

Strand joins the Microsoft BioIT Alliance

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Strand Life Sciences, a Bangalore-based life sciences informatics company announced today that it has joined the BioIT Alliance formed by Microsoft. The Alliance is a cross-industry group working to further integrate science and technology as a first step towards making personalized medicine a reality.

“We are pleased to be part of the BioIT Alliance, said Vijay Chandru, PhD, Chairman and CEO, Strand Life Sciences. “With the emerging commercial potential for BioIT in personalized medicine, it makes imminent sense for the industry to organize itself and define the standards for coherent growth. This Alliance will play an important role in the overall improvement of research in personalized medicine and our technologies will help address issues related to data mining, visualization, predictive modeling and related fields”.

“We are delighted to welcome Strand Life Sciences as a member of the BioIT Alliance” said Don Rule, Platform Strategy Advisor at Microsoft. “Their products illustrate the potential for applying innovative technology to in silico design of therapeutics.”

About the BioIT Alliance

Formed in 2006, the BioIT Alliance is a cross-industry group working together to improve biomedical information technology on the Microsoft platform. Founding members include Affymetrix, Inc., Accelrys Software Inc., Amylin Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Applied Biosystems, The BioTeam Inc., Digipede Technologies LLC, Discovery Biosciences Corporation, Geospiza Inc., Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P., InterKnowlogy, Microsoft Corporation, Sun Microsystems Inc., VizX Labs LLC and other key companies in the pharmaceutical, biotech, hardware and software industries. Additional information about the BioIT Alliance can be found on the BioIT Alliance Web site at <http://www.bioitalliance.org>.

About Microsoft

Founded in 1975, Microsoft (Nasdaq “MSFT”) is the worldwide leader in software, services and solutions that help people and businesses realize their full potential.

About Strand Life Sciences

Strand Life Sciences is a premier in silico technologies innovation company focused on developing technologies for drug discovery and development. Strand has three streams of business spanning early target discovery through pre-clinical development. The first is centred on informatics tools and solutions for the research biologist with a focus on visualization and analytics for array technologies and including oligo design, image analysis and information management systems. A second stream of products include a cheminformatics modeling platform admetis and proprietary in silico predictive models for small molecule drug properties like ADMET.



Strand also partners with discovery contract research companies to combine in silico and wet labs to offer services starting from compound library design to lead generation. Please visit www.strandls.com for more information.

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