

## Press Release

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# FIZ Karlsruhe now markets in-house version of USGENE<sup>®</sup>, the USPTO Genetic Sequences Database, in Europe

**Agreement gives FIZ Karlsruhe the mandate to operate as SequenceBase Corporation's marketing agent for USGENE<sup>®</sup> in-house version / USGENE<sup>®</sup> data available for customized subscription download / expert customer support**

**Karlsruhe, Germany / Edison, NJ, USA, May 2009** - For the purpose of promoting the USGENE<sup>®</sup> in-house version more effectively in Europe, US-based SequenceBase Corporation and FIZ Karlsruhe have entered into an agreement according to which FIZ Karlsruhe will act as a sales agent on behalf of the SequenceBase Corporation. In this capacity, FIZ Karlsruhe will sell and market the USGENE<sup>®</sup> database in-house version to customers and prospective customers of the SequenceBase Corporation in enterprises and institutes throughout Europe. USGENE<sup>®</sup> is also available via FIZ Karlsruhe's leading online-service STN International<sup>SM</sup>. Both offerings complement each other, but target different user groups.

Scientists working in drug discovery operations, academia, and life sciences may now benefit from the customized in-house version of SequenceBase Corporation's prestigious USGENE<sup>®</sup> database. USGENE<sup>®</sup> is the ground-breaking resource for life-science intellectual property professionals, providing unrivalled searchable access to all available peptide and nucleotide sequences from the published applications and issued patents of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). It is the unparalleled resource in which to perform freedom-to-operate, prior art, validity, infringement and competitive intelligence patent sequence searches within United States gene patent publications.

USGENE<sup>®</sup> data are available in customized subscription formats to suit various in-house molecular biology patent information needs. The database can be implemented and integrated in other life science products such as Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS), Drug Discovery Platforms, Patent Portals, Web Host interfaces and other online information services. USGENE<sup>®</sup> data can be provided in industry standard or customized data formats to suit particular in-house needs.

According to the customers' needs, the USGENE<sup>®</sup> database can be purchased by segments of data such as class, art unit, patent assignee, inventor, publication date, or any other desired fields. The entire back file from 1982 to date can be licensed; regular weekly updates are provided to subscribers within 3 days of publication by the United States Patent Office.

An agreement between SequenceBase Corp. and FIZ Karlsruhe with respect to the offering of USGENE<sup>®</sup> via the online-service STN International has been existing since 2006. The unique combination of prestigious STN<sup>®</sup> patent sequence databases DGENE (GENESEQ<sup>TM</sup>),

PCTGEN, REGISTRY<sup>SM</sup> and USGENE<sup>®</sup> gives life-science intellectual property professionals the ability to make business critical decisions with much greater certainty.

“We are pleased with this opportunity to deepen our partnership with SequenceBase Corporation which has already proven successful with our joint offering of USGENE<sup>®</sup> on STN<sup>®</sup>”, said Sabine Brünger-Weilandt, President and CEO of FIZ Karlsruhe. “Both partners now desire to further collaborate for the purpose of promoting the USGENE<sup>®</sup> database more effectively in Europe in order to attract new customer groups.” Rainer Stuike-Prill, Vice-President Marketing & Sales at FIZ Karlsruhe stated: “We are convinced that FIZ Karlsruhe’s long-standing experience in providing information services and customer support will make this new project a success and fully satisfy our customers’ demands for first-class information and excellent service.”

“Once again, we are delighted to partner with FIZ Karlsruhe, in this new alliance”, commented Martin Goffman, President and CEO of the SequenceBase Corporation. “This agreement will strengthen our position in Europe while at the same time providing exceptional local service to our European subscribers”.

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#### **About FIZ Karlsruhe and STN International<sup>SM</sup>**

FIZ Karlsruhe is an experienced service partner for information management and knowledge transfer in science and industry. Its activities focus on the development of e-Science solutions and the provision of a worldwide unique collection of databases through its online service STN International<sup>SM</sup>. STN<sup>®</sup> - The Scientific & Technical Information Network - is jointly operated by FIZ Karlsruhe (Europe) and Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS), Columbus, Ohio (USA) worldwide and is represented in Japan by The Japan Association for International Chemical Information (JAICI). STN<sup>®</sup> offers a wide range of indispensable databases in various fields of science and technology, including the most distinguished patent files, as well as excellent tools for search, analysis and post-processing of search results. FIZ Karlsruhe also produces databases and information services and operates scientific portals, mainly in mathematics, computer science, energy and crystallography. Primary literature can be ordered through the full-text broker service FIZ Auto-Doc. FIZ Karlsruhe is a member of the Leibniz Association (WGL), an association of non-academic scientific research and service institutions.

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#### **About the SequenceBase Corporation**

The SequenceBase Corporation ([www.sequencebase.com](http://www.sequencebase.com)) is a leader in providing biosequence information to the legal, biotech, pharmaceutical, scientific, technical, and academic community. USGENE<sup>®</sup> is our unparalleled resource for freedom-to-operate, prior-art, validity and infringement patent sequence searches, competitive analysis of organizations with gene patent publications, and current awareness alerts (SDIs) from the very latest USPTO sequence data. In addition to being the producer of USGENE<sup>®</sup> on STN<sup>®</sup>, SequenceBase provides customized subscription download services of USGENE<sup>®</sup> data to a wide variety of clients, in multiple standard formats to suit their in-house patent bioinformatics information needs.

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