



Abgenix to Host Conference Call on Third Quarter 2003 Financial Results

FREMONT, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 14, 2003--Abgenix, Inc. (Nasdaq:ABGX) will hold a conference call on Tuesday, October 21, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. PT, 4:30 p.m. ET, to discuss third quarter financial results. The call will be hosted by Raymond Withy, Ph.D., president and chief executive officer of Abgenix.

To participate in the teleconference, please dial 800-299-7635 fifteen minutes before the conference begins. International callers should dial 617-786-2901. The pass code is 77194383. The call will also be webcast live at www.abgenix.com. A replay of the call will be available until November 4, 2003 on the company's website or by dialing 888-286-8010. International callers should dial 617-801-6888. The replay participant code is 65710340.

About Abgenix

Abgenix is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery, development and manufacturing of human therapeutic antibodies. The company's antibody development platform includes a leading technology and state-of-the-art manufacturing capabilities that enable the rapid generation, selection and production of high affinity, fully human antibody product candidates to a variety of disease targets. Abgenix leverages its leadership position in human antibody technology to build a diversified product portfolio through the establishment of collaborations with multiple pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. For more information on Abgenix, visit the company's website at www.abgenix.com.

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