



Abgenix Appoints Kristen M. Anderson as Senior Vice President of Human Resources

FREMONT, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 20, 2005--Abgenix, Inc. (Nasdaq:ABGX) announced today the appointment of Kristen M. Anderson as Senior Vice President of Human Resources effective January 24.

"Kristen brings over a decade of experience leading human resources departments and implementing a variety of personnel programs," said Bill Ringo, president and chief executive officer of Abgenix. "She joins Abgenix at an important juncture as the company moves closer to commercializing its lead product candidate, panitumumab. We are confident that Abgenix will greatly benefit from her extensive experience."

Prior to joining Abgenix, Ms. Anderson served as Vice President of Human Resources at Applied Biosystems, a developer of innovative products and services for life science research, pharmaceutical research and development, diagnostics and agriculture. From 1997 until 2001, Ms. Anderson was Vice President, Human Resources and Communications for the Digital Linear Tape Group at Quantum Corporation, a diversified mass storage company with leadership positions in both fixed and removable storage markets.

Prior to her work at Quantum, Ms. Anderson worked in Human Resources leadership positions at Motorola and Allied Signal.

Ms. Anderson received her B.A. and completed her graduate coursework in Industrial Relations and Organizational Psychology from the University of Minnesota.

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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