotechnology centers and related organizations in all 50 U.S. states and 33 other nations. BIO members are involved in the research and development of health-care, agricultural, industrial and environmental biotechnology products. For more information, please visit www.bio.org

LILSI's mission is to attract, retain and develop life sciences companies in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device, nutraceutical and cosmeceutical sectors on Long Island by providing business development, strategic networking, and educational opportunities to enhance corporate competitiveness, productivity, efficiency and profitability (www.lilsi.org).

If you have any questions, or for more information, please feel free to contact Joseph Scaduto, Executive Director, Long Island Life Sciences Initiative, at 631-632-1080 or jscaduto@lilsi.org

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